

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Neil's House, Banjup

27 July 2015 7:30 pm

Present:

Colin Bramwell

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

Heidi Todorovic

Apologies

Erika Antal

Jemma Van Dongen

Helen Pavitt

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the Committee meeting of 15 June 2015 were confirmed.	
2.	David Beckwith	
2.1	The Committee expressed its concern about the health of David Beckwith and wished him a speedy recovery.	
3.	Treasurer's Report	
3.1	Neil reported that the Group has \$2,127.22 in funds.	
4.	Jandakot Groundwater Policy	
4.1	Ian reported that had had spoken with the DoP project manager for the Jandakot Groundwater policy, Lisa Bell, who had advised that the BRG's submission on dividing Banjup properties into 1 ha blocks had been rejected by the WA Planning Commission..	
4.2	Committee members were disappointed with the outcome and noted that a substantial number of residents did want to split their properties in half.	
4.3	The Committee resolved to insert a sentence into the submission on Perth @ 3.5 million that indicates many residents' disappointment with the WAPC's decision.	

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5.	BRG Submission on Perth @ 3.5 million	
5.1	Ian reported that 3 community meetings had been held to discuss north Banjup and north Jandakot's response to the Perth @ 3.5 million land use plan. They were held on 21 June, 12 July, and 21 July. In all residents from 77 individual properties in discuss north Banjup and north Jandakot had attended. Almost all had been in favour of seeking rezoning for the area.	
5.2	Ian reported that he had received 18 comments on the draft submission and had sought to incorporate many of them into the final draft. He had also replied to the sender of each suggestion.	
5.3	The Committee expressed its general satisfaction with the latest draft of the submission but resolved to include remarks along these lines: <i>"A substantial number of Banjup landowners south of Armadale Road continue to support the option of reducing the minimum block size from 2 ha to 1 ha, as submitted to the WAPC in the review of the Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy. The landowners believe that there will be more long demand for rural properties close to Perth city than the WAPC anticipates and reducing the minimum lot size to 1 ha would be a way of satisfying that demand."</i>	
5.4	Ian will circulate to the Committee a final draft of the submission before its delivery to the WAPC on 31 July.	Ian 29 Jul
6.	New Locality	
6.1	The Committee noted that petitions were still being signed in support of the north eastern part of Banjup remaining within the Banjup locality and of naming the new urban locality "Treeby". The petitions will need to be presented to Cockburn council before it meets next on 13 August.	
6.2	Neil proposed that the BRG rationale for the "Treeby" name should include reference to the pioneers being "ordinary men". The Committee endorsed this.	
6.3	Committee members will give thought to making a deputation to Cockburn Council on 13 August in support of the petitions.	All 8 Aug

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7.	Scope and Membership of the Banjup Residents Group	
7.1	The Committee resolved that the BRG was concerned with rural residential landowners only and so membership should not be extended to urban landowners in the new urban locality.	
7.2	The Committee further resolved that membership should be extended to rural landowners in Jandakot, several of whom are already members of the BRG. The Committee was sensitive to the views of the Jandakot Residents & Ratepayers Association, which represents both urban and rural landowners in Jandakot, and resolved to make contact with the Association's organisers.	Ian 8 Aug
7.3	The Committee noted that the BRG might need to change its name and articles of association to reflect its extended but rural membership base.	
8.	Rates	
8.1	Ian reported that he had submitted an FOI application to the City of Cockburn in respect of all documents relating to the 2015/16 rate setting. The Cockburn CEO had committed to having all the documents released to the BRG by 31 July.	
8.2	The Committee expressed its regret that the City of Cockburn had to be forced into providing information because it had repeatedly ignored polite requests and had refused constructive dialogue.	
8.3	Neil and Ian will review the rates documents when they become available and try to understand the basis for the 3.5% average claim.	Neil Ian 8 Aug
8.4	Committee members will give thought to making a deputation to Cockburn Council on 13 August to discuss rates with councillors.	All 8 Aug
9.	State Electoral Boundary Changes	
9.1	The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the state electoral boundaries. The Committee was concerned that if the new seat of Kwinana would be a safe industrially focused seat, then concerns of rural landowners might not gain much traction with the MLA.	
9.2	The Committee recognised that the BRG was unlikely to change the Boundary Commissioners' minds on the matter.	

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10.	Planting Day	
10.1	Neil reported that Erika and he had planted 600 trees on his property.	
11.	National Garage Sale Day	
11.1	Heidi agreed to attend the Cockburn community group meeting to discover more about National Garage Sale Day planned for October.	
12.	Next Committee Meeting	
12.1	The next meeting will held on Monday 10 August at Helen's house.	