

Longford Railway Bridge Sesquicentenary

Minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2019

Prepared by Lucie Copas

Present

Councillor Dick Adams (NMC), Mr John Stebbings, Mr Bob Pitt, Mr Rod Cuthbert, Mr Len Langan, Mr Gilbert Ness (TasRail), Mr Des Jennings (NMC), Miss Lucie Copas (NMC)

Apologies

Nil

1. Welcome/ Introductions

Cr Adams welcomed everyone to the first meeting

Mr Des Jennings joined the meeting 4:09pm

Mr Gilbert Ness joined the meeting 4:10pm.

Cr Adams gave a brief history regarding the bridge

Cr Adams invited everyone to introduce themselves

Mr Des Jennings left the meeting 4:14pm

2. Confirmation of historical dates

Discussion was held regarding the official date the Longford Rail bridge was opened.
Discussion was also held regarding the company that built the bridge.

Action:

Mr Langan to confirm dates and advise group.

Cr Adams and Mr Langan to investigate if the company that built the bridge is still operating.

3. Ideas for celebration

Discussion was held regarding potential ideas for celebration, they included the following:

- Exhibition (Longford Town Hall)
- Series of articles in local newspapers (Northern Midlands Courier/ Examiner)
- Media releases
- Get the local schools involved (art competition)
- Re-enactment
- Steam train the cross the bridge on date of anniversary
- Light the bridge up
- Contact railway enthusiasts for exposure
- Contact Evandale Light Railway group

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- Family weekend
- Children's activities including Thomas the Tank Engine

Action:

Mr Ness to contact Evandale Mini Light Railway Group.

Cr Adams to contact local schools and Alison Andrews (Northern Midlands Courier).

Miss Copas to contact The Examiner.

4. Resources

Discussion was held regarding resources and funding availabilities.

Cr Adams advised that Miss Copas has been allocated as secretarial assistance.

Committee to consider future applications for Council's Special Event Funding.

Action:

Cr Adams to contact Ivan and invite to next meeting.

Committee to look at State/ Federal funding options.

5. Logo

Discussion was held regarding engaging a graphic designer to design a logo for the committee to use.

Action:

Cr Adams to organise logo design.

6. Promotion

Discussion was held regarding future promotion and advertising. The following ideas were raised:

- Pamphlet/ brochure
- Book
- Articles in local newspapers
- Online
- Social media
- Media releases

7. Next meeting/ site inspection

Discussion was held regarding a site inspection, Mr Ness advised that they would need prior approval from TasRail for certain parts. It was resolved that the committee would meet to view the bridge from an alternate location.

Action:

Cr Adams to arrange the site inspection and advise date and time.

Cr Adams to arrange a trip to the museum for further research and investigation.

Cr Adams to invite Mayor Knowles to next meeting.

8. Allocation of tasks

The following tasks have been allocated:

- Mr Langan to confirm dates and advise group
- Cr Adams and Mr Langan to investigate if the company that built the bridge is still operating
- Mr Ness to contact Evandale Mini Light Railway Group
- Cr Adams to contact local schools and Alison Andrews (Northern Midlands Courier)
- Miss Copas to contact The Examiner
- Cr Adams to contact Ivan and invite to next meeting
- Committee to seek State/ Federal funding
- Cr Adams to organise logo design
- Cr Adams to arrange the site inspection and advise date and time
- Cr Adams to arrange a trip to the museum for further research and investigation
- Cr Adams to invite Mayor Knowles to next meeting

9. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 3:30pm at Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 4:58pm.