

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Ian's House, Banjup****25 June 2016 7:30 pm****Present:**

David Beckwith

Coco Franklin

Colin Bramwell

Ian Thurston

Malcolm Wilcox

Dan Franklin

Dino Elpitelli

Liane Lied-Cordruwisch

Apologies

Helen Pavitt

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the Committee meeting of 31 May 2016 were confirmed.	
2.	Treasurer's Report	
2.1	Coco reported that the BRG has \$2057 in its bank account.	
3.	Rates Increases	
3.1	Coco, Dan, and Ian reported on the lobbying and presentations that they had made to councillors over the previous 4 weeks to press residents' concerns about ever increasing rates.	
3.2	The BRG had lodged a submission to Cockburn objecting to the proposed 3% rates increase, as advertised in the Objects & Reasons report.	
3.3	On 22 June, Coco, Dan, Ian, and Neil Raine had attended a meeting with Cockburn directors of Finance, Planning, and Engineering to hear why the City disagreed with the BRG submission. That meeting was also attended by Mayor Howlett and Councillors Portelli and Terblanche.	

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3.4	At the meeting, the BRG challenged several of Cockburn's assertions, in particular those concerning benchmarking the City's performance and efficiency. Cockburn maintained that they were among the best performing councils in WA but when the BRG produced statistics from nearby councils that showed that Cockburn was less efficient, the directors said that they were different from other councils and so the comparisons were not valid. BRG and councillors alike were surprised at this admission.	
3.5	Cockburn directors undertook to provide the BRG with copies of the terms of reference of a forthcoming benchmarking study and later of the results of that study.	
3.6	The mayor and councillors appreciated the work that the BRG had put into examining the rates matter.	
3.7	At their meeting on 23 June, Cockburn council voted down the Administration's 3% rates increase and voted instead for a 2.5% increase. The Committee was pleased at the smaller increase but recognised that more needs to be done to make cost savings a priority at Cockburn.	
4.	Lobbying for Changes in Airport Legislation	
4.1	Malcolm reported that he, David, and Dino had met with the Labor candidate for Fremantle, Josh Wilson, who seemed receptive to seeking a solution for noise nuisance at Jandakot Airport.	
4.2	Malcolm has arranged for Committee members to meet Liberal candidates on 28 June.	
4.3	Malcolm observed that AirServices Australia seemed to have no powers to limit noise nuisance, even though it is their objective to do so.	
5.	Liaison with Melville Residents & Ratepayers	
5.1	Ian reported that he had spoken by phone with representatives of the Melville Residents & Ratepayers Association who were planning to organise a petition calling for greater efficiency in local government. The petition would be put to the Legislative Council and ask for a parliamentary inquiry.	

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5.2	The Committee was supportive of the Melville initiative and to invite Melville representatives to the next committee meeting. In the meantime, Ian will meet with them to learn more about their plans.	Ian 27 Jun
5.3	However, the Committee resolved to seek members' support at the next general meeting before joining the petition initiative.	
6.	Treeby	
6.1	Ian reported that the anticipated meeting of the state Geographic Names Committee had been postponed because of illness and so a decision on the naming and the boundaries of Treeby had not yet been made.	
7.	Traffic on Liddelow Road	
7.1	Ian said he was concerned about the increasing volumes of through traffic and heavy trucks on Liddelow Road. Although Cockburn plans to install roundabouts at several junctions along the road to calm traffic, the timing of the works is unclear and so a reduction in traffic volumes might be some time away.	
7.2	Ian proposed an interim calming measure might be to make the junction of Liddelow and Armadale left in and left out only. Although it might be an inconvenience to some Banjup residents, it might discourage through traffic and heavy trucks delivering sand to Piara Waters and Harrisdale.	
7.3	Committee members had several concerns about the suggestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency services vehicles could take longer to reach Banjup• Traffic could use Beenyup and Tapper Roads instead, which could cause road safety problems around Atwell schools. Ian recognised that access for emergency services needs more thought but making roads safer in Atwell was for Cockburn to achieve but not at the expense of Banjup residents.	
7.4	The Committee resolved to put the matter to the next general meeting of members.	

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8.	Meeting with Joe Francis MLA	
8.1	<p>Committee members will meet with Joe Francis on 29 June. These matters will be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving local government value for money • Improved control of aircraft movements at Jandakot Airport • Zoning of north Banjup and Jandakot • Armadale Road / Cockburn Central traffic problems • Treeby renaming • DFES naming of fires near to Banjup • Management of the teenagers at the DCP home • Increased extraction of water from the Jandakot Water Mound 	
9.	General Meeting	
9.1	The Committee resolved to convene a general meeting of members on Sunday 31 July.	
9.2	The agenda will include the topics that will have been discussed with Joe Francis and with the City of Cockburn.	
9.3	Ian will email all members to ask them to 'save the date'.	Ian 29 Jun
10.	Other Business	
10.1	Increased Water Extractions from the Jandakot Mound	
	Liane and Dan volunteered to liaise with Erika Antal to analyse the water level data published by the Department of Water.	Liane Dan
	Liane will also attend the next meeting of the Jandakot Airport CACG to hear about the Airport's management of the water beneath them.	Liane
11.	Next Meeting	
11.1	The next Committee meeting will be held in mid July to consider the agenda and presentation materials for the general meeting	