

# Freedom of Information requests

2012

Reference number: 12-006

Thank you again for your time.

Freedom of Information Act Request:

I would like to find out the total project cost involved in relocating the Rhyd-y-Car cottages from their original location in Merthyr, to their present location at St Fagans.

Including:

Purchase

Deconstruction

Transportation

Costs associated with preparing the land at St Fagans

Rebuilding

Legal costs

Most critically is an idea of the overall cost, but any further financial breakdown on particular aspects would prove helpful although not essential.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

30 April 2012

Reference number: 12-006

Dear,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION** – *Information relating to the project costs in relocating the Rhyd-y-Car cottages from their original location in Merthyr, to their present location in St Fagans.*

Thank you for your request for information. As Head of Knowledge & Information Management for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales, I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your email of 29 March 2012, in which you asked for the following information:

- 1) *Total project costs involved in relocating the Rhyd-y-Car cottages from their original location in Merthyr, to their present location in St Fagans, including:-*
  - a) *Purchase*
  - b) *Deconstruction*
  - c) *Transportation*
  - d) *Costs associated with preparing the land for St Fagans*
  - e) *Rebuilding*
  - f) *Legal costs*
  - g) *Most critically, an idea of the overall costs*

The relocation took place over 25 years ago; unfortunately, this means much of the financial information no longer is held. I must advise you that Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales does not hold the information you have requested. That being the case, I will inform you, in accordance with Section 1.1(a) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, the information you seek is not held by the Museum. To the extent that the Museum is unable to provide information that fully responds to your request, I must therefore provide you with a Refusal Notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of

Information Act 2000, because in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Act, the information you have requested is not held.

While I am not able to provide you with all the information you are seeking, I am able to provide some related information; the following is a list of the information being provided:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Information</b>
29/09/86	Internal correspondence relating to the electricity supply
22/07/85	Correspondence thanking Mid Glamorgan County Council for their gift of stone paving slabs and kerbstones
30/07/87	Correspondence acknowledging receipt of a donation of the Rhyd-y-Car collages (nos. 17 – 22)
28/07/87	Accession form for the Rhyd-y-Car cottages
1987	Collections information card Rhyd-y-Car cottages
11/08/82	Internal correspondence relating to the additional contractors costs relating to the taking down of the cottages. This work was undertaken jointly with staff from the Museum and contractors.

Mr. Gerallt Nash, Senior Curator at St Fagans: National History Museum, was involved in the original re-locations and would be happy to speak with you should you have any further questions. His contact details are as follows: [gerallt.nash@museumwales.ac.uk](mailto:gerallt.nash@museumwales.ac.uk), telephone number 029 20 573 445.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at [www.information.wales.gov.uk](http://www.information.wales.gov.uk).

If you believe that I have not applied the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, please contact me to request a first-stage review. If, after that, you are still not satisfied you may request a formal review by Amgueddfa Cymru. When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales's Code of Practice on Complaints, which is available on our website at [www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/45/](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/45/) or by post from:

Mr John Williams-Davies  
Director of Collections & Research  
Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NP

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner.  
Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal  
procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner.  
The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Head of Knowledge & Information Management

AMGUEDDFA WERIN CYMRU

MEMORANDUM

TO: Curator

FROM: Keeper of Buildings & Domestic Life

Electricity supply to new specimen buildings : Rhyd-y-car houses and Saddler's workshop

I am anxious to proceed with the above scheme in the near future bearing in mind the Director's agreement that electricity should be made available for the new re-erected buildings and the May Fair.

Two of the six Rhyd-y-car houses will require a supply of electricity before they can be opened to the public, namely those houses representing 1950 and 1980. The supply is needed not only to provide light but also to operate washing machines, radios, television sets and all the other paraphanelia of modern life. The Rhyd-y-car project cannot be completed without the provision of electricity and the same is true of our Saddler's workshop of 1926 : the saddler will require electricity to work over the winter as did his predecessor at the workshop's original location. There is obviously the added benefit that the supply can be used to help towards the May Day attractions as well as towards future re-erected buildings in this area of the Folk Museum.

SWEB's engineers have quoted us a figure of £10,368 +VAT for running the most suitable cable possible to the Saddler's workshop and the Rhyd-y-car houses. Digging and backfilling the trench would be carried out internally and need not be tendered for. The quoted system will allow for socket outlets to be used for temporary supplies for any functions held in the Tannery field. John Bevan agrees that this would be very appropriate for May Fair use.

I believe that a sound case can be made for funding this project from the Specimen Purchase Fund rather than face a possible overspend on other financial heads, and I should welcome an indication that extra moneys could be made available from the Specimen Purchase Fund to carry out this work during the current financial year.

*Eurwyn William*

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29.9.86

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Rhyd-y-car File

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS & DOMESTIC LIFE

EW/BA

22 July 1985

Mr. E. Powell,  
Assistant Works Manager,  
Mid Glamorgan County Council,  
Maintenance Unit East,  
The Basin,  
Abercynon, Mid Glamorgan.

