

RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN MR. P. BOWLES'S OFFICE ON 12th  
AUGUST, 1959

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PRESENT :            Mr. P. Bowles ... Chairman  
                      Mr. G. W. Dixon  
                      Mr. J. C. Louth  
                      Mr. M. Snowden  
                      Mr. G. N. Venn  
  
                      Mr. A. Miller .. Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE :

Mr. P. B. Dunthorne  
Mr. A. H. Fryer  
Mr. G. M. Harbert  
Mr. J. A. Nott

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. CONSIDERATION OF NEW SCHEMES

The Chairman stated that Mr. Nott had requested terrapin accommodation for 12 of his staff. After discussing siting etc., it was agreed that, for a considerable period, this could be provided by steel partitioning in the Converter House. This would be cheaper and more satisfactory than further temporary huts. Mr. Dixon said that he would ask Mr. Worts to discuss details with Mr. Nott and to prepare a plan. The steel partitioning must be of the simplest form, not enclosed at the top, and the cost must not be chargeable to the capital project. It can be erected on S.W.O. from money provided from A.E.R.E. vote.

Mr. Dixon

3. AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING SCHEMES

There were no items for consideration.

4. PROGRESS OF EXISTING SCHEMES

(a) Coseners House

Mr. Dunthorne reported that tenders for the modifications were returnable on September 19th. He also reported that the scheme, sponsored by Dr. Willis, for the extension to Coseners House to provide eight flats, was being prepared and should be ready towards the end of August. The Chairman asked Mr. Snowden to ascertain when accommodation would be required.

Mr. Snowden

(b) Housing

Mr. Dunthorne reported that discussions with the Abingdon Town Clerk had taken place and that he was preparing more detailed plans for the meeting in September of the Abingdon Housing Committee.

Mr. Snowden

The Chairman asked Mr. Snowden to discuss the accommodation programme with Dr. Willis.

5. REVIEW OF PHASE II PROPOSALS

(a) Site Services and Roads

The Chairman stated that the latest estimates included £150,000 under this heading, of which £50,000 was provided in 1960/61 and £100,000 in 1961/62. There was also £50,000 included for a new Transformer and sub-station, of which £20,000 was provided in 1960/61 and £30,000 in 1961/62.

If money were available in 1959/60, due to other schemes falling behind, it may be possible to commence operations in the current year. With this in mind, the proposed Sub-station adjacent to the Bubble Chamber Plant Room, should be planned and estimates prepared. Alternative estimates should be prepared for temporary connection to the existing sub-station in the Power Plant Building.

(b) Bubble Chamber Plant Room

Mr. Dunthorne

Mr. Dunthorne reported that drawings were issued on August 12th. The Chairman pointed out that the excavations formed part of Phase I and he asked Mr. Dunthorne to prepare a detailed estimate of the approximate cost of the scheme for the next meeting. The estimate should be accompanied by a description detailing what was included in the scheme.

(c) Arcon Extension

Mr. Dunthorne  
Mr. Louth

After a discussion on the positioning of the offices and clean workshops, the Chairman asked Mr. Dunthorne to submit amended proposals to the next meeting. Mr. Louth will be the sponsor of this scheme.

(d) Office Block, Stores, etc.

Mr. Dunthorne  
Mr. Louth  
Mr. Snowden

Mr. Louth commented on the access to the Store and drew attention to the safety aspect of the proposals on the garages. It was agreed that a through way and garage were not advisable and Mr. Dunthorne was asked to prepare revised drawings. The Chairman asked Messrs. Louth and Snowden to prepare detailed requirements and layouts and stated that he would inform the Director of this change.

Mr. Dunthorne

The positioning of the lift was discussed and Mr. Dunthorne agreed to produce amended sketches. It was agreed that the entrance hall should be big enough to provide for its use as an entrance lounge and be furnished with an enquiry desk and appropriate furniture.

6. TEMPORARY BUILDING SITES

Mr. Dixon

Mr. Louth stated that the Director favoured a definite area for temporary buildings. The Chairman said that every effort must be made by long term planning to avoid the use of temporary building but that, as some would be inevitable, he asked Mr. Dixon to mark a suitable area on the plan. The Chairman emphasized that all schemes must proceed to the construction stage with the minimum of delay to avoid, wherever possible, further temporary buildings.

7. SITE LAYOUT

Mr. Dixon

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Dixon agreed to prepare a scheme showing the proposed layout of the site generally, including roads, grounds, shrubs, etc.,

8. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretary said that there were no developments yet in regard to the Financial Authority delegated to the Committee. Mr. Bowles reported that detail discussion was taking place outside the meeting to arrive at a scheme of cost control which would be satisfactory to the Chief Architect and client.

9. STATEMENT OF MINOR WORKS

Mr. Venn had nothing to report under this item.

10. NUMBERING OF N.I.R.N.S. BUILDINGS

Mr. Louth had nothing to report under this item.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Mr. Bowles's office, Building 412, on THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1959 at 9 a.m.

AMBROSE MILLER

Secretary

12th AUGUST, 1959

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