



## LONGFORD RAILWAY SESQUICENTARY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Longford Railway Sesquicentary  
Committee held 10 May 2023 Council Chambers, Smith St,  
Longford Commencing at 3.10 pm

*Members held a minute silence in memory of Len Langan, who died last year. Len (originally from England) commenced the historical research of the Longford Railway.*

**1. Attendance**

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (Chair), Nigel Burch, Gilbert Ness, Roy Tan, John Stebbings, Rod Cuthbert, Gayle Lucas.

**In attendance**

Lorraine Wyatt, Executive & Communications Officer (Minute taker)

**2. Apologies**

Nil

**3. Minutes** of the last meeting 3 March, 2022 to be confirmed.

***Moved Nigel Burch, seconded John Stebbings***

***That the minutes of the meeting held 3 March 2022 be confirmed.***

***CARRIED***

**4. Business arising:**

**4.1 Report from Gilbert Ness TasRail on bridge columns manufacture by Penguin composites. Gilbert's email to Chairman to circulate as a report.**

Little recent work had been carried out on the feasibility/design as a result of the designer leaving Penguin Composites although the original overall design work carried out by Penguin Composites is expected still to be valid for pricing purposes.

The Production Manager has several practical production and site erection methodologies in mind to simplify the project. It is proposed that the body of the columns will be bolted to a concrete plinth from inside the column. A clear methodology is required to mitigate and minimise working at height. It is proposed that threaded studs will be cast into the concrete base plinth and a fixing bracket design at the top of the columns is to be finalised for TasRail review.

The product and type of resin proposed for use is expected to have a life of 25+ years however an annual inspection of the columns will still be required which will also allow any identified touch-up painting can be carried out.

Penguin Composites recommend that a water based anti-graffiti paint called "Nonoman" is used. The Committee needs to agree on what colour the columns are to be painted.

It was agreed that the colour should be silver, however this would be determined by heritage guidelines. **Action:** Cr Dick Adams OAM will follow up and report back to the next meeting.

The columns will have "acoustic filler" applied to the inside to provide a thickened structure. Penguin Composites will provide lifting points on the columns to assist the installation and it is proposed that TasRail will provide a Hi-rail truck and hi-rail excavator to facilitate the installation of the columns on prior constructed concrete plinths at the ends of the bridge structure. The columns will be off set to the outer faces of the bridge to ensure that the TasRail load gauge clearance is maintained.

Penguin Composites have undertaken to provide a price for the manufacture, delivery to Longford and installation of 4 GRP replica columns by the 24th of April for the consideration . of the Longford Bridge Committee.

Gilbert advised that he is retiring next month so will no longer be TasRail, however, another representative will be available when required.

It was suggested that a viewing platform could be installed which could also become a community art project. This item will be listed on the next agenda for further discussion.

#### 4.2 Timeline

The project timeline will be dependent upon several factors including revised quote and contractor availability.

#### 4.3 Longford Railway Station Trolley

This has been repaired by John Stebbings

#### 4.4 The Longford Collection

Is coming back to Longford. The Longford Railway will become part of that collection in the future along with other pieces given to the committee for the 150th celebrations.

### 5. Model railway exhibition in the town hall, July 2023 (Avoid the last weekend in July)

Things to consider:

- Hall hire
- Catering
- Will NMC underwrite the public liability insurance?

### 6. Financial report

***Moved John Stebbings, seconded Gayle Lucas  
That the Financial report as attached be accepted.  
CARRIED***

### 7. Close of meeting, decision on next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and input and declared the meeting closed.

**Next meeting: 14 June 2023 in council Chambers commencing at 3.00pm.**

STATEMENT		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
Op Balance					
505035	Income - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group (GST Free)				
	10/01/2022 Donations	1787.34	48.6		
	11/08/2022 Donations (Misc)		75		
		<u>1787.34</u>	<u>123.6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1910.94</u> Income
505036	Income - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group (GST Applicable)				
	Contribution 1 x Calendar Anonymous		9.09		
	Contribution 1 x Calendar N/A		9.09		
	Contribution 1 x Calendar Paul Godier		9.09		
	Contribution 1 x Longford railway Calendar 2022 Andrew Howard		9.09		
	Contribution 1 x Calendar Cash Sale		9.09	18.18	
	Contribution 1 x 2022 Calendar NMC		1336.36		
	Contribution 1 x Calendar Levi		22.73		
	1 x Calendar P & D Poole			9.09	
	1 x Calendar John Izzard			9.09	
		<u>0</u>	<u>1404.54</u>	<u>36.36</u>	<u>1440.9</u> Income
	Sub total	<u>1787.34</u>	<u>1528.14</u>	<u>36.36</u>	<u>3351.84</u>
505037	Grant Income				
	27/01/2022 Grants State Government		50000		
	15/08/2022 Grant Liability increase 2021-22 Capital grants				
		<u>0</u>	<u>50000</u>	<u>0</u>	
505095	Expenditure - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group				
	23/02/2021 Contractor payments - Testing and tagging	-75			
	9/12/2022 Consumables/Materials - Print		-931.82		
	9/12/2022 Consumables/Materials 150gsm calendar pages & 250gsm Cover Pre-Press		-290		
		<u>-75</u>	<u>-1221.82</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1296.82</u> Expenditure
		<u>1712.34</u>	<u>306.32</u>	<u>36.36</u>	
				<u>2055.02</u>	Balance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	Summary
Income	1787.34	1528.14	36.36	3351.84
Expenditure	-75	-1221.82	0	-1296.82
Sub Bal	<u>1712.34</u>	<u>306.32</u>	<u>36.36</u>	<u>2055.02</u>

\$50,000 State Govt Grant to be allocated