

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd November 2001

Present: Dr. I. Nussey (Chair), The Vice-Chancellor, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Councillor S. Bains, Professor S. Bassnett, Professor R. G. Dyson, Professor J. Jones, Mr. G. Moreton, Mr. C. Price, Professor C. Series

In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Estates Officer, Finance Officer, Building Surveyor, Services Engineer, Maintenance Officer, Development Plan Architect, Professor R. Whittenbury

Apologies were received from: Professor D. Anderson, Ms. V. Gooding, Professor M. Terry

1. Membership and Terms of Reference

RECEIVED:-

Paper CPC.1-01/02 detailing the membership and terms of reference of the committees of Capital Projects Committee for the academic year 2001/02.

2. Minutes of Meeting of Building Committee held on 31st May 2001

The Minutes of the meeting of Building Committee held on 31st May 2001 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Wainbody House (Minute 25-00/01 refers)

REPORTED:-

That the University had provisionally accepted an offer of £605k for Wainbody House, subject to various conditions, the most important being that planning approval be granted for extension and conversion of the property into flats.

- (b) Lynden House, Coventry (Minute 33.00/01 refers)

REPORTED:-

That Coventry University had submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of Lynden House, Earlsdon, as student residences, in accordance with the plans submitted to the last meeting of the Committee. Members of the Committee were reminded that the University owned the freehold of the premises but that they were let to Coventry University on a long lease.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

4. Planning Policy

CONSIDERED:-

- (a) A Report on the University's response to the current review of the Warwick District Council Local Plan. (Paper CPC.2-01/02.)
- (b) An oral report from the Estates Officer on discussions with John Archer (Head of Planning, Warwick District Council) on the Local Plan Review.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That representations be made to Warwick District Council with a view to opening discussions about removing the area of proposed University Development from the Green Belt.
- (b) That a report be made to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. Condition Survey and Disability Audit

CONSIDERED:-

A report on the need for a condition survey and disability audit to be carried out by consultants. (Paper CPC.3-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the recommendation that consultants be appointed to carry out the condition survey and disability audit be approved.
- (b) That a group comprising the following membership be constituted to prepare a bid to HEFCE for access funds, and to prioritise the related expenditure:-

Professor R. G. Dyson
The Registrar
The Finance Officer
The Estates Officer

6. Estates Management Statistics

CONSIDERED:-

The Estates Management Statistics. (Paper CPC.4-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

That the statistics relevant to Warwick and its benchmark position relative to Russell Group and '94 Group universities be noted.

7. Report from Landscape Working Group

RECEIVED:-

A report from the Landscape Working Group. (Paper CPC.5-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the University co-operate with the provision of a recreational cycle route, partly on University land, from Kenilworth to the University, subject to agreement of the precise route and materials.
- (b) That the existing policy of providing showers and changing facilities for cyclists in all new buildings be clarified by the inclusion of the proviso "where appropriate".

8. Reports from Capital Project Working Groups

(a) New Residences and Apartments

RECEIVED:-

A report from the New Residences and Apartments Capital Project Working Group. (Paper CPC.6-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That plans nos. 135/110 and 135/111 be approved.
- (ii) That the Working Group be invited to develop and approve the detail of the plans for submission for planning approval.

(b) Mathematics/Statistics Building**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the Mathematics/Statistics Capital Project Working Group. (Paper CPC.7-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

That the actions of the Working Group be approved.

(c) Sports Facilities**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the Sports Facilities Capital Project Working Group. (Paper CPC.8-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the actions of the Working Group be approved.
- (ii) That consideration be given to the most cost effective procurement route for the fitness equipment.

(d) Biotechnology Phase 4**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the Biotechnology Phase 4 Capital Project Working Group. (Paper CPC.9-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That plans nos. 135/112, 135/113 and 135/114 be approved.
- (ii) That the actions of the Working Group be approved.

ITEMS FOR REPORT9. Estates Business Agency - Approved List of Contractors**RESOLVED:-**

That a recommendation from the Estates Officer that the University change from using the Constructionline list of contractors and consultants to the Estates Business Agency approved list for a trial period of one year be approved.

10. Warwick Business School Phase 2**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the Estates Officer concerning the progress of Warwick Business School Phase 2. (Paper CPC.10-01/02.)

11. International Manufacturing Centre Phase 3**RECEIVED:-**

Paper CPC.11-01/02 detailing the progress of the International Manufacturing Centre Phase 3 and its adoption as a Demonstration Project by the Movement for Innovation initiative.

12. Energy Audit 2000/2001**RECEIVED:-**

The Energy Audit 2000/2001. (Paper CPC.12-01/02.)

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the energy conservation projects scheduled in the report be progressed as quickly as practicable.
- (b) That consideration be given to the adoption of low energy computer monitors in preference to the standard monitors currently purchased.

13. HEFCE Audit of Estates Function at Warwick**RECEIVED:-**

Paper CPC.13-01/02 detailing the review of the Estates operation carried out by HEFCE, and the relevant action taken by the University to date.

14. Clinical Sciences Building**RECEIVED:-**

Paper CPC.14-01/02 detailing progress on the selection of a bidder for the Clinical Sciences Building.

15. Report from the Environment Committee**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the Environment Committee. (Paper CPC.15-01/02.)

16. Building Programme Steering Group**RECEIVED:-**

An oral report from the Registrar on the operation of the Building Programme Steering Group.

17. Appointment of Designers and Contractors**RECEIVED:-**

Paper CPC.16-01/02 detailing the appointment of Designers and Contractors to recent capital projects.

18. Major Maintenance**RECEIVED:-**

The Financial Report on Major Maintenance for 2000/01. (Paper CPC.17-01/02.)

19. Building Progress and Financial Report**RECEIVED:-**

The Building Progress and Financial Report up to 31st October 2001. (Paper CPC.18-01/02.)

20. Westwood Laundry**CONSIDERED:-**

The design and siting of the proposed new Laundry at Westwood. (Plans Nos. 135/115 and 135/116.)

RESOLVED:-

That the design and siting be approved.

21. University Development Plan Architect**REPORTED:-**

That the University Development Plan Architect had indicated his intention to retire in Spring 2002 after 13 years of invaluable service.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the Committee wished to acknowledge with considerable gratitude the contribution that Michael Cain had made to the development of the campus and individual buildings during his period as Development Plan Architect.
- (b) That the Estates Officer initiate the search for a successor to Michael Cain.

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