

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Neil's House, Banjup****4 May 2017 7:30 pm****Present:**

Dan Franklin

Neil Raine

Ian Thurston

Dino Elpitelli

Erika Antal

Ron Fry

Helen Pavitt

Liane Lied-Cordruwisch

**Apologies**

Sharon Leitch

<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 6 April 2017 were confirmed.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
2.1	The BRG has \$2,350.34 at the bank.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Vodafone mast proposal</b>	
3.1	The Committee noted that the Vodafone mast proposal is contentious. Those nearby would oppose their loss of visual amenity, whereas those further away would welcome the improved service. A poll in Cockburn Chat indicated that 150 residents supported the mast whereas 30 residents were against the mast.	
3.2	The Committee noted that the President had already written to all members alerting them to Vodafone's application and urging them to make their own submissions.	
3.3	The Committee resolved to take no further action.	

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4.	<b>Budget briefing by City of Cockburn</b>	
4.1	<p>Dan recounted the 3 May briefing to all community groups given by the City of Cockburn on its formulation of the 2017/18 annual budget.</p> <p>Dan noted that those groups attending all seemed to want Cockburn to spend more money, while the BRG's was the only voice urging restraint. This gave Cockburn's CEO the justification for the City's "responding to the community's requests".</p> <p>Typifying Cockburn officers' attitude was the comment by the CEO that "if we don't spend the money in Banjup, then we shall spend it elsewhere".</p>	
5.	<b>Rates Increases</b>	
5.1	<p>Dan reported that the Valuer General had performed a 3 year revaluation of all of the properties in Cockburn. Overall, the VG had lifted valuation by 1.4%, based on August 2015 rental data. However, Banjup's valuations would rise by 4.9% and Jandakot's by 4.8%.</p> <p>The Committee understood that ratepayers could appeal the valuations but would need to provide reliable rental data from August 2015 to prove their cases.</p> <p>Given the difficulty in so doing and the possibility of precipitating an even greater increase should greater focus be applied to Banjup, the Committee resolved not to appeal the valuations.</p>	
5.2	<p>Dan then reported that, even though valuations had risen overall by 1.4%, the City of Cockburn planned to increase rates overall by 1.75%.</p> <p>Ian was concerned that the total increase was, therefore, 3.15% but an enquiry with Cockburn's Finance Manager on the day after the Committee meeting clarified that the 1.75% increase would be the actual increase for Cockburn overall.</p>	
5.3	<p>However, because of the mix of revaluations, some going down and others, including Banjup and Jandakot, going up, the rates bills for Banjup and Jandakot ratepayers for 2017/18 would rise by 5.25% and 5.15% respectively.</p>	
6.	<b>Future of Rural Jandakot</b>	
6.1	<p>Ian reported that enquiries with the new Jandakot MLA, Yaz Mubarakai, and with the Department of Planning, had resulted in no further clarification as to the future zoning of rural Jandakot, despite submissions on Perth @3.5 million having closed almost 2 years ago.</p>	

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7.	<b>Widening of Jandakot Road</b>	
7.1	Dino reported that 70 affected landowners had met with the City of Cockburn on 11 April to hear about plans for widening Jandakot Road. Landowners roundly criticised Cockburn for its handling of the matter. On hearing this, Cockburn officers became more conciliatory but substantive proposals addressing landowners' concerns have yet to be made by the City.	
7.2	Another meeting between landowners and Cockburn is proposed for July.	
8.	<b>Banjup Memorial car park</b>	
8.1	Ian reported that the BRG would be consulted by the City of Cockburn and Main Roads WA in their planning of a car park for the Banjup Memorial and the Cockburn Pistol Club. Ian and Dino were delegated by the Committee to attend meetings and report back.	Ian Dino
9.	<b>Projector for General Meetings</b>	
9.1	Ian reported that he had provided a data projector for all of the BRG's general meetings. However, during the March AGM there had been a power surge that had damaged the projector beyond economic repair. A suitable new projector from Officeworks would cost about \$700.	
9.2	Helen offered the BRG the use of her spare projector. Ian and Helen will test its suitability.	Ian Helen
10.	<b>Problems with Jandakot Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group</b>	
10.1	Dan, Dino, and Ian again stated the difficulties that they and Dino were having in representing the interests of residents to the Jandakot CACG.	
10.2	The Committee took the view that unless the CACG made progress in accommodating residents' concerns there was little point in continuing to attend its meetings.	

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Beautifying Banjup</b>	
11.1	The Committee resolved to start a “Beautify Banjup” initiative, whereby residents would be encouraged to assist in landscaping verges and road junctions, perhaps with plants and trees supplied by the City of Cockburn.	
11.2	Liane and Erika volunteered to prepare a plan for the initiative.	Liane Erika
<b>12.</b>	<b>Rubbish on Verges</b>	
12.1	The Committee resolved to write to all members encouraging them to contact the City of Cockburn about any rubbish that had been tipped on verges.	Ian
<b>13.</b>	<b>BRG Facebook page</b>	
13.1	Helen said that the BRG Facebook page is ready for launch to all members. An email to that effect needs to be drafted.	Helen
<b>14.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
14.1	None	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	
15.1	The Committee will meet next on 13 June. Ian kindly agreed to host.	