

RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a special meeting held in Mr. Bowles' office on Wednesday, 26th July, 1961

- Present: Mr. P. Bowles - Chairman
 Mr. K.H. Choate
 Mr. G.W. Dixon
 Mr. A. Miller
 Mr. G.N. Venn
 Mr. J.B. Worts
 Mr. A. Shackelford - Secretary

1. Housing for D.C. Link Board

It has come to the notice of the Committee that expenditure has been incurred on construction of building works to house the D.C. Link Board without proper financial approval. All work so far executed has been charged to S/6906 which was intended to cover the Converter House and Air Conditioning Plant Room. Mr. Miller explained that this link board was associated financially with Beam Handling Equipment and its location adjacent to the Converter House was purely coincidental.

It was considered that this situation has arisen from quite honest misunderstandings on both sides, and it was agreed that Mr. Dixon would look into the matter urgently with Mr. de Metz and issue a statement of cost to Mr. Bowles who will then instruct Mr. Miller to issue an I.T.P.

2. Ancillary Maintenance Building

Mr. Choate was asked to explain a possible exceeding of approximately £6,000 on this project, for which the approved estimate was £32,600 and the anticipated final cost is now quoted as £39,000 plus fees.

Mr. Choate had reviewed the build-up of his A.F.C. figure, and it transpires that:

- (a) A Q.S. error gives a saving of £1000
- (b) The estimate includes removal of R.16 which is now being treated separately, giving a further saving of £2000
- (c) The estimate includes for 'Semtex' flooring which Mr. Louth has agreed can be omitted, giving a saving of £ 900
- (d) The figure for roads and drains in the A.F.C. figure is quoted as £4000 against £1,500 in the approved estimate.

Mr. Dixon expressed dissatisfaction that the Q.S. had been negligent on this scheme generally, and on this item particularly, and proposed he should investigate the whole subject.

It also transpired that the approved estimate had been calculated against the costs of the Phase 2 contract whereas it had been constructed at the higher rates of the Phase 3 contract. Clearly, therefore, it should have been re-estimated before work was commenced.

Mr. Dixon accepted full responsibility on behalf of S.W.O. for this overspend. He agreed that earlier notification of the exceeding should have been given.

3. Future Financial Control

It has become apparent, particularly in view of these two cases, that the Committee must make more frequent and thorough examination of the financial position of every project, and various methods of achieving this end were discussed.

Mr. Dixon referred to the financial return which Mr. de Metz issued each month and proposed that this should be taken as the basis for consideration at future R.L.B.C. meetings. After some further discussion this was agreed, but in order to engender greater confidence in the detailed accuracy of these returns, Mr. Dixon undertook to arrange a meeting at Tadley with Mr. Miller and Mr. Venn.

A. Shackleford

R.1 Link Building,
Rutherford High Energy Laboratory.

27th July, 1961.