

CLOCK 'BOX' TOO SMALL

Though tenders have been accepted for the erection of a new clock tower in Stratford it has been found now that the clock "box" at the top of the tower cannot accommodate the clock mechanism from the old post office tower.

This was disclosed at a special meeting of the Stratford Borough Council last night by the Mayor, Mr G. J. W. Boon, who said it was not realised that the clock, dismantled and stored before the old tower was demolished, had a pendulum and no provision for a pendulum was made in the design of the new tower.

The town clock sub-committee of the council, he said, now recommended that the hands of the clock be operated electrically. There were three possible methods, one of which could incorporate parts of the old clock mechanism.

Other possibilities, he said, were the use of a master electric clock and slave clocks for the hands on the faces. The estimated cost of an electric system was nearly \$1400, the mayor said.

He said that there had never been any intention to mount the bells of the old clock in the new tower

because of their weight and the earthquake risk.

Both Messrs W. E. Charlton and L. G. Carrington expressed surprise and disappointment that the tower did not provide for the old clock to be used.

The electrical engineer, Mr T. W. Orr, was authorised to go to Wellington, get information on alternative electrical systems and report back to the subcommittee, plus as many other councillors as would be available to act.

"We want to have the clock working by Christmas," said the mayor.

REVIEW OF TOWN PLAN APPROVED

A special meeting of the Stratford Borough Council last night approved a review of the Stratford Borough district scheme (town