

Rutherford Laboratory Building Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in Mr. Bowles office on Tuesday,  
15th August, 1961, at 9.30 a.m.

- Present: Mr. P. Bowles (Chairman) *1 Note to Wells. no measurements.*  
 Mr. G. W. Dixon  
 Mr. A. Miller *2 Mr. Harbert. no complaints.*  
 Mr. J. C. Louth  
 Mr. G. N. Venn  
 Mr. D. A. Harrison (Secretary)
- In attendance: Mr. K. H. Choate  
 Mr. A. H. Fryer  
 Mr. J. A. Goode  
 Mr. G. M. Harbert  
 Mr. J. B. Marsh  
 Mr. D. Aronsberg

ACTION

1. Minutes of the last meeting, RLBC/M 31

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July were accepted subject to the following correction:-

Minute 4, line 4, should read "will be reinstated ..." not "has been reinstated ..."

2. Fire committee recommendation

Mr. Harrison said that he had received a large amount of literature from Mr. Barrett of Southern Works Organisation, and that a new "Code of Practice" for construction of buildings with regard to fire prevention, would be prepared as soon as possible.

3. P.L.A. Extension

A separate meeting had been held to reduce the increased costs of the P.L.A., and a paper covering this had been presented to the G.P.C.

4. Layout of grounds

A general site layout of the proposal for treatment of the grounds was presented to the committee; this was discussed in general terms; it was proposed that copies of this drawing should be circulated to all interested parties so that their comments could be obtained. Mr. Bowles asked that a report, detailed programme and estimate of cost of carrying out the works envisaged, should be presented to the next building committee. Mr. Choate said that he would arrange for this. Mr. Harbert said that in connection with the construction of the new sub station, part of Building R.13 would have to be removed by May 1963; this should lead to the removal of the whole of R.13 and the landscaping over the area by the time the sub station was completed. Mr. Aronsberg was asked to look into this problem. Mr. Aronsberg asked that there should be close liaison between the grounds committee and the Resident Engineer, so that no abortive work was carried out.

The question of the use of the concrete runway adjacent to Fermi avenue as a temporary contractors area was discussed; it was considered to be inadvisable to use this area because of radiation hazard from the P.L.A. as well as aesthetic grounds.

5. Large spoil heap

Mr. Choate reported that a meeting had been held with the landscaping consultant, Mr. Jellicoe, who had now been asked to produce a scheme costing not more than £15,000.

6. Bin Store

Mr. Harrison produced a revised drawing for the bin store/loading bay between R.9 and R.18, the shielding of the bins had been improved; the scheme was approved at a cost of £600. Mr. Venn to issue necessary minor works order.

7. Cycle Shelters

Mr. Harrison presented a revised drawing for cycle sheds, but it was considered that the cost of the shelter was still too high. The aim should be to produce an "eyeable" shelter at a cost of not more than £15 per cycle stored. Mr. Harrison said he would investigate cheaper methods of construction.

8. Resiting Building R.16

Mr. Louth said that the approval of £1,000 at the last meeting to cover the removal and re-erection of the terrapin R.16 was not in order as approval had previously been included in the Ancilliary maintenance building estimate; however, owing to the financial state of R.18 it was decided to leave matters as agreed at the last meeting.

9. Site clearance

Mr. Goode said that little progress had been made on site clearance in the last month. Mr. Bowles said that it was essential to keep driving site clearance and grounds work if the site was ever to be pleasant to look upon.

10. Future works

Mr. Harbert reported that C.E.G.B. were working on the design of the new sub station, which was to be located North of Fermi Avenue, opposite the main entrance to R.12.

The new Medical Officer had stated that he did not consider a permanent First Aid room or nursing section room to be necessary on this site.

11. Minor works orders R.L.B.C./P.62

Mr. Venn presented a statement of Minor works orders issued.

12. Project Officers

Mr. Harrison circulated a provisional draft of Project Officers; this is to be revised and re-circulated when comments and amendments have been received.

13. Building Numbering

Owing to misunderstanding in the past, certain buildings have been allocated incorrect numbers on drawings. In future, Mr. Harrison will allocate permanent numbers to all buildings; buildings will not be given a Rutherford Laboratory number until the building has been approved in principle by the Building Committee, and funds have been made available for its construction. Prior to this date the S.W.O. project number will be used.

14. Additional steel floors in Experimental Area -  
A.6 concrete cells, R.L.B.C./P.59

A paper was presented by Mr. Goode for the construction of 2 steel floors in each of two cells in the Magnet Room/Experimental Area, at a total cost of £16,00 of which £12,00 was for steelwork to be supplied by S.W.O. running contract; remaining work to be carried out by Services Group.

15. Temporary accommodation for contract labour, R.L.B.C./P.60

A paper was presented on behalf of Mr. Hewitt asking for approval to have temporary accommodation for semi-permanent contract labour. It was decided however, that each contractor should be called upon to supply his own accommodation complete with any necessary messing and toilet facilities, and to take full responsibility for their hutting. However, the interested parties in the Rutherford Laboratory should lay down definite standards of construction and appearance and siting for these buildings, and where necessary, rates for the supply of the offices would be negotiated with any "sitting" contractor concerned. The permanent location of these huts was not decided.

16. Services Building, R.L.B.C./P.61

Mr. Goode presented a paper for the construction of a permanent building to house semi-permanent or permanent contract labour to be employed by the Services group as part of their permanent labour force, electrical, mechanical and civil. Mr. Bowles said that the question of contract as against direct labour was being discussed at present at the highest levels, and it would be unwise to anticipate the policy to be agreed; further, it should be the responsibility of the contractors to supply whatever standard of accommodation they thought fit. Mr. Miller stated that any such proposal at present would not obtain Treasury approval. It was decided to take no further action on this matter for the time being.

17. Progress of work

Mr. Bowles said that although this was not a progress meeting, he wished to say that he was very concerned at the lack of progress on the site fencing and the construction of car parks.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Mr. Bowles office, Building R.1, at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 12th September, 1961.

D. A. Harrison

Building R.1 Link,  
Rutherford Laboratory.

24th August, 1961.

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