Dear Sir,

I write to thank you for your kind gift of stone paving slabs and kerbstones to this Museum. These will be of the greatest use to us in our current project of re-erecting six small iron-workers' houses from Rhyd-y-car, Merthyr Tudful.

We are most grateful.

Yours faithfully,

Eurwyn William (Dr.)  
Keeper

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Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council  
per Selwyn Jones, L.M.R.T.P.I.,  
Chief Executive & Town Clerk,  
Town Hall,  
Merthyr Tydfil,  
Mid-Glamorgan, CF47 8AN.

July 30. 1987

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the donation of

A terrace of six ironworkers' houses, nos. 17 - 22  
Rhyd-y-car inclusive, for re-erection  
(from Merthyr Tudful, Mid-Glamorgan)

and to convey to you the sincere thanks of the Council for this acceptable gift.

Yours faithfully,

Curator



A.W.C. FFURFLEN DDERBYNODI  
W.F.M. ACCESSION FORM

Rhoddwyr/Donor Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council, Nifer gwrthrychau 1  
per Sewyn Jones, L.M.R.T.P.L., No. of specimens  
Chief Executive & Town Clerk,  
Gwerthwr/Vendor Town Hall Nifer eitemau 1  
Merthyr Tydfil, No. of items  
Mid Glamorgan  
Benthyciad/Loan CF 47 BAN. Gwerth £30,000.00  
Cymynrodd/Bequest CF 47 BAN. Value

Geiriad y diolch  
Letter of thanks: Cymraeg/English

Nos. 17-22 Rhyd-y-car inclusive, for re-erections

Disgrifiad/Description

A terrace of six ironworkers' houses, namely Nos. 17-22 Rhyd-y-car, built by R. Crawshaw c. 1800 and measuring 26 m. in length by 7.2 m. in depth.

Lleoliad/Locality Merthyr Tydfil, Morg. Gand

Derbynwyd gan Sewyn Jones Dyddiad/Date 28. vii. 87  
Accessed by

IDENTIFICATION	File	Inventory identity number	Part
	CARAW: F 87.103		
PRODUCTION	Site name	Title	Number
	buildings Rhyl-y-car cottages		
COLLECTION	Full name of classified site (if applicable)	Site	Identifier date
	<del>houses (ironworkers)</del> / unclassified / museum galleries / Nelson Park museum		E. Wilham : 1987
ASSOCIATION	Method	Person's name	Production date
	houses building		(circa) 1800
ACQUISITION	Production place	Production detail	
		based on Crawshay family type	
ASSOCIATION	Place name detail	Context detail	
ASSOCIATION	Collection method	Collector date	
ASSOCIATION	Association keyword	Associated person	Association date
	ame	R. Crawshay <del>owner</del> <del>builder</del>	(circa) 1800 = <del>(circa)</del> 1982
ACQUISITION	Associated place	Associate detail	
	Rhyl-y-car / Merthyr Tydfil / Mid Glamorgan		
DESCRIPTION	Acquisition method	Acquired from date	Price
	donation	Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council (per Selwyn Jones, Chief Executive and Town Clerk Town Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan CF17 8AN) : 1987	Conditions Yes/No
DESCRIPTION	Condition keyword/detail	Completeness keyword/detail	Valuation date
	poor	fair / timberwork gutted	£30,000.00 : 1987
STORE	Materials keyword/detail	Store date	Recorder date
	stone / timber / tiles / flags	Re-erected : 1987	E. Wilham : 1987
DESCRIPTION	Dimension measured	value & units/accuracy	Dimension measured
	length	26 m.	
PROCESS	depth	7.2 m.	
	Inscription	Method	Position
DOCUMENTATION	Mark		
	Transcription	Detail	
DOCUMENTATION	Description		
	Part aspect description keyword/detail		
DOCUMENTATION	Conservation	Other process	Method/detail operator date detail
	Reproduction		Cross-reference
DOCUMENTATION	Conservation		
	Reproduction		
DOCUMENTATION	L	Class	Author date title journal or publisher volume detail
	1		E. Wilham : 1987 Rhyl-y-car : A Welsh Mining Community. ENAMW/ D. Brown & Sons x 1987
NOTES	Part aspect description keyword/detail		Drawing or photo
	free text: row of six stone-built cottages, terraced; formerly nos. 17-22 Rhyl-y-car.		
NOTES	Notes		

AMGUEDDFA WERIN CYMRU

At: Mr V Rolfe

Oddi wrth: Y Ceidwad, Adran Adeiladau

Tai Rhyd-y-car Merthyr Tudful

Chwi gofioch i mi yzfu amcangyfrif oddi wrth Cosslett (Contractors) Ltd. am chwalu a symud yr uchod i'r Amgueddfa mis Medi diwethaf. Yr oedd yr amcangyfrif am y swm o £2,450 ond mae'n debygol y bydd codiad o £mg 5% 10% erbyn hyn. Bydd y gwaith yn cael ei wneud yn ystod y mis nesaf -- rhag ofn i chwi gael sŷmod o sioc pan ddaw'r bil!

EW/CD  
11.8.1982

Eurwyn William