

ACC/1297/CLR/01/001/054

Minutes of Meeting

held at 16. Great George Street Westminster S.W, on
Thursday 18th May 1899 at 3 o'clock.

Present.

Sir Henry Oakley in the Chair
Sir Francis Knollys. K.C.B., K.C.M.G.
Hon: Algernon H. Mills.
Lord Colville of Culross K.T.
Henry Tennant Esq:
Mr Basil Mott, Engineer; Mr Frank Dawes, Solicitor;
and Mr R.O. Graham, Secretary.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Engineers Report No. 30 was read and ordered to be recorded.

Engineers Office
8. Queen Annes Gate. S.W.
May 17th 1899

Engineers Report No. 30.

To the Chairman & Directors
of the Central London Railway Coy [Company].

Engineers Report.

Gentlemen,

At the Depot good progress has been made. All the main castings for the Generation Engines are in position and four of the large dynamos are being erected. Four boilers have been tested by hydraulic pressure with satisfactory results and four others will be ready for testing next week. The Coal Bunkers over the Boilers are complete and the coal conveyor has been delivered.

The sidings are now being laid in the Carriage and Repairing Shops and about 1,000 yards have been completed.

Five locomotives are being erected and a very large amount of Electric Plant has been delivered since our last report.

The Lift Guides are finished at all Stations except Marble Arch, Davies Street, Post Office and Bank and the Lift Machinery is being erected at Shepherds Bush Holland Park, Queens Road, Westbourne, Tottenham Court Road and British Museum.

The permanent way has now been laid from Shepherds Bush to Oxford Circus in both tunnels.

The Station Buildings are being constructed at all stations except Davies Street. This work has been much delayed owing to the difficulty of obtaining delivery of the necessary steelwork.

Good progress has been made at the Bank and the whole of the Steel Roof over the Booking Hall and Public Subway round it is now finished and the temporary walls across the Booking Hall, built to facilitate Construction are being removed. The Public Subway from Mappin and Webbs corner to Mansion House place is being tiled and the stairs at Mansion House Place are finished.

The 21 ft [feet] Down Station Tunnel and the 25 ft. Cross Over Road are finished and 230 feet of the Up Station has been driven.

We are, Gentlemen
Yours faithfully
signed. Fowler & Baker
pp. Basil Mott.

*Progress at the Bank Station

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The Chairman said it would be satisfactory to the Board to know that the roofing of the Bank Station and Subways had been completed without any serious mishap. Mr. Mott reported that the use of Compressed air at the Bank would be discontinued in about a months time and the station passages could then be finished.

Progress with Station Buildings

As regards the Station Buildings, the Chairman read the following letter which he had received in reply to a letter he had addressed to Messrs Newton Chambers & Coy:

Thorncliffe Iron Works
near Sheffield
17 May 1899

Sir Henry Oakley
16. Great George Street. S.W.

My dear Sir,

I have received your favour of the 16th inst., respecting the Ironwork for the stations of the Central London Railway, and asking me to give the whole of the order my personal attention and hasten it forward as quick as it is possible to manufacture it.

I can assure you that I have done this from the day the order was given to us there has not been a single moment lost here and we are running night and day upon it and shall continue to do so until the work is finished.

Notting Hill Gate is entirely finished and men have gone to commence erection.

Holland Park is in a forward state and will follow it.

Tottenham Court Road is in course of manufacture and will follow next.

We have the material here for three more stations and we have a good number of columns cast and faced.

I cannot make you a definite promise as to the speed we shall go at, but in the course of a week's time I shall know how they got on with the erection of the one that is ready, and then I shall be able to speak about the whole matter.

You may however depend that nothing shall be wanting on my part to complete the work as early as possible.

I remain
Yours very truly
signed. George Dawson.

and **It was resolved** that a letter should be written to the Electric Traction Company asking them, in view of the serious Consequences resulting from any further delay, to press the work forward at all points, more especially at Post Office Chancery Lane and Davies Street Stations.

*Petitions against Central London Bill in the House of Lords.

vide folios 229. & 247*

The Petitions of the London County Council and Mr. W. M. Tapp against the Central London Bill in the House of Lords were submitted.

The Chairman stated that the main opposition of the London County Council was on the question of Workmens Trains and Fares, and he was expecting to receive a clause from their Parliamentary agents shortly. As regards the widening of Davies Street, the Electric Traction Company were preparing their own case.

Financial Statement.

The following Financial Statement was submitted and ordered to be recorded.

Financial Statement to 17th May 1899.

Receipts on Shares &c		£ 2,410,643,,2,,0
Expenditure.		<u>2,365,168,,18,,7</u>
	<u>Available Balance</u>	£ 45,474,,3,,5
<u>Less</u>		
Mansion House Works Deposit A/c	£ 30,000	
Deposit at Bank	<u>9,000</u>	<u>39,000,,0,,0</u>
	<u>Credit Balance per Pass Book</u>	£ <u>6,474,,3,,5</u>
Cash paid to Electric Traction Company up to and including February Certificate 1899		£ 2,111,111
Cash portion of Certificates for March & April payment of which is deferred.		<u>58,105</u>
		£ <u>2,169,216</u>
Debentures debited but not issued to March 1899		£ 259,990
[Debentures debited] for April [1899]		<u>44,780</u>
		£ <u>304,770</u>

*Outstanding Calls.

vide folio 237*

The Secretary reported that the following Calls were still in arrear viz:-

J A. Kaye £6, T.S. Woodhouse £2.

In the case of Mr. Kaye, the Call Letter had been returned marked "Gone Away" and up to the present no advice of his new address had been received. The Solicitor had been instructed to make another application to Mr. Woodhouse for the payment of his call.

Change of name of Davies Street Station.

The Secretary submitted a Memorial from the business firms in Wigmore Street in which they asked for an alteration in the name of Davies Street Station. The consideration of the memorial was deferred, pending the discussion of the whole question of the names of the various stations.

*Draft agreement with British Thomson-Houston Company.

vide folios 153 & 270*

The Companys Solicitor submitted the draft of the agreement with the British Thomson-Houston Company which had been altered by Messrs Ashurst Morris Crisp & Coy. The consideration of this agreement was deferred.

Documents sealed

The following list of documents sealed since last meeting of the Board was submitted and approved.

Name	Description of document.	Date of Sealing.
V [-]	Share Certificates	19. April 1899
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	26 [April 1899]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	8 May
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	13 [May]

Cheques drawn since last Meeting

The following list of cheques drawn since last Meeting was submitted and approved

Name	Particulars	Amount
Inland Revenue Comrs [Commissioners]	Income Tax	£ 63,,7,,6
Secretary & Clerks	April Salaries	73,,15,,0
		£ 137,,2,,6

Accounts for payment.

The following list of Accounts for payment was submitted and approved.

Name	Particulars	Amount		
Waterlow & Sons Ltd	Stationery	15	19	4
Waterlow Bros & Layton	[Stationery]	10	5	
Paddington Vestry	Poor Rate	29	17	
St George & St Giles, Bloomsbury	[Poor Rate]	49	6	8
Corporation of London	Consolidated Rate	119	17	4
		£ 225	5	4

H. Oakley [signed]
Chairman.