Mr P. Bown

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DIRECTOR'S BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July, 1962.

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Present: Mr. R. M. Fishenden - Chairman
Mr. J. E. Bown
Mr. D. J. Crabb
Mr. G. W. Dixon
Mr. N. N. Ferguson
Dr. J. E. M. Johnston
Mr. J. Raby - Secretary

Also present: Mr. V. G. Birchall - Lands and Accommodation
Mr. H. J. Blythe (for item 2 (b))
Mr. H. C. Engledow (for item 4)
Mr. T. D. Martin - W.E.G.
Mr. J. K. Thornton - S.W.O.
Col. N. Wilson - S.W.O.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. T. B. Le Cren.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June, 1962

Min. 2 (h) (ii) delete "the £40,000 approved ...... limit". Subject to this deletion the minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

(a) Proposed New Plutonium Store. Mr. Ferguson reported that final agreement had been reached with the Safety Secretariat, S.W.O. and other parties consulted on the criticality alarm system except for one item, special batteries recommended by the Electronics Division. The cost excluding the batteries would be £3,050 and would not exceed £3,650 including the batteries.

DJC On the committee's recommendation the Chairman, on the Director's behalf, approved the issue of an I.T.P. for £3,050 to be increased to a sum not exceeding £3,650 if the batteries were installed.

(b) Additional Storage and Transport Shed in Building 462 Area (Min.2(h) BC(62)15)

It was explained that while the Engineering Division had no objection to a concrete frame structure the recommendation in Mr. Thornton's minute of 18th June 1962 (attached to BC(62)15) had been accepted by the Division before they had seen the tenders. Their requirement was for cheap storage volume and although headroom of 15ft. could be accepted if this meant a substantial saving in cost 16ft. had been regarded the workable minimum.

DJC The committee approved acceptance of W. E. Chivers tender of £6,539 for a 'Coseley' steel framed building as this represented best value for money and recommended that approval be given to the scheme at a cost not exceeding £8,500. On behalf of the Director the Chairman authorised an I.T.P. to be issued.

(c) Improvements to Main Gate Car Park (Min. 2 (c))

Mr. Thornton confirmed the estimate of £1,500.

(d) Allowance factors in estimates and area costs (Min. 2 (d))

GWD Mr. Dixon reported that the paper would be circulated to members within the next week.

(e) Sub-standard accommodation (Min. 2 (e))

Mr. Ferguson reported that it was not possible to store manuals in the Library and he would discuss storage with the Electronics Division. It was agreed that no further report was necessary unless the Electronics Division wished to use sub-standard accommodation for storage in which case the Division should submit a paper to the Committee.

(f) Variable Energy Cyclotron, Building 540 (Min. 2(g))

Mr. Dixon reported that Building and Civil work was out to tender and the contract should be let (on programme) by the end of the month. It appeared that the additional cost of strengthening the building to make a second storey possible would be small but this could be considered in the final examination of tenders.

It was agreed that at a later stage the final road layout must be considered by the committee.

(g) Extension to the Reactor School

GWD Mr. Dixon reported that Fire Committee approval had been given and contracts were being let on the 10th July. He expected some saving on the £20,000 (for which an I.T.P. had been issued) but would report the precise saving at the next meeting. The whole scheme would be completed by the 4th October.

At Mr. Dixon's request approval was given for work to start on site on the 11th July (subject to the arrangements for the President of Liberia's visit).

TBLC The Chairman stated that Mr. Le Cren would consider with the Director how the Management Board should be kept informed regarding the extension to the School (bearing in mind that it was now a multi-stage scheme).

(h) Road Improvements near the Contractors Entrance to A.E.R.E. Site (Min. 3)

The Chairman reported that the Director was reluctant to approve substantial expenditure in an area whose development in even the next few years was in doubt.

GWD After discussion the committee requested S.W.O., in consultation with A.E.R.E., to prepare a scheme at a much reduced cost for tidying up the area (bearing in mind that certain parts of the area might prove to be unaffected by any possible development). Mr. Ferguson said that the Road Safety Committee would also wish to see any revised scheme.

(i) Development of Electricity Supply System (Min. 5)

Mr. Crabb reported that, in accordance with previous procedure on the development of the electricity supply system, Mr. Le Cren had agreed that the scheme need not be referred to the Board for stage III approval. An I.T.P. would be issued as soon as the scheme had been approved by the Fire Committee.

It was agreed that a decision on the use of the "cycle shelter area" should be left to Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Martin, the committee being informed in due course.

(j) Solid State Physics Building 521.2 (Min. 8)

It was reported that a programme acceptable to the Solid State Physics Division had been agreed with the Contractor and Mr. Dixon confirmed that Building 521.2 had equal priority with Building 521.1.

(k) Proposed contractors Area for the Building Section Term contractors (Min. 7)

Mr. Ferguson asked if the decision taken at the last meeting approving siting for the Building Section Term Contractor's area would make the longer term plans for tidying up contractors sites more difficult or more expensive.

GWD After discussion the committee invited S.W.O. to prepare a paper on the present and future provision for contractors.

3. Proposed resiting of Core and Custody Store for the Building Section - BC(62)38

Mr. Martin presented a paper seeking approval for the resiting of S22 as a contribution towards the tidying up of the contractors area near building 351.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this paper until S.W.O's report (minute 2 (k) above) was available but reserving in the meantime the proposed new site for S22.

4. Additional Accommodation for Building Section, Works Engineering Group - BC(62)41.

Mr. Martin presented a paper seeking siting approval for the erection of a terrapin in the yard of Building 344.

HCE In discussion it was pointed out that any claim for new accommodation had to be judged against the forecast surplus on site after allowing for the demolition of sub-standard accommodation. The committee accepted the need for additional accommodation in the case under consideration but requested the Engineering Division to complete their review of the Division's future requirements to provide a background against which any future proposals could be judged.

On behalf of the Director and on the Committee's recommendation, the Chairman gave siting approval to the proposal.

6. Proposed retention of Romney Building in New Contractors' Area West of fuel storage area - BC(62)39

Mr. Martin presented a paper seeking approval for the retention of a Romney Building, scheduled for demolition in the new Contractors' area.

After discussion the Committee recommended that (1) the building should not be demolished until it was known whether its use by the main term contractor would offer any economy and (2) the external treatment suggested in BC(62)39 should not be carried out until a final decision to retain the building was made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. Progress reports on major building schemes

Col. Wilson raised the question of reporting progress in the planning of major buildings included in the Group's forward estimates but not yet submitted for Stage I approval. Forecast rates of spend could only be achieved if the necessary information for design was available on time and S.W.O. might also require decisions, for example on siting, at the early design stage.

RMF The Chairman said he would discuss the problem with Mr. Le Cren and would also arrange, subject to Mr. Le Cren's agreement, for copies of the 'Reviews of Harwell Buildings' to be circulated to members of the committee.

GWD The Committee requested S.W.O. to prepare and keep up to date a site plan showing the proposed siting of any new buildings being considered by S.W.O.

GWD Mr. Dixon said that the site on which current plans for the Ceramics building were based was an expensive site from the point of view of services and agreed to call a meeting with the Metallurgy Division and Mr. Fishenden to discuss siting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th August, 1962 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, Cockcroft Hall.

J. Raby

Finance Branch,
Building 329.

16th July, 1962.
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