

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Colin's House, Banjup****21 July 2014 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Jemma Van Dongen

Colin Bramwell

Neil Raine

Ian Thurston

Coco Franklin

Stephen Thornton

**Apologies**

Erika Antal

Brian Morton

Sebastian Scata

<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 Committee meeting of 12 May 2014 were confirmed.	
1.2	The minutes of the general meeting of 18 May 2014 were confirmed.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Resignation of Treasurer</b>	
2.1	Jemma reported that Caroline Rimmer had resigned from the position of Treasurer because of health problems. The Committee reluctantly accepted her resignation and wished her a speedy recovery.	
2.2	Neil Raine volunteered to take over the position of Treasurer and this was gladly accepted by the Committee.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>PA System</b>	
	Ian reported that a PA system for the BRG had been purchased at a cost of \$469. Ian will mark the 3 main components with the words "Property of the Banjup Residents Group (Inc)"	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Secondment of Erika Antal</b>	
	Jemma reported that the General Meeting of 18 May had endorsed Erika being seconded to membership of the Committee. Committee members welcomed Erika, although in her absence.	

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4.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
4.1	Neil reported that the Group has \$2404 in its bank account.	
5.	<b>Meeting with Councillor Steven Portelli</b>	
5.1	Councillor Portelli joined the Committee meeting at 8:00 pm and stayed for an hour.	
5.2	Cllr Portelli immediately apologised for posting inappropriate comments on the BRG web site. The Committee accepted his apology.	
5.3	The Committee and Cllr Portelli discussed at length Banjup's concerns that the City of Cockburn was not listening to residents. Steve said that the feedback he had received from councillors and officers was that Cockburn had done a good job, particularly following the February fire. The Committee maintained that residents had a different view of Cockburn's performance and repeatedly pointed to the list of 8 points that members had asked the City to assist with and for which nothing had been forthcoming.	
5.4	After the Committee had cited several examples of Cockburn not responding to the needs of residents, Cllr Portelli acknowledged that there was a problem that the City of Cockburn needed to address. He said that he would discuss the matter with other councillors and assure them that Banjup residents' concerns did have merit.	
5.5	Cllr Portelli and the Committee recognised the need to open a dialogue with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and other councillors to get the relationship between Banjup and the City on an improved footing. As a first step, it was agreed that Committee members would meet with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Afterwards, a meeting with the City's CEO might be arranged.	Jemma
5.6	Cllr Portelli offered to attend future meetings of the BRG Committee, as appropriate.	
6.	<b>Heavy Trucks Using Banjup Roads</b>	
6.1	The Committee noted that many 40 or 50 tonne heavy trucks and trailers carrying sand and other minerals were now using Banjup roads as 'rat runs' to avoid the intersection of Armadale Road and Kwinana Freeway. With loaded trucks heading north and empty trucks heading south, there were often trucks passing through Banjup every 2 minutes.	

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6.2	Councillor Portelli advised that such trucks were also using Atwell's roads. He said that council officers could not do anything to restrict the trucks' access to local roads. Steve said that the trucks were transporting materials to Banjup Quarry, Harrisdale, and Piara Waters developments and this could go on for years. The Committee expressed its disappointment.	
6.3	The Committee noted that residents of Gibbs Road near to the intersection with Liddelow Road complained of the noise that vehicles make at all hours as they pass over the rumble strips. The Committee proposed building on this concern to ask the City of Cockburn to construct a roundabout at the intersection instead. This would make the intersection safer (a fatality had occurred there last year) and serve to calm traffic on the road. It might also discourage heavy trucks from using Banjup's roads.	
6.4	The Committee resolved to write to Cockburn asking for such a roundabout.	Ian Jemma
7.	<b>Cockburn's Fire Order and Fire Permit</b>	
7.1	Ian reported that Cockburn council had adopted a revised fire order and fire permit that would be enclosed with the rate notices to be sent out soon.	
7.2	Despite the Committee's intense lobbying, the new fire order does include new provisions that some residents might find onerous. It was agreed that an explanatory email would be sent to members after the rate notices have been issued.	Colin
8.	<b>Cockburn's Bush Fire Action Plan Workshops</b>	
8.1	Ian reported that about 50 Banjup residents had attended Cockburn's Bush Fire Action Plan workshop on 21 June. They were asked to contribute to the preparation of a Risk Management Plan according to the methodology described in the Australian Standard for Risk Management (AS/NZS ISO31000:2009). The City of Cockburn presenters indicated that they wanted the new plan to be implemented in time for the coming fire season, that is by 1 December 2014.	Colin

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8.2	Although the agenda and format of the workshop was not what many residents had been expecting, they contributed their thoughts as to how fire risks might be managed in Banjup. They wrote their contributions on multiple sheets of butchers' paper. Those attending were assured that their thoughts would be compiled into a comprehensive list and a copy sent to each of them. Over a month has elapsed and nothing has been received,	
9.	<b>DFES Concept Paper For Legislative Changes</b>	
9.1	The Committee endorsed the proposed submission circulated by Ian prior to the meeting. Ian will make the submission to DFES.	Ian
10.	<b>Raise Funds For The Jandakot Fire Brigade</b>	
10.1	Jemma reported that a member, Judy, had proposed that Banjup residents make a formal presentation to the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in recognition of their efforts during the February bush fire. Judy would like to have the backing of the BRG in her initiative. She proposes that the BRG facilitate writing to all Banjup residents seeking donations of gifts of money or otherwise. Judy will act as the collection point for all non-money gifts. The collected gifts would be presented formally to the Brigade in a month or so. Judy also proposes approaching Coles and Woolworths to ask for donations.	
10.2	The Committee supported Judy's proposal but added that a commemorative plaque installed at the fire station might also be appropriate. Further, apart from money, it is not known what gifts the Brigade might find appropriate. Ian said that he would contact Mal Dobson, the Brigade Treasurer, to get some feedback.	Ian
11.	<b>Liaison with Wandu Progress Association</b>	
11.1	As Wandu and Banjup will be in the same local government area, the Committee considered it appropriate to meet with members of the Wandu Progress Association with a view to forming a common approach to matters that affect both communities.	
11.2	Ian reported that the BRG office bearers were invited to attend the next meeting of the Wandu Committee at the Wandu community centre on Wednesday 20 August at 7:30 pm.	Jemma Colin Neil Ian

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12.	<b>Footpath along Beenyup</b>	
12.1	The Committee noted that Cockburn had almost completed construction of the new footpath along Beenyup Road. Jemma reported that in all her discussions with Cockburn it had never been mentioned that it would be a dual use footpath (ie bicycles and pedestrians).	
12.2	Coco was concerned that road users might confuse the footpath with the carriageway and use the footpath for overtaking. The Committee resolved to await completion of the works before making comment to Cockburn.	
13.	<b>Other Business</b>	
13.1	Door-to-door callers offering tree lopping services have been encountered around Banjup. They are in a white utility and drive through every open gate in a street. They charge high prices and they are persistent. They are unlikely to take away any prunings for the price offered. They are of Maori appearance.	
13.2	A burglary occurred recently of a Banjup house at the western end of Gibbs Road. It seems that the burglars drove through an open gate and then gained entry around the back before making off with a television set and other easily disposable valuables.	
13.3	The Committee resolved to email members about each of these matters.	Ian
14.	<b>Next General Meeting</b>	
14.1	To avoid conflict with Fathers' Day this is now scheduled for Sunday 14 September.	
15.	<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	
15.1	Monday 1 September	