

ACC/1297/CLR/01/001/033

Minutes of Meeting

held at 16. Great George Street, Westminster, S.W., on  
Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1897 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Present.

Henry Tennant Esq., 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,  
Mr Basil Mott representing Sir Benjamin Baker, Mr Frank Dawes  
and Mr R.O. Graham, Secretary.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Engineers Report No 17 was read and ordered to be recorded.

Engineers Office.  
8. Queen Annes Gate S.W.  
13<sup>th</sup> December 1897

Engineers Report No 17.

To the Chairman & Directors of the  
Central London Railway Company

\*Engineers Report.\*

Gentlemen,

At Shepherds Bush Station the necessary plant has been erected for carrying out the remaining length of 12 feet 7 inch tunnel to the Depot in compressed air, and the work is being pressed forward as rapidly as possible, 432 yards having been completed. 1,777 yards of 11 feet 6 inch main line tunnel and 94 yards of 21 feet station tunnel have been driven and about 85% of the station passages has been completed.

At Holland Park the down station tunnel is finished and 42 yards of the Up station tunnel have been driven. The main line tunnels are complete to Notting Hill Gate. No further progress has been made with the station passages.

At Notting Hill Gate both station tunnels are finished and the concrete walls for platforms are being constructed. 631 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have also been driven eastwards. All Brick passages are finished.

At Queens Road 108 yards of Station Tunnel and 1,497 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been completed. The two 25 feet Cross Over Roads are finished. About 60% of the passages from lifts is also finished.

At Westbourne 23 yards of station tunnel and 1,924 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been completed.

At Marble Arch 119 yards of station tunnels and 1,133 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel and 5 yards of the 25 ft [feet]. Cross Over Road Tunnels have been constructed. About 50% of the passages from lifts is constructed.

At Davies Street possession has not yet been obtained of this site.

At Oxford Circus the station tunnels are both finished and 1,190 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been driven. About 80% of the station passages is finished.

At British Museum 39 yards of 25 feet tunnel for Cross Over Road, 84 yards of Station tunnel and 1,111 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been constructed. About 70% of the station passages is finished.

At Tottenham Court Road the whole of the Up station tunnel and 46 yards of the down station tunnel are finished and 790 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been driven. About 80% of the station passages is finished.

At Chancery line 5 yards of station tunnel and 1,854 yards of 11 feet 6 inch tunnel have been driven. The necessary plant has been erected for constructing the tunnels under Holborn Viaduct in compressed air and work will proceed at once when the plant has been thoroughly tested. The station passages are practically complete.

At Post Office 264 yards of main tunnel have been constructed and about 25% of the station passages completed.

At Bank Station the passenger and pipe subway is complete except for the permanent roof and 95% of the Sewer diversions is finished. A heading has been driven from the temporary 12 feet shaft and a shield chamber is being constructed. One of the permanent lift shafts has also been sunk to a depth of 10 yards below floor level of the station.

Exclusive of the Bank and Davies Street Stations 50% of the station tunnels and 72% of the main line tunnels has been completed.

Yours faithfully.

(sig. [signed]) Fowler & Baker.

The Chairman stated that he would draw the attention of Sir Richard Farrant, to the slow rate of progress of the tunneling works between Holborn and the Bank Station.

\*Cementing of Tunnels.

vide folio 155\*

Mr Mott representing Sir Benjamin Baker stated that the desirability or otherwise of cementing the tunnels had been engaging the attention of the Engineers, and they suggested that it was not necessary as a preventive of noise that the flanges of the iron segments of the railway tunnels should be filled in with cement or brick as provided in Section 9 of the Specification attached to the Contract with the Electric Traction Company. The subject was deferred, the Engineers in the meantime to obtain expert evidence as to the effect of leaving out the "filling" on the reverberation of the tunnel, and to report to the Board.

