

Minutes of General Meeting**Banjup Hall****13 March 2016 at 3:00 pm****Committee:**

Present:	Colin Bramwell	Neil Raine
	Ian Thurston	David Beckwith
	Helen Pavitt	

Apologies:	Erika Antal	Heidi Todorovic
	Jemma Van Dongen	

Members:

Present:	About 50 members
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Guests:

Present:	Mayor Logan Howlett	Shane Harris, Jandakot Captain
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Apologies:	Joe Francis MLA	Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes
	Cllr Steve Portelli	Cllr Chamonix Terblanche

Ref. Minute**1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting****1.1. Motion:**

The BRG accepts the minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 October 2015, as published on the BRG web site as a true and accurate record

Vote: Passed unanimously

2. Financial Report

2.1. The Financial Report to 6 March 2015 showed a bank balance of \$1677.68

2.2. Motion:

The BRG accepts the Financial Position as reported

Vote: Passed unanimously

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3. **Review of 2015**
- 3.1. Colin Bramwell recounted some of the BRG's achievements in 2015, including:
- Shown the error in Cockburn's rates
 - New locality of Treeby named after Banjup pioneers
 - Liddelow and Gibbs now 'Local Distributors'
 - Compliance at 341 Beenyup Road
 - Reached out to Jandakot and North Banjup
4. **Elections**
- 4.1. Colin Bramwell thanked all members of the 2015 Committee for their efforts during the past year.
- 4.2. All positions were declared vacant and elections were held.
- 4.3. **President**
David Beckwith nominated. He was elected unopposed.
- 4.4. **Vice President**
Helen Pavitt nominated. She was elected unopposed.
- 4.5. **Secretary**
Ian Thurston nominated. He was elected unopposed.
Dino Elpitelli volunteered to assist Ian with some of the Secretary's duties.
- 4.6. **Treasurer**
Corinne Franklin nominated. She was elected unopposed.
- 4.7. **Committee**
These members were elected unopposed:
- Colin Bramwell
 - Dino Elpitelli
 - Dan Franklin
 - Liane Lied-Cordruwisch
 - Malcolm Wilcox

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| 5. | Changes in BRG Rules |
| 5.1. | <p>Ian Thurston described the proposed changes in the Articles of Association of the Banjup Residents Group (Inc). He said the rule changes would give effect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extending the membership of the BRG to rural property owners in Jandakot (ie everyone in Cockburn's 'Resource Zone')• Extending office bearers' (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) maximum tenure to 2 years (they would have to be elected each year though)• Requiring at least one year's membership of the BRG before becoming eligible to be elected as an office bearer (you cannot just pay \$10 at the door and stand for election!)• Reflecting the changed clauses in the Associations Act 2015 |
| 5.2. | <p>Ian explained that the Associations Act required changes in the Articles of Association to be made according to a defined procedure, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give 2 weeks' notice of proposed rule changes<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The changes were emailed to members on 9 February 2016• Put the Special Resolution to members at General Meeting• Pass with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority• Lodge changed rules with Consumer Protection• Receive approval from Commissioner for Consumer Protection |
| 5.3. | There were no questions from members present about the proposed changes. |
| 5.4. | <p>A Special Resolution was then put to members:</p> <p>Special Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– The Banjup Residents Group endorses the rule changes proposed today and recommends them to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection <p>Proposer: Colin Bramwell
Seconder: Neil Raine
Vote: Passed unanimously</p> |
| 6. | Jandakot Fire Brigade |
| 6.1. | Shane Harris, the Captain of the Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, gave a short talk on the activities of the Brigade over the current fire season. |

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| 6.2. | Shane mentioned that the Brigade: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had about 70 volunteer members• Had been called out about 100 times this season• Would shortly be taking delivery of a new 4WD tanker capable of carrying 3000 litres of water |
| 6.3. | Members warmly thanked Shane for the Brigade's efforts in protecting Banjup and Jandakot. |
| 6.4. | A raffle was held with all proceeds (some \$180) to the Jandakot Brigade. Shane drew the ticket that was bought by Colin Bramwell who won a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket. |
| 6.5. | After Shane's talk, Ian Thurston reported that the BRG had written to DFES asking that fires in Forrestdale should be referred to as such and not as occurring in Piara Waters. The replies from DFES were less than satisfactory and gave typical bureaucratic obfuscation and denial. |
| 6.6. | Mayor Logan Howlett said that Cockburn Council was taking up the matter and was seeking information from DFES. |
| 7. | Planning Matters - Treeby |
| 7.1. | Ian Thurston reported that the Geographic Names Committee had accepted Treeby as the name for the new urban locality between Armadale and Jandakot Roads but had proposed including the rural areas of NE Banjup in that locality too. |
| 7.2. | The BRG had written to the Minister of Lands urging the GNC to transfer NE Banjup to Jandakot instead. This had been supported by a letter from Joe Francis MLA. |
| 7.3. | Cockburn Council had resolved to recommend NE Banjup be transferred to Jandakot and is waiting for the GNC's response, which could be in April. |
| 8. | Planning Matters - Airport |
| 8.1. | Ian Thurston reported that the new State Planning Policy for the vicinity of Jandakot Airport would not affect existing properties and so the BRG had not made a submission to the Department of Planning. |
| 8.2. | Ian also reported that Jandakot Airport was planning to increase the length of the east west runway from 900 to 1500 metres so that it was the same as the north south runway. This was likely to be approved. |

