

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Neil R's House, Banjup****29 October 2012 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Neil Raine

Ian Thurston

Colin Bramwell

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Dino Elpitelli

Liane Lied-Cordruwisch

**Apologies**

Coco Franklin

Martin Rimmer

Jim Wilson

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of last meeting</b>	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 31 July 2012 were confirmed	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of general meeting</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the general meeting on 7 October 2012 were confirmed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Hoons</b>	
3.1	Ian reported that he had been assaulted by alleged hoons outside his property on Sunday 28 October 2012. The matter is now under police investigation.	
3.2	It was agreed that any public statements about hooning should be made by committee members other than Ian.	Comm- ittee
<b>4.</b>	<b>Fire Break Period</b>	
4.1	The Committee noted that it had made a deputation to the Cockburn council meeting of 13 September to ask that a decision on the Fire Break Period be deferred, pending consultation with residents.	
4.2	The Committee further noted that Ian, Coco, Dino, and Neil W had met with Cllrs Smith, Pratt, and Reeve-Fowkes and Cockburn staff members Avard and Woodcock on 4 October and had reached an understanding that the Period would extend from 30 November to 30 April but with no warnings of penalties for non-compliance.	

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4.3	The Committee expressed its disappointment that 3 working days later on 9 October, those same people voted at the Bush Fire Reference Group meeting to extend the Period to 1 November to 30 May. The Committee was further disappointed that councillors had not explained their reasons despite repeated email requests from Neil R and Ian.	
4.4	Ian reported that he had met with Mayor Howlett on 25 October to register the BRG's disappointment with both councillors and staff. The Mayor suggested meeting again with those same people. He asked Mr Avard to facilitate the meeting.	
4.5	Mr Avard confided that he is now proposing to withdraw the changes to the Local Laws in favour of replacing all of the Laws concerning fire breaks with council approved procedures. Apparently, this will make it easier for the City to change its fire control orders to suit changing circumstances without going through the whole and lengthy Gazetting process.	
4.6	Ian expressed concern to Mr Avard that the new procedures and any subsequent amendment of them should be open for public submissions before they are adopted by council. Mr Avard agreed this would be appropriate and he gave Ian to understand that he would advise councillors in November's agenda paper of this intention.	
4.7	The Committee agreed to await publication of the council's agenda papers on Friday 2 June. If the Fire Break Period proposals are as advised by Mr Avard, then the Committee would be content to monitor developments. However, if the proposals are meaningfully different, then the Committee will make a further deputation to council at its meeting of 8 November.	Comm- ittee
5.	<b>Cockburn Budget for 2013-14</b>	
5.1	The Committee resolved to request ward councillors to seek budget next year for these items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="411 1592 740 1624">• Surveillance cameras</li> <li data-bbox="411 1644 740 1675">• Rabbit and fox control</li> <li data-bbox="411 1695 724 1727">• Stage 2 of footpaths</li> </ul>	
5.2	Ian will prepare letters in support of these requests.	Ian
6.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
6.1	Mid December or when events so require.	