Longford Railway Bridge Sesquicentenary

Minutes of meeting held on 11 December 2019

Prepared by Lucie Copas

Present

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (NMC), Mr John Stebbings, Mr Len Langan, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Roderick Cuthbert, Mr Nigel Burch, Mr Gilbert Ness (TasRail)

Apologies

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM (NMC), Mr Des Jennings (NMC), Ms Gayle McLucas, Mr Bob Pitt

Confirmation of Minutes from last meeting with the following amendments:

TasRail is happy for the pillars to be installed by an external contractor.

Mr Nigel Burch/ Mr Len Langan

Carried unanimously

1. Ideas for celebration

General dicussion was held, the following ideas are being explored:

- Exhibition at the Longford Town Hall
- Series of articles and media
- School involvement
- Re- enactment and costumes
- Steam train to cross the bridge on date of anniversary
- Spotlight onto the bridge
- Involve railway enthusiasts + Evandale Light Railway Group
- Family activity weekend + Thomas the Tank Engine

2. Exhibition

General dicussion was held, Cr Adams confirmed that the Longford Town Hall had been booked for the exhibition to take place on 16th an 17th of May 2020.

3. Souvenirs/ merchandise

General dicussion was held, caps with the logo were also suggested as merchandise available for purchase.

4. Costumes

Cr Adams advised that Gayle was currently away and would catch up with her. .

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5. Pillars

General dicussion was held, no further progress has been made.

6. Volunteers

Committee resolved to begin seeking volunteers and interested people to assist with upcoming events and preparation.

7. Brochure

General dicussion was held, no further progress has been made.

8. Funding/ Grants/ Budget

General dicussion was held, no further progress has been made. Cr Adams to apply for Council's Grant and Event Funding when applications reopen in the New Year.

9. Current historic status of the bridge

Cr Adams advised that the current historic status of the bridge has been confirmed.

10. School involvement

General dicussion was held, no further progress has been made.

11. Notice of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 3:30pm at Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 4:46pm.