

MEETING TO DISCUSS BUILDING BUDGET

Minutes of a special meeting held in Building R.1 on 1st July, 1963 at 10.30 a.m.

Presents: Mr. P. Bowles - Chairman
 Mr. A. L. Guthbert
 Mr. G. H. Flook
 Mr. J. L. Godfrey
 Mr. A. Hancock
 Mr. A. Miller
 Mr. J. A. Nott
 Mr. E. W. Young - Secretary

SECTION ITP No.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that it had become necessary to examine the finances of current building projects with a view to effecting considerable economies in expenditure over the remainder of this financial year.

2. Mr. Flook gave a summary of those projects which will have the greatest effect on expenditure during the period under review. They are:-

743	R.2 Extension	£87,000	ITP 743
745	Lecture Theatre R.22	£27,000	" 745
763	R.18 Extension	£26,500	" 763
776 760	Site Power Distribution	£36,000	" 760
764	Sub-Station 14	£21,000	" 764
755	ATLAS Laboratory	£160,000	" 755

These represent a total of £358,100 to which must be added 15% fees. Of this total Mr. Flook estimated that some £350,000 will be expended in the current year. In addition a further £250,000 is due out in payment on bills from completed projects and for plant and equipment already delivered to the site. He felt that it would be uneconomic and unwise to halt work on these projects. This was agreed.

3. The Chairman then asked the meeting to consider those projects currently under discussion but not yet approved, and decisions were made as follows:-

No ITP issued

(a) Electronics Block R.33 Suspended - tenderers to be so notified.

Note: When work on this project is resumed it will be on the basis of considerable changes in the function, and thus design, of the building.

No ITP issued

(b) Heavy Plant Store R.40 Deferred.

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(c) Mercury Maintenance Building (R.4 Extension) - Deferred

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(d) Site Power Distribution (Sub-Station 13) - The Chairman will meet electrical engineering staff to agree minimum requirements of power supplies and will then decide on the future of this project.

Mr. Bowles

Mr. Hadley

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- (e) Helium Bubble Chamber Plant Building - The Chairman will discuss this with Mr. Snowden and report to the Director.
- (f) Low Background Laboratory - Deferred.
- (g) Radiation Building - Deferred
- (h) The Cosener's House Extension - Deferred
- (j) Storm Drainage - Chilton Pond - Deferred
- (k) Footpaths - Action to stop on completion of the section on north side of Road 5 adjacent to staff restaurant. This has already been commenced.
- (l) Gatekeeper's Lodge and Main Gates - No action on services work - the lodge is on order and delivery must be effected.

Mr. Bowles

- (m) MWO 2071 - Remove Existing pump and starter gear, associated with cooling circuit and replace with new plant. Suspended. Chairman will meet Mr. Venn and Mr. Hadley to decide the future of this project.
- (n) Site for Contractors Workshop Area - Suspended
- (o) R.8 Extension - Roof to be completed, K. and E. work suspended.
- (p) Injector Room Entrance - Deferred.
- (q) Car Park - R.25 - Deferred.

Mr. Young

- (r) Landscaping - Deferred. The secretary is to check with the Grounds Committee on proposed treatment of staff restaurant surrounds.
- (s) Purchase of Chilton House - this must go through as the parties have exchanged contracts.
- 764 (t) Sub-Station 14 - must go forward.
- 772 (u) Link Road to Parasitic Area and Tunnel 8 - This project is deferred, except that the access to Tunnel 8 must be completed.
- 771 (v) Turfing and seeding in the NIMROD area - Deferred. Mr. Nott said that part of this work should be done to prevent erosion of the banks leading to heavy expenditure on remedial work later. This was agreed and the Chairman asked for a revision of the cost on this basis.
- (w) Abingdon-Chilton Housing Schemes - Chilton housing deferred.

The meeting then considered the projects listed in Minute 2 to assess the possibility of effecting economies of expenditure in the current financial year. The following conclusions were reached:-

- 743 (a) R.2 Extension: Allocated low priority with possible saving of £5,000.
- 745 (b) Lecture Theatre R.22: As far item 4(a) above with saving of £5,000.

(c) R.18 Extensions: Make watertight then switch to low priority effecting possible saving of £5,000. The remaining projects listed in Minute 2 are to proceed as planned.

4. In summing up the Chairman assessed potential savings on current projects as follows:-

I.T.P. No. 743	-	£5,000
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" " 742	-	£3,500
" " 772	-	£3,000
" " 771	-	£1,500
" " 757	-	£3,720
" " 768	-	£800
" " 774	-	£6,900
Footpaths		£800
Total		<u>£35,220</u>

5. Mr. Flock gave estimated expenditure for the current year, in the light of the above decisions as follows:-

Rutherford Laboratory	£390,000
Plus Fees	£100,000
ATLAS Laboratory	£160,000
Plus Fees	£15,000
Total	<u>£665,000</u>

The Chairman stated his regret in having to slow down work, particularly during the summer, but he asked that overtime be stopped to increase wastage, and for priority of labour to be given to the Atlas Laboratory, and other current building projects most affected by the financial stringency.

Construction and S.W.O. Staff

In view of the smaller expenditure on capital building during 1963/64, and the reduced activity following the operation of Nimrod scheduled for 1st August, 1963, the Chairman requested that an immediate examination be made of the number of Construction Group Staff required on site. In this connection he said account should be taken of the large expenditure on clerical support staff supplied by A.E.R.E. which he noted carried an overhead of 140%. Mr. Flock said he preferred in the first place for S.W.O. to make the examination and for a paper to be presented to Mr. Viny prior to discussion at the Rutherford Laboratory. The Chairman accepted this but asked for the ~~set~~ study to be treated as urgent.

Mr. Bowles said also in response to a point put by Mr. Nott, that the arrangements for Construction Group Staff to be seconded to the Rutherford Laboratory for Shift Operations, would have to be withdrawn. He agreed to write to Mr. Disney about this direct.

E. W. Young
Secretary

Rutherford Laboratory
1st July, 1963.