

ACC/1297/CLR/01/001/067

Minutes of Meeting

held at 16 Great George Street. Westminster S.W., on Wednesday March 7th 1900
at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present

Sir Henry Oakley in the Chair
Lord Colville of Culross K.T.
Sir Francis Knollys K.C.B., K.C.M.G.
Hon. Algernon H. Mills.
Lord Rathmore
Henry Tennant Esq.
Sir Benjamin Baker, Engineer; Mr G.C. Cunningham, General Manager; Mr. Herd,
Solicitor, for Mr. Dawes; and Mr. R.O. Graham, Secretary.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Engineers Report.

The Engineers Report No. 37 was read and ordered to be recorded.

Engineers Office
2. Queen Annes Mansion
7. March 1900.

Engineers Report No. 37.

To the Chairman and Directors
of the Central London Railway.

Gentlemen,

We are glad to report that several trial runs have been made from Shepherds Bush to Notting Hill Gate with an electric locomotive and two Carriages with very satisfactory results. The Main Generating Engines in the Depot and the transformers in the sub-station at Notting Hill Gate worked well and so far no fault of any kind has developed in the plant. The permanent way proved satisfactory and the running of the carriages was good. The Contractors hope to be able to run from Shepherds Bush to the Bank on the Down Road in another fortnight.

Considerable progress has been made with the lifts and they will be ready for testing at Shepherds Bush next week.

As regards carriages, 70 have now arrived at the Depot, but the sub-contractors are much behind the deliveries promised.

The Station Buildings are being pushed forward, but their final completion depends upon the progress made with the Lifts.

We are, Gentlemen
Yours faithfully
signed. Fowler & Baker

*Coal Supply
see folio 320.*

The question of the supply of Fuel for the Power House was considered, and it was decided that enquiries should be made at once as to the price of coal, and the matter reported upon at an early meeting of the Board.

Tenders for Advertising

The Secretary submitted a list of Tenders for the advertising and bookstall privileges at the Central London Stations, and it was resolved that the tender of Messrs Willing & Company be accepted as follows, subject to a satisfactory agreement being completed.

Messrs Willing & Company Ltd.

366. Grays Inn Road. W.C.
9. March 1900.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the writers interview with you yesterday, I am instructed by my Directors to amend our offer of the 22nd December 1899 for the right of advertising &c [etc] on the Central London Railway as follows :-

55% on the gross receipts derived from all advertisements.

10% on the gross takings of the Bookstalls at your [?] Bank Station

5% on the gross takings at all the other bookstalls with a minimum rental of £2,100.

Yours faithfully
for Willing & Company Ltd.
W. J. Spooner. Secretary

Tenders for placing Automatic Machines.

The consideration of the Tenders for the placing of Automatic machines at the various stations was deferred until after the opening of the line for public traffic.

Shoeblack Chairs at Stations

The Secretary read an application from Lord Kinnaird asking for permission to place Shoeblack Chairs in the Booking Halls of the Companys Stations. It was resolved that this application should be declined for the present; Lord Kinnaird to be informed that it will be considered after the line has been opened for traffic, and it is demonstrated that there is room in the booking halls for the chairs.

*Central London Bill 1900.

vide folio 294 & 326*

The Secretary reported that the Central London Bill of this Session had passed the Standing Orders Committee of the House of Commons without opposition.

*Overhead Working of Depot.

vide folio 292 & 324*

The Chairman reported that the British Thomson Houston Company had submitted a scheme of Overhead Construction for the purpose of shunting and working the trains in the Yard at Shepherds Bush.

The scheme was approved, and it was agreed to expend a sum not exceeding £6,000 on the work, the Electric Traction Company to have the option of taking the Contract at a reasonable figure to be arranged.

*Secretarys Salary

Vide folio 143 and 237*

It was resolved that the salary of the Secretary be increased to £700 per annum as from 1st January 1900.

Cheques specially passed

The following list of cheques specially drawn since last meeting of the Board was submitted and approved.

Name	Particulars	Amount.		
Salaries of Clerks	February Salaries	26	5	
G. Cunningham	[February Salaries]	166	13	4
R.O. Graham	[February Salaries]	50		
C. Aldington	[February Salaries]	50		
		£292	18	4

Accounts for payment

The following list of accounts for payment was submitted and ordered to be paid.

Name	Particulars	Amount.		
"Transport."	Report of Meeting	5	5	
Westminster Palace Hotel	Use of Room	2	12	6
Waterlow & Sons	Stationery	9	12	8
S. George, Hanover Square	Land Tax	6	6	
St James, Westminster	Poor Rate	453	15	
W.H. Parnell	Audit Fee	12	13	9
W.B. Peat	[Audit Fee]	12	13	9
Electric Traction Coy [Company]	Proportion of amt. [amount] received from Waterloo Coy.	782	5	
Income Tax Commissioners [?]	Income Tax deducted from Shareholders	1424		7
		£2709	4	3

Documents sealed.

The Secretary reported that Share Certificates were sealed on March 7th, which was approved.

Colville [?] [signed]
Chairman