

MINUTES

OF

B.P.A. SUB-COMMITTEE (BALINGUP RAIL GROUP) MEETING at
Balingup Community Meeting Room on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 1.00pm.

PRESENT M. Lee;D. Louw;Clr.J. Massey;D. Zampatti;M. Copeland;G.Hodge

APOLOGIES : P. Scallan; J. Sibma; D. Gordon; Clr.J.Boyle

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 OCTOBER 2022

- previously circulated and received as a correct record.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

J. Sibma	19.10.22
D. Louw	26.10.22
Minister R. Saffioti MLA	28.10.22
D. Hay-Hendry	28.10.22

Outwards:

Admin: (SWDC)	26.10.22
D. Louw	26.10.22
D. Hay-Hendry	31.10.22
C. Dawson	17.11.2

BUSINESS

1. Business Arising From Previous Meeting

- a) BRG Submission to SWDC Requesting Grant for Commissioning Feasibility Study on Tourist/Passenger Rail Service:-

Chair reported that as Chair of the Committee he had been invited to attend a Breakfast Meeting with Members of State Cabinet at Bridgetown on 21 November 2022 and had taken the opportunity to press the BRG case for the grant with the then Minister for SWDC (M/s A. McTiernan) and with the subsequently appointed Minister for SWDC, (Mr.D. Punch). Mr Punch agreed to arrange a meeting with BRG.

- b) Publicity:-

Chair reported that delivery of further material to press outlets should await result of above application for a grant.

2. Further Business:-

- a) BRG Development of Policy for Funding Commuter/Tourist Passenger Service on SW rail line:-

G. Hodge reported that he had had the opportunity to discuss Government funding policies with former Minister and current Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (M/s M. Roberts) and tabled an outline (copy attached) of an approach consistent therewith that could be developed by BRG to strengthen the business case for the transfer of freight from the South West Highway to rail and for development of a commuter/tourist rail service on the line.

Resolved that a sub-committee be appointed by the Chair to consider and develop the proposal and discuss with entities such as Talison, Telstra and Chambers of Commerce.

- b) Proposed Internet Access to Documents Collected by BRG:-

D. Louw reported that he had transferred to Dropbox substantial material BRG had accumulated relating to the development of rail services that use zero carbon emission propulsion systems that could now be accessed by BRG members.

Agreed that Chair and D. Louw arrange for more BRG documents to be added to the Dropbox library and instructions be distributed to members on how to view that material.

3. Resignation of Clr.J.Massey:

Clr. Massey advised the Committee that she had resigned from the Donnybrook/Balingup Shire Council that day and was re-locating to Bunbury and would be unable to continue as a member of BRG.

Chair thanked M/s Massey for her contribution and regretted that her valuable addition to the Committee would be terminated.

MEETING CLOSED: 2.00pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 2 February 2023 at 1.00pm

State Government of Western Australia: Policy Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

Model Project Balingup Rail Group (Discussion and Strategy Paper December 2022)

Outcomes

- A green-energy powered, emissions-free world-class autonomous tourism rail service on the Bunbury-Bridgetown rail line integrated into existing Transwa services, the Busselton-Margaret River Airport and future international services into Busselton from Asia and the Indian Sub-continent
- A regular commuter service providing new corridor transport and communications technology opportunities with measurable safety, economic, environmental and social benefits
- A strengthening of the business case for the transfer of freight from road to rail along the South West Highway

Current State Government of Western Australia Policy on Public private Partnerships (Department of Treasury 2020 first released 2013)

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/public-private-partnership-specific-guidance>

Overview and Purpose

The purpose of this document is to supplement the National Public Private Partnerships Guideline – Volume 3 Commercial Principles for Social Infrastructure Guidance

Guidelines

The National Guidelines acknowledge that each project will have unique characteristics and risks. The aim of this document is to provide additional policy guidance to clarify the general allocation of risk preferred by the State of Western Australia when entering into Public Private Partnerships (PPP) projects.

The National Guidelines also recognise that circumstances alter cases and that there will accordingly always be situations where project by project departures will be appropriate. The component elements of PPP contracts also interact, so that variations to any given clause may generate a need to make different choices elsewhere in the final agreement.

As always with PPP contracting, the aim is to attain the best overall result for the public at the end of bidding and final negotiations without undue cost or delay to any party.

Implications for BRG Strategy – Walk the Talk

Incorporate PPP National PPP principles into the tourism/commuter services business case into the feasibility study (best overall result for the public without undue delay or costs to any party)

Seek private sector 50% contribution to tourism and commuter services feasibility study (ef Talison Lithium, Tesltra)