



LONGFORD RAILWAY SESQUICENTARY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Longford Railway Sesquicentary
Committee held 28 June 2023 at Council Chambers, Smith
St, Longford Commencing at 3.35pm

1. Attendance

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (Chair), Nigel Burch, John Stebbings, Rod Cuthbert, Rhys Prestige General Manager for Asset Management

In attendance

Lorraine Wyatt, Executive & Communications Officer (Minute taker)

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes of the last meeting 10 May 2023 to be confirmed.

Moved Nigel Burch, seconded John Stebbings

That the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 2023 be confirmed, subject to it being noted that Members held a minute silence in memory of Len Langan, who died last year. Len (originally from England) who commenced the historical research of the Longford Railway.

CARRIED

4. Business arising:

4.1 Model Railway Exhibition

Was held on 22 and 23 July 2023 and was well received with a gold coin donation being the entry fee. The costs of the hall hire and testing and tagging (paid by the committee) was \$518.18. Refer to the financial report for more information.

4.2 Rail Bridge Update - Columns Manufacture/Installation by Penguin Composites.

Rhys Prestige General Manager for Asset Management from TasRail, provided an update to the committee regarding the quote for manufacture/installation of the pillars.

An updated (verbal) quote for the manufacture of two (2) pillars only as per the attached drawing) was \$106,000. The construction of the foundation and installation of the pillars is estimated to be \$100,000 with the total costs being \$206,000. This does not include fencing or the construction of a viewing platform and interpretation panels.

The Committee has presently received \$50,000 from the State Government and \$50,000 has been pledged from TasRail, leaving the project short of \$106,00 to manufacture and install the columns.

Tas Rail is still in discussion with Penguin Composites regarding a timeframe however this project is time critical to ensure costs associated with it are maintained and do not increase beyond reach.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved John Stebbing, seconded Nigel Church

That the Longford Railway Sesquicentary Committee request the Council, in discussion with Tas Rail, provide funds to allow this project to be finalised.

CARRIED

Committee members also discussed the colour of the pillars and it was determined that they should be cream.

5. Financial report

There were no changes to the financial statement to report.

6. Close of meeting, decision on next meeting.

The Chairman everyone for their attendance and declared closed at 4.25pm.

Next meeting: To be determined.