

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Coco's House, Banjup****26 October 2011 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Ian Thurston

Coco Franklin

Tina Klimaitis

Neil Raine

Jim Wilson

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Apologies

Ken Mellor

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 31 August 2011 were confirmed.	
2.	Membership	
2.1	Coco reported that following the August General Meeting, the BRG now has 245 members on 136 properties. One membership application has been received in October. Tina to forward to Coco.	Tina
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	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

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5.	Incorporation	
5.1	Ken reported through Ian that the Department of Commerce had rejected Ken's initial application for incorporation because of a technicality. He had resubmitted the application on 3 October but has yet to receive a reply.	Ken
6.	DCP Risk Management monitoring	
6.1	Ian and Neil CW reported that they had met with Terry Murphy, CEO of the DCP, on 4 October. Murphy retreated from his staff's commitment to provide certification every 6 months that the DCP was not placing children with dangerous behaviours in Banjup and from his own commitment to involve Banjup residents in the preparation and 3 monthly monitoring of a risk management plan. This was evidenced in a letter received from Murphy dated 24 October and presented to the meeting.	
6.2	However, Murphy had conceded to provide certification of the children's placement once only. Ian will circulate the letter from Murphy when it is received.	Ian
6.3	At the meeting on 4 October, Murphy committed that Paul Maher, his executive director, would present to the BRG by the end of October a draft risk management plan drawn from the pages of the DCP's practice manual. The Committee instructed the DCP sub-committee to await the plan's receipt before considering any further action, which could include seeking a meeting with the Minister.	Ian Tina Neil CW
7.	Reality of Jandakot Water Mound	
7.1	Letters have been received from the Planning Minister and from Cockburn Council but neither shed much light on the future of the Water Mound.	
7.2	At the suggestion of Joe Francis, Ian wrote a letter to Joe requesting that he seek further information from the minister about the future of the water mound. No reply has been received from Joe, despite expediting queries by Ian.	Ian

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8.	Road safety	
8.1	Ian reported that he had spoken with senior constable Brian Smith at Fremantle Traffic Branch concerning regular police patrols of Banjup roads. Brian said that he would schedule patrols as often as he could and that he would provide some informal statistics about road safety incidents in Banjup if the BRG were to request them of him every 3 months.	Ken
8.2	Brian Smith told Ian that hoons doing burn outs on Banjup's roads were difficult to prosecute without photographic evidence of the driver, the car, and his smoking tyres. Alternatively, two independent witnesses who were prepared to testify in court could also lead to a successful prosecution.	
8.3	Ian also reported that he had spoken with constable Mitch Blom at Wellington Street police about scheduling speed cameras on Banjup's roads. Mitch suggested writing to him to advise of the most effective placement of cameras in Banjup. Mitch offered to provide some informal statistics about speed monitoring in Banjup if the BRG were to request them of him every 3 months .	Ken
8.4	The Committee resolved to request speed cameras on the north side of the junction of Liddelow and Gibbs Roads and near the junction of Beenyup and Gaebler Roads. The Committee also resolved to ask Fremantle police patrols to breathalyse drivers on Liddelow Road, given that many beer cans are thrown out of vehicles by drivers on their way home.	Ian
8.5	We await plans from Main Roads to improve safety at the intersection of Liddelow and Armadale Roads.	Ian
9.	Rates	
9.1	Committee members attended the Cockburn Council meeting of 8 September to ask Councillors directly about the rates issues but unsatisfactory answers were provided only by the Director of Finance. The same unsatisfactory answers were given by way of written replies to the BRG's letter querying why Banjup's rates rise was still double that of the rest of Cockburn.	

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9.2	Ian, Neil R, and Neil CW all reported that they had lodged formal objections to their rate notices on the grounds that Council had resolved to charge 0.0018¢ in the dollar but the rate notice showed 0.0018 in the dollar – 100 times as much. Cockburn council had taken 4 weeks to acknowledge Ian and Neil R’s letters but had yet to acknowledge Neil CW’s letter. Council staff have indicated that it might be a further 2 weeks before a considered response is provided.	
9.3	Ian said that he had copied his rates objection correspondence to the Mayor and to the new councillors to alert them to the lack of even an acknowledgement after 4 weeks and to the tardiness of a decision about a decimal point. Ian was disappointed that he had received no calls from any elected member.	Ian
10.	Bush Fire Ready	
10.1	The Committee resolved to establish a Bush Fire Ready Group as a sub-committee. Initial members of the sub-committee will be Ian, Neil R, and Neil CW.	
10.2	The Committee resolved to call a General Meeting of the BRG to discuss the formation and work of the Bush Fire Ready Group. The meeting shall be at the Banjup Hall at 7:30, Tuesday 29 November.	
10.3	The Bush fire Ready sub-committee will prepare some briefing papers for members to be presented at the 29 November meeting.	Ian Neil, Neil
10.4	The Committee resolved to facilitate the installation of a siren at the Jandakot Fire Station that could be used by the VBFB to alert Banjup residents of an approaching bush fire.	
10.5	Committee members will attend a fire safety demonstration by the Jandakot VBFB at Jim Wilson’s property at 2:30pm, Saturday 29 October. Afterwards, the Committee will discuss with the VBFB how the Bush Fire Ready Group can be facilitated.	Comm- ittee
11.	Liaison with New Councillors	
11.1	The Committee resolved to approach the new councillors for their support only when a specific issue was causing concern. Currently, no issues are at this stage.	

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12.	Use of BRG Funds	
12.1	Ian reported that estimates for food and soft drink for BRG members at a Christmas Bash were around \$10 per head. The Committee resolved that this was not an appropriate use of excess funds and so resolved to cancel the Christmas Bash.	
12.2	The Committee resolved to spend money instead on a fire warning siren, which could cost \$3000. Fund raising might be needed to cover the full cost.	Comm- ittee
13.	Other Business	
13.1	None	
14.	Next Meetings	
14.1	No meeting has been arranged. However, a meeting will be required before the AGM.	
14.2	The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 February 2012 at 11:00 am at Banjup Hall, which has been booked.	