

Mr P. Bowles
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RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in No. 4 Conference Room Building R.1 on Monday, 7th October, 1963.

Present Mr. P. Bowles Chairman
Mr. G.W. Dixon
Mr. J.C. Louth
Mr. A. Miller
Mr. G.E. Simmonds
Mr. M. Snowden.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. J.M. Valentine.

In Attendance Mr. A.L. Cuthbert
Mr. G.H. Flock
Mr. A.H. Fryer
Mr. J.A. Goode
Mr. A. Hanscock
Mr. G.M. Harbert
Mr. D.A. Harrison
Mr. J.A. Nett
Mr. G.N. Venn
Mr. W.W. Woodall
Mr. E.W. Young (Secretary)

ACTION

1. Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, subject to the following amendments:-

"In Attendance" - add "Mr. A.L. Cuthbert"

Min 2 Job 6703 Low Background Counting Cellar Line 2 after "Tender" insert "which had been withdrawn", and after "train" insert "again".

Min 2 (2) Statement of Building Staff on Site Delete "Staff" in this heading and substitute "Labour"

2. Matters Arising

(a) Job 6701 Link Road to R5 and R6 (M2(1)(A)) Mr. Choate said that the estimate for the link road omitting Tunnel 8 was not yet ready. The chairman asked about the lavatory block estimate and Mr. Choate replied that it was given as £3700; he considered this to be much too high a figure and he would not offer it to the committee until he had checked it himself.

Mr. Venn commented that this lavatory block was a most urgent requirement in the area involved and this was generally agreed.

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Mr Venn
Mr Louth
Mr Choate
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The Chairman decided that he was to meet Mr. Venn, Mr. Louth and Mr. Choate as soon as possible to reconsider this estimate. Mr. Choate also undertook to pass the estimate for the link road, omitting tunnel 8, to the Chairman within the next two weeks.

3. Minor Works Orders to 30th September, 1963 The schedule of minor works orders for the period was then scrutinised and considered by the committee.

ACTION

The chairman gave instructions that in future minor works requirements of addition or modification costing more than £500 were to be brought to the Management Committee by the member concerned, for Financial Approval Purposes only. On other matters the responsibility would be with the Building Committee.

Mr. Simmonds

Mr. Miller asked if all items in future schedules could be identified to the appropriate project number, and this was agreed.

4. Progress on Existing Schemes Please see schedules AB and C where not mentioned below.

Mr. Cuthbert

(a) Item 15 Lecture Theatre The Chairman said that the theatre will be required for use in connection with the official opening of the Laboratory early in 1964 and that the target date for handover should be not later than the end of February next, after which some time must be devoted to tests of the ventilation, acoustics lighting etc to ensure that any initial defects are disclosed and corrected in good time. Mr. Cuthbert said that the builder's completion date is the end of January and agreed to put this project to the top of his priority list for progressing. *End of Feb.*

The Chairman mentioned a scheme to incorporate a mural on one of the external walls of the theatre. Mr. Dixon told the meeting that the relevant scheme had been put before the governing board, and a decision was expected before the end of October. Mr. Choate said this matter would in no way jeopardise the readiness of the theatre for use in connection with the event mentioned above.

(b) Item 30 R.2. Extension Mr. Cuthbert said it was hoped that the 3-storey section would be completed a little ahead of latest programme. Painting and linoleum - laying would be taken in hand the following week. The Chairman expressed the hope that every care would be taken to obviate flooring troubles of the kind which had caused concern in R.22. There followed some discussion on the relative merits and costs of flooring with thermoplastic or lino-tiles and linoleum in sheets. It was felt that the linoleum destined for these floors should already have been laid dry to spread before sticking down, but Mr. Choate and Mr. Nott agreed that this would be given special attention. The Chairman requested that the desire to occupy the building at an early date should not prejudice adequate drying, or treading out of the lino, it must be laid in conditions which were satisfactory, so that the contractor had no escape if trouble was experienced.

5. Any Other Business

Mr. Cuthbert

(a) The Restaurant The Chairman made further reference to the current difficulties involving wet screed and damage to the linoleum in the foyer. He expressed concern that the floor was apparently not properly dried out before the lino had been stuck down before it had been allowed to "spread". He asked S.W.O. members to take all possible action to render this floor serviceable.

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(b) Mercury Maintenance Block Mr. Louth asked that the question of proceeding with this scheme be resolved as soon as possible. The Chairman said that there was now every hope that the work would be approved subject to the estimate being accepted as reasonable. He was to review this estimate at an early date.

(c) Before closing the meeting the Chairman said he understood this would be the last meeting at which Geoffrey Dixon the Chief Architect the S.W.O. would be present as he had elected to take up a private practice. He said that Mr. Dixon had had a long and successful association first in working with present members when they were with the U.K.A.E.A. and lately with the Institute.

ACTION

During this time great friendship had developed and he felt he was representing the view of the committee members in wishing him great happiness in his new venture which he was sure would give evengreater opportunity for following his obvious natural flare for architecture. The Committee members each endorsed this view and wished him well.

6. Date of the next meeting The next meeting is programmed for Monday 4th November, 1963 at 09.00 a.m.

E.W. Young
Secretary.

Rutherford Laboratory
11 October, 1963.

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