\*Buildings over stations.

vide folios 122 & 144\*

Mr Measures' Report and Plans for the utilization of the Station Sites were again submitted, and further consideration of them was deferred. Mr Robert Vigers to be asked to make a report to the Board as to the value of the Ground Rent at the various station sites.

\*Financial Statement.\*

The Secretary submitted a Financial Statement which was read and ordered to be recorded: -

Financial Statement at 13<sup>th</sup> December 1897.

Receipts.

On shares &c as per previous statement	£1,431,263,,0,,8	
[On] sundries, calls &c	1,620,,1,,3	
		£1,432,883,,1,,11

Expenditure

To 1st November as per previous statement.	£1,372,175,,9,,10
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[To] further sums for Land & Works	<u>8,440,,19,,6</u>	
		<u>1,380,616,,9,,4</u>
		<u>£52,266,,12,,7</u>

Less

Mansion House Deposit a/c	£70,000	
Amount advanced by Bankers	<u>25,000</u>	
		<u>45,000,0,,0</u>
Available Balance as per		<u>£7,266,,12,,7</u>
Pass Book		

<u>Account overdrawn</u>	<u>£17,733,,7,,5</u>
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Amount of Certificates presented	September	£72,000
but not paid :-	October	69,000
	November	<u>87,000</u>
		<u>£228,000</u>

\*vide folio 124\*

Call in arrear

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr R.G. Mason stating he was now prepared to pay the amount of the Call and interest, and explaining that the delay was owing to illness. The Secretary was instructed to report to the next Meeting whether payment of the call had been made as promised.

\*Payment of Interest.

vide folio 19. & 178.\*

The Interest due to the Shareholders for the half year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1897 was ordered to be paid on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1898.

\*Agreements &c sealed by the Company.\*

The following list of Agreements sealed by the Company was submitted by the Secretary and approved

Name	Description	Date of sealing
London & North Western Rly & Great Western Rly:	Conveyance of land.	11. November
Maria Faiers	Warrant to sheriff	[11. November]
Oxford Music Hall	Agreement	[11. November]
V [-]	Share Certificates	[11. November]
Harding	Warrant to sheriff	23. November]
Schew	[Warrant to sheriff]	[23. November]
Major H. D. Robson.	[Warrant to sheriff]	[23. November]
V [-]	Share Certificates	25. November
H.G. McDowall	Assignment of premises	9. December
W.H. Coles.	[Assignment of premises]	[9. December]
C.J. Graham.	[Assignment of premises]	[9. December]
[C.J. Graham.]	Memorial of Deed	[9. December]
Trustees of Latymer Foundation & others	Agreement for Rent (4 copies)	[9. December]
John. C. Goode.	Warrant to Sheriff	[9. December]
London & North Western Rly & Great Western Rly	Duplicate Conveyance	[9. December]
V [-]	Share Certificates	[9. December]

\*Cheques specially passed for payment.\*

The following list of cheques specially passed for payment since last Meeting of the Board was submitted and approved.

Name	Particulars	Amount		
A. Bannister – Christ Church Newgate St.	Rates & taxes.	115	14	8
Petty Cash.		10		
Secretary & Clerks.	November salaries	<u>54</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
		<u>£179</u>	<u>18</u>	

\*Accounts for payment.\*

The following list of accounts for payment was submitted by the Secretary & ordered to be paid :-

Name	Particulars	Amount.		
Holborn Vestry.	Rates & taxes.	34	13	11
[Holborn Vestry.]	[Rates & taxes.]	7		3
Christ Church Parish	[Rates & taxes.]	30	19	11
Westminster Union	[Rates & taxes.]	71	10	
Waterlow & Sons Ltd	Stamps	2	1	8
Income Tax Commrs [Commissioners]	Income Tax.	59	4	2
Vigers & Coy. [Company]	Land Tax Redemption	92	7	11
Ashurst Morris & Coy.	Bill in Parliament 1897 &c	297	19	2
		<u>£595</u>	<u>17</u>	

H. Tennant [signed]  
Chairman.