

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Erika's House, Banjup****24 August 2015 7:30 pm****Present:**

Colin Bramwell

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

David Beckwith

Erika Antal

**Apologies**

Heidi Todorovic

Jemma Van Dongen

Helen Pavitt

<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 10 August 2015 were confirmed.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>David Beckwith</b>	
2.1	David recounted the good fortune of his recent surgery and excellent recovery. The Committee congratulated David and wished him well.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
3.1	Neil reported that the Group has \$1,903.38 in funds.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>341 Beenyup Road</b>	
4.1	Ian reported that work had begun on building the sand pad for the 'Banjup Pavilion'. Neighbours are monitoring the site to check that excess sand is not dumped into the swamp at the rear of the property.	
4.2	David asked when the site would be revegetated. Ian will enquire of Cockburn.	Ian 1 Sep

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5.	<b>Richgro Odour</b>	
5.1	Ian reported that a member in Louisiana Glen Road had complained to Cockburn about an occasional odour from the Richgro fertilizer plant in Acourt Road. Apparently, the agency responsible for monitoring odour is the Department of Environmental Regulation. The Committee agreed to log this on the BRG web site.	Ian 1 Sep
6.	<b>Treeby Preferred Name for New Locality</b>	
6.1	At its 13 August meeting, Cockburn council resolve to recommend Treeby as the name for the new urban locality in north Banjup.	
6.2	Ian will discuss this with Joe Francis MLA with a view to lobbying the Planning Minister to support the name.	Ian 1 Sep
7.	<b>Banjup in Kwinana Electorate</b>	
7.1	Pundits assess that the Labour margin in the revised electorate of Kwinana is less than 4% - making the seat quite marginal. This could advantage the BRG when pressing the state government on relevant matters.	
8.	<b>National Garage Sale Day</b>	
8.1	The Committee asked Heidi, in her absence, to register Banjup with the organisers of the National Garage Sale Day.	Heidi 1 Sep
8.2	Ian will email all members with the details and ask for registrations of interest.	Ian 1 Sep
9.	<b>DCP Absconders</b>	
9.1	The Committee noted that another child had absconded from the DCP home in the last week. While a meeting with a DCP executive was possible, it would result only in the repetition of the same old mantras and nothing much would change.	
9.2	The Committee resolved not to seek a meeting unless an absconder trespassed on a resident's property.	

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10.	<b>Banjup Quarry Structure Plan</b>	
11.	The Committee considered the first draft of the submission for the Banjup Quarry Structure Plan and resolved:	
11.1	Cockburn should tie approval of the Plan to Stockland upgrading Armadale and Jandakot Roads BEFORE earthworks begin on the rezoned areas.	
11.2	Pedestrian access to the railway station should be by dedicated walkways.	
11.3	Additional bike racks should be provided by Stockland at the railway station to encourage Quarry residents out of their cars for the short trip to the station.	
12.	<b>Plans for Armadale Road</b>	
12.1	Erika, Heidi, and Ian will attend Cockburn's announcement on 27 August about the potential upgrading of Armadale Road and lobbying the Commonwealth government for the money.	
13.	<b>Rates</b>	
13.1	Neil recounted the deputation to Council on 13 August at which the Mayor stopped us after 5 minutes.	
13.2	Ian recounted his telephone conversations with the Mayor and his refusal to comment on the rates rises.	
13.3	Ian told of his telephone conversations with the Department of Local Government and their advice on how Cockburn Council could resolve the rates problems.	
13.4	Ian said that the BRG's position on rates was supported by several councillors who were working to get a prompt resolution to the problem. He understood that a briefing of councillors would be held on Thursday.	
13.5	Ian reported that his initial posting on Facebook about the rates problems had received 25 comments but since then the matter had not gained momentum. Perhaps Cockburn Chat was not the best channel to engage concerned ratepayers.	

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13.6	The Committee was content with the course of events to date.	
13.7	<p>The Committee resolved that the outcomes from Cockburn that should be sought were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better, more informed, and more transparent process for rate setting in the future</li> <li>• Billing this year of Additional Waste on a 'user pays' basis, as in previous years</li> <li>• Refund of the rates over-collection to all ratepayers</li> </ul> <p>Recognition of the BRG's position would be incidental to these outcomes.</p>	
13.8	<p>The Committee resolved that these steps should be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with the Minister of Local Government to lobby for clarity in resolving the rates problem</li> <li>• Seek the support of other community groups in lobbying Cockburn to resolve the rates problem, perhaps arranging a meeting first with Coogee.</li> </ul>	
14.	<b>Other Business</b>	
14.1	Erika was concerned about pedestrian safety on Harper Road. She will organise a survey to assess what action might be supported by residents.	15 Sep Erika
15.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
15.1	<p>The next Committee meeting will be held on 21 September. We need to consider the agenda for the general meeting of members on 11 October.</p> <p>Colin kindly offered to host the meeting.</p>	