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| 8.3. | <p>Members discussed the continual noise nuisance from aircraft straying away from designated tracks. Despite many years of discussion with the Airport nothing had improved, with the airport operators always relying on the existing Commonwealth legislation to defend their practices.</p> <p>Members concluded that noise nuisance would only be abated if Commonwealth legislation were changed. Members recognised that the BRG alone would not be able to effect change and so called upon the City of Cockburn and the WA State Government to lobby for change on residents' behalf.</p> |
| 8.4. | <p>Motion:</p> <p>The BRG requests the City of Cockburn and the WA State Government to carry through a campaign for the Commonwealth to change legislation so as to constrain aircraft to defined tracks that limit noise nuisance for at least 10 km around Australian airports</p> <p>Vote: Passed unanimously</p> |
| 9. | <p>Increased Water Withdrawals</p> |
| 9.1. | <p>On behalf of Erika Antal, Ian Thurston reported on the decision by the Department of Water to permit the Water Corporation to withdraw an additional 1.5 Gigalitres from the surface aquifer below Banjup and Jandakot. The DoW is confident that the aquifer can supply the extra withdrawal without detriment to Banjup and Jandakot.</p> |
| 9.2. | <p>Erika has volunteered to monitor the ground water levels at various measuring points on the Water Mound using data published on-line by the DoW.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Heavy Trucks on Banjup's Roads</p> |
| 10.1. | <p>David Beckwith reported that the City of Cockburn was considering installing roundabouts and slow points at several points on Liddelow Road to discourage its use by heavy trucks.</p> |
| 10.2. | <p>David said that traffic in the area could only increase as more urban areas were built, so complacency must be avoided. He called on the City of Cockburn to complete the proposed works this calendar year.</p> |
| 10.3. | <p>Motion:</p> <p>The BRG requests the City of Cockburn to accelerate its traffic calming program for Liddelow Road to complete the works by December 2016</p> <p>Vote: Passed unanimously</p> |

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11. **Cockburn's Strategic Community Plan**
- 11.1. David Beckwith reported on the strategic planning workshop that he had attended in February. He said that he was disappointed:
- That no elected members or Cockburn directors had been present, even for a short time, to give some authority and credibility to the workshop.
 - With the facilitators' approach as they seemed to twist participants' words to suit some pre-defined plan.
 - None of the strategies from the workshop was measurable, with most being feel good and fuzzy
- 11.2. David compared the output of the workshop with the quantifiable strategies put by the BRG on the Cockburn consultation web site. Sadly, all of the BRG's proposals, as endorsed by 20 or more Banjup residents, were ignored by Cockburn.
- 11.3. David called on the City of Cockburn to adopt strategies that had their feet on the ground, rather than woolly statements for which no-one would be accountable.
- 11.4. **Motion:**
The BRG requests the City of Cockburn to develop a strategic plan that is affordable, attainable, measurable, and valuable to the wider community
- Vote: Passed unanimously
12. **Replanting Banjup**
- 12.1. On behalf of Erika Antal, Ian Thurston reported that the BRG web site had recently been enhanced with pages of photos of native plants and of weeds common in Banjup and Jandakot. The pages are at: <http://banjup.webs.com/apps/photos/>
- 12.2. Ian said that Erika was having good success with the replanting of several fire affected Banjup properties and that she was keen to expand her activities this year. Interested residents can contact Erika on 0412 949 060 or at erikaantal11@gmail.com
13. **Local Policing**
- 13.1. Murdoch police officers joined the meeting to describe how they policed Banjup and neighbouring areas. Officer-in-charge Sergeant Glenn Swannell introduced Sergeant Rob Martin and Senior Constable Bev Pearse who lead Local Policing Team 1 that is responsible for the Banjup area. Their contact details are on the BRG web site at <http://banjup.webs.com/communitysafety.htm>

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- 13.2. Sergeant Swannell reported that crime rates in Banjup had fallen recently, despite a significant increase in crime across the metropolitan area.
- 13.3. Members identified several hooning hot spots and the police officers undertook to increase surveillance of those areas.
14. **Throwing Stones at Cars**
- 14.1. Ian Thurston reported on an incident in November 2015 when teenagers from the DCP home threw rocks at vehicles passing on Liddelow Road. Ian said that the police had attended and cautioned 2 of the teenagers involved.
- 14.2. The DCP had written to the BRG saying that the incident had been resolved to everyone's satisfaction, despite never having spoken to the driver of the car whose vehicle was stoned.
- 14.3. Members noted that throwing stones at cars is endemic to many areas across Australia, including many parts of Cockburn, as Mayor Howlett acknowledged. Banjup might be fortunate to have had just this single occurrence.
- 14.4. Members discussed the stone throwing at some length and concluded that as this was a single incident some months ago, then there was little to be gained by pursuing the matter.
15. **Other Business**
- 15.1. **Roads Upgrade**
- 15.1.1. Mayor Howlett said that upgrading Armadale Road was planned and budgeted by Commonwealth and State governments but that no funds had been budgeted yet for the North Lake Road flyover. This might be resolved closer to the forthcoming elections.
- 15.1.2. Mayor Howlett said that negotiations on funding of a road link into Jandakot Airport from Glen Iris roundabout were being finalised.
16. **Next Meeting**
- 16.1. Provisionally, Sunday 12 June 2016 at Banjup Hall but watch the web site!
- Note** The presentation materials used during the meeting are available for downloading on the Banjup Residents Group's web site at:
<http://banjup.webs.com/meetingsminutes.htm>