

**Notes of Committee Meeting with Joe Francis MLA****Ian's House, Banjup****27 June 4:30 pm****Attendees:**

David Beckwith

Ian Thurston

Malcolm Wilcox

Dan Franklin

**Guest:**

Joe Francis MLA

Ref.	Minute	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Improving local government value for money</b>	
1.1	<p>Ian briefly described the problems that Banjup and Jandakot residents were experiencing with the administration staff at the City of Cockburn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic planning with no performance measures</li> <li>• Setting budgets and rates bottom up</li> <li>• No process improvement or cost reduction initiatives</li> <li>• Disparaging of concerned ratepayer</li> </ul>	
1.2	<p>Ian went on to describe the problems that the BRG perceived with local government councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of understanding / experience of basic business principles</li> <li>• Dependent on advice from administration staff</li> <li>• Inability / reluctance to seek or receive external advice</li> <li>• Legislative barriers to inquire into administration processes</li> <li>• Weak leadership</li> </ul>	
1.3	<p>Ian reported that the BRG is liaising with Melville Residents &amp; Ratepayers in seeking a parliamentary inquiry into local government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad scope, public hearings, submissions</li> <li>• Petition to Legislative Council</li> <li>• Advice from Phil Edman, Simon O'Brien</li> </ul>	

Joe was supportive of the initiative and advised that a petition to the Council was a better option than to the Legislative Assembly where it could languish. Joe thought that any petition might not be actioned until after the next State election.

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2.	<b>Improved control of aircraft movements at Jandakot Airport</b>	
2.1	<p>Malcolm described the noise nuisance problems residents near to Jandakot Airport encountered daily. They arose because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is no effective regulation of aircraft noise</li><li>• Aircraft fly where they like</li><li>• AirServices Australia can only direct aircraft if there is a safety concern</li><li>• No obligation to 'fly neighbourly' or keep to designated tracks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ e.g. exit over Gateway, track across Thomsons Lake, Alcoa tailing ponds</li></ul></li></ul>	
2.2	<p>Joe acknowledged that the Airport's "<i>we were here first</i>" argument was flawed. So was Cockburn Cement but they have had to comply with new legislation</p>	
2.3	<p>Malcolm drew parallels with Busselton Airport (which operates under WA legislation) where aircraft <u>must</u> fly on designated tracks and during specified hours that minimise noise nuisance.</p>	
2.4	<p>Malcolm explained that Banjup and Jandakot residents are seeking changes to the Commonwealth legislation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measure and certify the level of noise from all aircraft</li><li>• Establish acceptable limits for noise disturbance over residential properties</li><li>• Control operations by specifying flight paths, flight frequencies and times in order to minimise disturbance</li><li>• Require and authorise AirServices to monitor and ensure compliance</li></ul>	
2.5	<p>Malcolm advised that the BRG was meeting with Commonwealth election candidates to enlist their support for legislative changes.</p>	
2.6	<p>Joe recognised that the BRG could not achieve legislative change by itself and agreed to seek support from his state government colleagues in lobbying the new Commonwealth minister in July.</p>	Joe July

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3.	<b>Zoning of north Banjup and Jandakot</b>	
3.1	Ian advised Joe of the submission made by the BRG in July 2015 to the <i>Perth @3.5million</i> project in which residents pressed for the current rural zoned area sandwiched between the airport and Jandakot Road to be rezoned for urban use.	
3.2	Malcolm said that the dense housing of the Calleya estate and the intense commercial activity of Jandakot City would destroy the rural amenity of the stranded properties.	
3.3	Joe was concerned that the Department of Planning had taken so long to reach a decision and agreed to enquire of progress with his ministerial colleagues	Joe July
4.	<b>Armadale Road / Cockburn Central traffic problems</b>	
4.1	<p>The committee noted that state and commonwealth governments had allocated funds for the duplication of Armadale Road, which is pleasing, but the congestion problems around the freeway interchange and the railway station remain unresolved.</p> <p>Whatever the best solution might be, the committee pressed Joe to seek funding to resolve the problems soon. Joe could make no commitments but noted that traffic problems in Knock Place were for the City of Cockburn to resolve.</p>	
4.2	Ian reported that commuter and heavy truck traffic on Liddelow Road was an increasing concern for residents. The City of Cockburn had agreed to install 2 or 3 roundabouts along the road to calm traffic but this could take several years to complete. In the meantime, and only after consultation with residents, the BRG might approach Main Roads WA to seek a left in, left out only trial at the intersection of Armadale and Liddelow.	
4.3	Ian thanked Joe for his considerable efforts in getting the intersection widened and made safer in 2012 but this had, unfortunately, made it easier for out-of-area traffic to use Liddelow Road. <i>Be careful what you wish for.</i>	
4.4	Joe suggested making the left in, left out only trial time of day dependent.	

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5.	<b>Treeby Renaming</b>	
5.1	The Geographic Names Committee meeting was postponed because of illness of several members. A decision on the naming of Treeby and its boundaries has yet to be made.	
6.	<b>DFES naming of fires near to Banjup</b>	
6.1	Ian recounted the reluctance of DFES to acknowledge that the naming of fires caused confusion to residents who might soon be affected. In particular, the naming of fires that started in Forrestdale as being in Piara Waters confused Banjup residents in 2014 and 2016.	
6.2	Joe said that the names of fires were not changed during an emergency to avoid confusing firefighters, However, he recognised that property owners could be confused and agreed to seek a solution with DFES staff.	Joe Sept.
7.	<b>Management of the teenagers at the DCP home</b>	
7.1	Ian expressed frustration that teenagers at DCP homes seemed to take advantage of the humanitarian policies of the DCP. Joe queried what other methods were possible for the care of the problem teenagers. Indeed, the teenagers at the Banjup DCP home had proved to be much less of a problem to Banjup residents than some of those that lived with their parents on the area.	
8.	<b>Increased Water Extraction from the Jandakot Mound</b>	
8.1	Dan advised that the Department of Water had approved the Water Corporation extracting 1.5 Gigalitres more from its Banjup bores. Banjup residents were concerned about the impact on the water table and thus on the trees dependent upon it.	
8.2	Dan said that the BRG was monitoring the data published by the Department of Water and might wish to speak with Joe subsequently if problems became apparent.  Joe understood the issues as he, too, has a rural property in the area.	
9.	<b>Thanks</b>	
9.1	David thanked Joe for taking the time to listen to Banjup and Jandakot residents' concerns and for his understanding of the matters raised.	