

Minutes of Meeting to discuss Crane Restoration held 19th November 2017 at 2 p.m. on site

Present: Fred Lang, Adrian Menzel, Marie Heinrich, Audrey Ruediger, Mike Colbey, Rob McCarthy, Barbara Neindorf, Dean Ruediger, Peter Hoyer, Maureen Keller

Apologies: Sharon Tremaine, Dennis & Toni Brown

In absence of Sharon (President), Vice President Fred Lang chaired meeting.

Adrian (Co-ordinator) addressed the gathering, giving history of trying to restore crane back to 2004.

- Community Hotel Social Club indicated they would like to see crane fenced off and plaque with photo and info installed.
- Was decided at CM Inc to take it to public.
- Adrian introduced Mr Peter Hoyer from Gawler who had contacted Adrian from media article.

Mr Peter Hoyer (75) then addressed the meeting. He was a fitter and turner by trade from England and has been working with Steam Ranger as a Railway Parks engineer. He has always had an interest in cranes and would be willing to give guidance on how to restore it. Suggested to get tracks and wagon from steam ranger to add to display.

He believes it to be a "Scotch Derick crane", imported from England. (Bank SA building in Currie Street was erected with such a crane, but steam powered.)

In his opinion it is worth restoring.

- Adrian would like it to be static for safety.
- Bevan Schutz from Schutz Engineering has offered to help restore it at their workshop on farm.
- Will require a O.H & S. risk assessment.

Fred: Having heard this info, now opinions have changed.

This project could take another 2 years depending on seasonal work as Bevan involved with farm work.

Group Discussion

- Source funding from other areas – Council, Railways. Genesy Wyoming still have lease of the land – they may have a wagon.
- Suggested to inform younger community members about intending actions and ask for some commitment to help e.g. dismantling, painting.
- Make it a "Unique Historical Feature" of Robertstown for a tourist attraction.
- May be able to cut and patch timber and not replace all of length.
- Relatively easy to disassemble and move in parts to repair.
- Will only require a few workers at a time.

Motion: Moved by Dean Ruediger "Send out a flier through Robby Roundup seeking opinions and willingness to help with restoration, noting Mr Peter Hoyer as an advisor. Flier to include picture and info". Seconded Adrian Menzel. Carried unanimously.

Flier only go out in February (after harvest and holidays).

Thanks were extended to Mr Peter Hoyer for attending and his information.

Also thanks to Adrian for his work and info displayed today.

Meeting closed: 3:10pm