

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Coco's House, Banjup****31 August 2011 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Ian Thurston

Coco Franklin

Neil Raine

Ken Mellor

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Apologies

Tina Klimaitis

Jim Wilson

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 10 August 2011 were confirmed.	
2.	Membership	
2.1	Coco reported that following the August General Meeting, the BRG now has 245 members.	
3.	Review of Financial Position	
3.1	Coco reported that the BRG's current cash position is \$1296.	
3.2	Coco was authorised to open a bank account at Westpac when the Banjup Residents Group is incorporated. Any 2 of 3 signatories are to sign cheques. Those authorised by the Committee to sign are: the President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer.	Coco
4.	Council funding	
4.1	Ken reported that the BRG can obtain a subsidy for hall hire from the City of Cockburn by application every six months. Ken will remain the liaison point for claiming the subsidy.	Ken
5.	Incorporation	
5.1	Ken reported that advertising for incorporation would be completed by 2 September and that he would make the formal application to the Department of Commerce shortly thereafter, with the expectation that the BRG would be incorporated by the end of September.	Ken

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6.	Jandakot Fire Station	
6.1	At the BRG General Meeting on 28 August, the Mayor of Cockburn made a strong commitment that Cockburn Council would not close the Jandakot Fire Station. The Committee resolved to write to the Mayor thanking him for his commitment.	Ian
7.	DCP Risk Management monitoring	
7.1	Ian will request every 6 months from the DCP written assurances from independent assessors that the children placed in its Banjup home do not present a 'current' risk'.	Ian 30Sep11
7.2	We still await a response from the Minister for Child Protection about our concerns about the promise by the DCP CEO to engage with Banjup residents in the preparation of a risk management plan.	Comm- ittee
7.3	The DCP hosted a morning tea for neighbours of their house on Saturday 13 August. The house was well presented and the staff seemed dedicated to their charges. Only two of the four children resident were present; both seemed pleasant and well behaved. It seems that at least three of the original four children who were resident when the house opened in April have been moved on..	
8.	Reality of Jandakot Water Mound	
8.1	Joe Francis has asked the Planning Minister about the status of the review of the planning guidelines for the water mound. We await a response.	Ian
8.2	Members of the BRG at their General Meeting on 28 August resolved to request Cockburn Council to lobby the State government to bring forward its review of the planning guidelines for the Jandakot Water Mound. Ian will prepare a letter to Councillors to be delivered by Australia Post.	Ian
9.	Road safety	
9.1	Joe Francis has asked the Police Minister about access to statistics concerning the home suburb of motorists speeding in Banjup. We await a response.	Ian
9.2	We await plans from Main Roads to improve safety at the intersection of Liddelow and Armadale Roads.	Ian

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9.3	Ken will speak with Police at Wellington Street concerning future deployment of speed traps in Banjup. He will also speak with Fremantle Police about road patrols in Banjup. Ian will provide Ken with the appropriate contact information.	Ian Ken
10.	Rates	
10.1	Cockburn's Director of Finance, Stuart Downing, attended the BRG General Meeting on 28 August to 'defend his budget'. He apologised for the 'error' in the original rate notices but said that the corrected increase in Banjup's rates of 12.5%, rather than the rest of Cockburn's 5%, was 'just the way it is'. The Committee resolved to write to Cockburn Councillors asking why they approved the 35% increase in the first place and why Banjup's rates rise was still double that of the rest of Cockburn.	Ian
10.2	The Committee further resolved to attend the Cockburn Council meeting of 8 September to ask Councillors directly about the rates issues. As Ian will be away, Tina will coordinate committee members' questions and attendance.	Tina
11.	Use of BRG Funds	
11.1	The Committee resolved that it would be prudent to maintain a balance of about \$500 in the Group's bank account.	
11.2	With over double the prudent balance currently to hand, the Committee resolved to use the excess funds for a social event for members. A Banjup Christmas Bash was mooted and Committee members will consider how best to organise one. Banjup Hall has been booked for the afternoon of Sunday 11 December.	Comm- ittee
12.	Other Business	
12.1	None	
13.	Next Meetings	
13.1	The Committee will meet next on Wednesday, 26 October 2011 at 7:30 pm at the house of Tina Klimaitis, Banjup.	Tina
13.2	The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 February 2012 at 11:00 am at Banjup Hall, which has been booked.	