

MINUTES OF BPA SUB-COMMITTEE (BALINGUP RAIL GROUP) HELD
AT BALINGUP COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY
20 AUGUST 2020 AT 1.00PM.

PRESENT

M.Lee, G.Hodge, J.Young, C.Dawson, J.Sibma, D.Cooper, D.Walsh

APOLOGIES

P. Scallan, P. Strachan.

WELCOME

Chair welcomed M/s D. Walsh to the Committee whose experience as Community Relations Administration with Talison would assist BRG in informing community about its work.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 July 2020

The minutes, previously circulated, were received as a correct record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards:

Re: BRG-Vellacott conference	20,29 July 2020
I. Massey	5 Aug 2020
M.Smart(CEO, Busselton CC)	6,10 Aug 2020

Inwards:

I. Massey	5 Aug 2020
M. Smart	10 Aug 2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

1. BRG-Vellacott Conference 4 August 2020

Notes of the meeting, previously circulated, were received for discussion. Agreed that the conference had provided considerable advice to the Committee that would assist its further work in respect of the tourist rail proposal. Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Vellacott.

2. Busselton Chamber of Commerce

Chair informed the Committee that Michael Smart, CEO of Busselton Chamber of Commerce, wished to be informed on the work of BRG in respect of the tourist rail proposal. Agreed that Chair organise a meeting with Mr Smart and arrange for BRG representatives to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Shire Bridgetown-Greenbushes Representative on BRG

Chair advised still awaiting reply from the Shire.

2. Publicity

a) RAC – agreed that J. Young discuss progress of BRG work on tourist rail proposal with RAC Vice-President, Mr J. Driscoll, whose experience in tourism included Chair of Rottnest Island Authority, and report to next meeting.

b) ABC – Chair informed meeting that on 13 August 2020 he had been contacted by ABC South West and had provided a pre-recorded interview for radio on the work of BRG on the tourist rail proposal.

3. Tourism WA

Agreed that as a result of the advice received from the conference with Mr Vellacott it would be appropriate to request a meeting with Tourism WA to propound the case for examining the possibility of a tourist rail service on the Bunbury-Bridgetown line as a regional development in South West tourism, having regard to the prospect of superseded “Australind” rolling-stock becoming available for that purpose. A draft letter to Tourism WA tabled by the Chair was considered and endorsed by the meeting.

4. Tourist Railway Feasibility Study – Funds Grant

Agreed that BRG approach M.Exeter, Senior Regional Development Officer at SWDC, to request a meeting to discuss manner of application, and prospects, for a grant of funds to conduct a scoping or concept study preparatory to applying for funds to commission a feasibility study in respect of the tourist rail proposal.

MEETING CLOSED: At 1.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 24 September 2020 at 1.00pm.

