

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Ian's House, Banjup****3 June 2013 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Coco Franklin

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

Colin Bramwell

Jemma Van Dongen

Rita Zuks

**Apologies**

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Dino Elpitelli

<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 16 April 2013 were confirmed	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Submission on Banjup Quarry Structure Plan</b>	
	The draft submission and the minutes of the Stockland meeting were circulated to members. No comments were received.	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Fire Break Period</b>	
	All members have been emailed about the changes to the fire break period.	
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Bush Fire Prone Area</b>	
	Cockburn has now changed its Town Planning Scheme to reflect the new regulations. However, no clear explanation has been provided of what is a 'major extension'. Apparently, Cockburn will use the precedents set when the regulations for fixed fire alarms were introduced – whatever they are.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
3.1	Neil reported that the BRG has funds of \$4,252.68 but Neil W's and Ian's expenses of over \$800 are yet to be paid.	
3.2	Neil will seek a refund of the hall hire fees from the City of Cockburn.	Neil R

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4.	<b>Footpaths</b>	
4.1	On 30 May, Coco, Neil R, and Dino met with the Cockburn's Director of Engineering, Michael Littleton, to discuss the construction of the promised footpaths in Banjup. Apparently, because of drainage from the cambered roads, the footpaths cannot be constructed alongside the bitumen. Instead, they will have to be constructed a few metres to the side, which will cost more than originally perceived. It was apparent that Cockburn does not want to proceed with the footpaths and would prefer the money spent elsewhere.	
4.2	Apparently, the \$300k budget would cover the costs of footpaths only along Beenyup from Gaebler to Gibbs and then along Gibbs to Liddelow.	
4.3	The Committee resolved to put this matter to members at the forthcoming General Meeting.	
5.	<b>Fire Permits</b>	
5.1	The Committee expressed its disappointment with Cockburn's latest shenanigans with fire permits and its refusal to provide any information as to why permits were not issued in April and why during May fires could be set only in winds less than 10 kph.	
5.2	The Committee noted that Cockburn had written that " <i>Membership of the [Bushfire Reference Group] is widely representative of the District, including those who live in the rural area of Cockburn.</i> " Coco will write to the City asking that the BRG be represented on the Bushfire Reference Group.	Coco
6.	<b>Fire Break Period</b>	
6.1	The Committee resolved to submit an objection to the proposed fire control order based upon the letter sent Cockburn on 18 March.	Ian
7.	<b>Rates Increase</b>	
7.1	Ian reported that he had emailed all members on 18 May concerning Cockburn's proposed rates increase and the likely impacts it would have on average rates bills. No comments from members had been received.	

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7.2	The Committee resolved to submit an objection to the proposed rates and charges increase along the lines of: <i>“The BRG notes the intention of the City of Cockburn in 2013/14 to increase rates and charges on residential properties in Banjup by 4.9%. However, the number of rateable properties in the City is growing at 2.5%, with a commensurate increase in revenues. With inflation in Perth currently running at 2.5% ...”</i>	Ian
8.	<b>Aircraft Noise</b>	
8.1	In Dino’s absence, Ian reported that Jandakot Airport had been obdurate about its enforcement of its ‘fly neighbourly’ policy at the recent CACG meeting. The Committee resolved to press Cockburn council and the State and Commonwealth governments to get Jandakot Airport to be more accommodating.	Dino
9.	<b>Cockburn Corporate Business Plan</b>	
9.1	Cockburn’s Corporate Business Plan and comments upon it will be discussed at the Council meeting of 13 June. The agenda papers will not be published until 6 June when a response to the BRG’s submission will become known.	
10.	<b>Banjup Quarry and Other Development Issues</b>	
10.1	The Committee noted that most of the BRG’s comments on the Quarry Structure Plan had been brushed aside and that big developers were continuing to get the ear of Cockburn and State government planners, despite assurances given at public meetings by the ex-chairman of the WAPC.	
10.2	The Committee resolved to relate all these planning matters to members at the forthcoming general meeting.	
11.	<b>Road Safety</b>	
11.1	The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the upgraded junction at Liddelow and Armadale and resolved to thank Joe Francis MLA for facilitating the work.	
11.2	The Committee noted that hooning activity in Banjup has dropped considerably in recent weeks, although some members of the BRG do make occasional reports of reckless driving on Banjup roads.	

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11.3	Colin reported that the footpaths through the Emma Treeby Reserve alongside and east of the truck bay on Armadale Road opposite the brickworks site are filthy with excrement and rubbish. The Committee resolved to ask the City of Cockburn clean the area and to close the bay so as to prevent further misuse.	
12.	<b>Feral Animal Control</b>	
12.1	Feral animals were baited and trapped during May. The results of the exercise will be sought from Cockburn.	Ian
12.2	Coco will provide a map of the location of fox dens near her property.	Coco
13.	<b>General Meeting</b>	
13.1	The next general meeting of members will be held on Sunday 16 June at Banjup Hall. Committee members agreed to attend at 2:30 pm to assist in preparations.	Committee
13.2	The meeting agenda and presenters will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rates</li> <li>Footpaths</li> <li>Fire Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Break Period</li> <li>Fire Permits</li> <li>Bush Fire Prone Area</li> </ul> </li> <li>Aircraft Noise</li> <li>Water Mound and Rezoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banjup Quarry Structure Plan</li> <li>Department of Housing Application for Rezoning</li> </ul> </li> <li>Road Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junction of Liddelow and Armadale</li> <li>Hoons</li> </ul> </li> <li>Feral Animal Control</li> <li>Real Estate update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coco</li> <li>Ian</li> <li>Dino</li> <li>Neil R</li> <li>Jemma</li> </ul>
13.3	A PA system will be available at the meeting, hired if need be.	Ian

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13.4	The newsletter will be sent by email to all members in the week of 10 June.	Ian
14.	<b>Other Business</b>	
14.1	Rita reported that she had attended Cockburn's "Community Conversations" seminar on 22 May but had found it not particularly relevant to Banjup.	
14.2	The Committee resolved to upgrade the BRG web site to acquire more storage space. The cost will be US\$50 annually.	Ian
15.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
15.1	At Neil R's house on Monday 24 June 2013 at 7:30 pm	