

Present

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (NMC), Mr Len Langan, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Roderick Cuthbert, Mr Nigel Burch, Mr John Stebbings, Mr Gilbert Ness (TasRail), Ms Gayle McLucas, Mayor Mary Knowles OAM (NMC)

1. Apologies

Mr Des Jennings (NMC), Mr Bob Pitt

2. Business Arising

Confirm Ideas for celebration –

- Exhibition (Longford Town Hall) maybe 2021 now
- Series of articles in local newspapers (NM Courier/Examiner)
- Media releases
- Get the local schools involved (art & model competition)
- Re-enactment
- Steam train to cross the bridge on date of anniversary
- Light the bridge up
- Contact railway enthusiasts for exposure
- Contact Evandale Light Railway group
- Family weekend
- Childrens activities including Thomas the Tank Engine

Start progressing some of these

General discussion was held regarding the ideas for celebration.

General discussion was held regarding documents and permits required for Mobile Food Vendors to attend and trade on the day.

General discussion was held regarding calling for volunteers and the requirements of Council.

3. Resources

Special event funding - Northern Midlands Council

Funding of Pillars

1. Tasmanian Community Fund small to medium– resubmit for next year with an infrastructure focus
2. Federal Community Foundation – up to \$15,000
3. Toll Transport – need to find out guidelines and funding rounds
4. Community funding – Go Fund me etc.

5. Local Sponsorship - gold, silver, bronze – and then community iron (maybe a rail nail, spike or bolt? Check men's shed.)

Cr Adams advised that unfortunately the group was unsuccessful in receiving funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund. Cr Adams advised that Council had available some money under their Event Funding Program.

General discussion was held regarding fundraising options. Mr Burch suggested they investigate a GoFundMe page.

General discussion was held regarding new streams of funding that will become available as part of Federal and State Government COVID-19 recovery plans.

4. Promotion

Promotion – when to start – include banners and signs on list
Who is available to start designs and pamphlet
Any local company interesting in producing merchandise?

General discussion was held regarding ordering merchandise, calendars and hats. Ms McLucas advised that she had found some very reasonable hats for sale.

5. Report back on museum visits and information collection

General discussion was held regarding an upcoming visit to the museum.

6. School Involvement

General discussion was held regarding getting the local schools involved. Cr Adams advised that he would contact the principals of Perth and Longford primary schools.

7. Current Budget – review

As discussed above.

8. Notice of Next Meeting – need to assess timelines now

Next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 4:34pm.

Longford Railway Bridge Sesquicentenary
Minutes of meeting held on 22 July 2020