

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Ian's House, Banjup****16 December 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 18 November 2013 were confirmed	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
2.1	Neil R reported that the BRG now has funds of \$2,710	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	
3.1	<p>Jemma reported that she had spoken with Louise Murray at the Department of Planning about development of the planning guidance for the Jandakot Water Mound. Apparently, at the end of September, the WA Planning Commission had considered the report by the Department of Water and had asked for further information. This was received by the Commission at their end of November meeting.</p> <p>The WAPC has now asked the Department of Water, the Water Corporation, the Department of Environment Regulation, and the Department of Health to amend their current assessment policies to be consistent with one another. When this is complete the criteria for development on the Water Mound will become clear.</p>	
3.2	Apparently, the agencies still consider the Jandakot Mound to be a valuable resource but their case for conserving it has several inconsistencies. It was noted that the maximum housing density those agencies prefer is one dwelling on a title of 2 hectares but with a separate granny flat on the property permissible, the effective density is one dwelling per hectare.	

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3.3	The DoP does not expect considered responses from those agencies for at least 4 months and probably somewhat longer. Jemma will monitor progress.	Jemma
3.4	The committee noted that the DoP's review of the Water Mound had begun in early 2012, nearly 2 years ago, and still there is no clarity as to the future planning guidance.	
3.5	The committee resolved to approach Perron Group, owners of the brickworks site, to see if they have a view as to how the Water Mound might be developed.	Ian
3.6	The committee also resolved to advise all members by email of the lack of progress.	Ian
4.	<b>Verge Clearing</b>	
4.1	The Committee expressed its frustration with the way in which the City of Cockburn has responded to Banjup residents' requests for clearance of verges to reduce fire hazards. Following the general meeting, we wrote to the City on 25 October formally requesting that the verges be cleared. It was not until 5 December, 7 weeks later, that we received a definitive reply from the Director of Engineering, Michael Littleton, to the effect that only the "pruning" recommended by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer would be undertaken.	
4.2	Noting members' unanimous call for the verges to be cleared, the Committee resolved to continue to press Cockburn but not to agree to any of the 'footpath' funds to be used for clearance purposes. Any monies for clearance should come from the City's maintenance budget, which seems to have been underfunded in Banjup for many years.	
4.3	The Committee noted that the first mowing of Banjup's verges had been unsatisfactory. The committee had pressed Cockburn for improvement and contractors were now re-mowing the verges.	
5.	<b>Footpaths</b>	
5.1	The Committee noted that there is little support among residents for a footpath along Gibbs Road that would become part of Cockburn's paths master plan.	
5.2	The Committee resolved to press for the footpaths budget of \$300,000 to be spent as originally envisaged, on footpaths along Beenyup Road that would improve pedestrians' safety. This position will be put again to members at the February AGM.	

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6.	<b>Goodbye Cockburn</b>	
6.1	The Committee noted that several residents had written to say that they did not support Cockburn's "hands off" campaign. Significantly fewer had written in support of Cockburn's campaign.	
6.2	The Committee resolved to continue to take no further action.	
7.	<b>Bush Fire Reference Group</b>	
7.1	The Committee noted that councillor representation on Cockburn's Bush Fire Reference Group had changed. Cllr Smith had not nominated to be a member and Cllr Portelli is now a member.	
7.2	Apparently, Banjup Residents will be invited to join the Reference Group. Colin Bramwell indicated his interest in being Banjup's representative.	
8.	<b>Airport Master Plan</b>	
8.1	Ian reported that he and Dino had attended a consultation session with the operators of Jandakot Airport who are preparing a revised Airport Master Plan that will serve for the next 5 years.	
8.2	Public comment on the draft Master Plan will be sought in March 2014, with approval hoped for by the end of 2014.	
8.3	Regulatory changes in the use of the cross runway implies an increase in its use from 15% of movements to 25% of movements. This will have a significant impact on Banjup south of Armadale Road.	
8.4	Air Services Australia is revising the noise contours anticipated around the airport until 2030. They are considering changes in flight paths over Banjup. The Committee resolved to approach ASA with a view to influencing its proposals before they are published and so almost firmly set.	Dino Ian
9.	<b>Banjup War Memorial</b>	
9.1	The Committee noted that 2 new trees will be planted at the memorial following its re-alignment by Main Roads. The Committee resolved to be led by the Cockburn RSL on this matter.	

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10.	<b>Newsletter</b>	
10.1	Jemma volunteered to coordinate the production and distribution of February's newsletter. Jemma will draw up a schedule for Committee members to prepare articles for inclusion in the newsletter.	Jemma
11.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
11.1	Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 7:30 pm at Rita's house	