

**Minutes of General Meeting****Banjup Hall****15 May 2011****Meeting Started at 11:05AM****1. Present:**

- Office Bearers: Ian Thurston (President), Coco Franklin (Treasurer)
- Committee: Neil Cunliffe-Williams, Ken Mellor, Neil Raine, Jim Wilson
- Logan Howlett, Mayor of City of Cockburn
- Councillor Helen Attrill, City of Cockburn
- Steve Dobson, Fire Captain Jandakot Bush Fire Brigade
- Mike Waters, FESA Director
- 120 Residents of Banjup

**2. Apologies:**

- Office Bearers: Tina Klimaitis (Vice President)
- Members: Ian & Maxine Holdaway, Brian & Valerie Morton, Cheryle and Pat Taaffe, Elizabeth Walton
- Others: Joe Francis, Ann Elliott, Coral & Stephen Reynolds

**3. No Apology**

- Councillor Lee-Anne Smith, City of Cockburn

**4. Confirmation of previous minutes**

- Minutes posted on BRG web site
  - No comments received
- **Motion:**  
**The BRG accept the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 6 February 2011 as a true and accurate record**
  - Proposer: Ian Thurston
  - Seconder: Ken Mellor
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

**5. Review of Financial Position**

Financial report presented by Coco Franklin (Treasurer), see presentation for details

- **Motion:**  
**The BRG accept the Financial Position as reported**
  - Proposer: Ian Thurston
  - Seconder: Marge Mellor
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

**6. Membership Applications and Resignations**

- We welcome new members of BRG
  - Complete application form
  - Submit form and fees to Neil at meeting end

- Pay \$10 per household
- Resignations from Committee
  - Kim Rudiger
  - Wendy Jenkin
  - Kay Zaretsky

## 7. Progress on Banjup Residents Group initiatives

### 7.1. Website and e-mail

- Ian Thurston gave a presentation on the website, see presentation for details
- Approximately two-thirds of meeting attendees have visited the website
- No comments on possible improvement to the site

### 7.2. Funding

- Ken Mellor gave a presentation on the funding of the group - see presentation for details.

### 7.3. Incorporation

- Ken Mellor gave a presentation on incorporation of the group - see presentation for details.

### 7.4. Fire Station

- Ian Thurston said that for too long Cockburn Council had not consulted with the people of Banjup about matters that directly affect them. He encouraged residents to speak with a strong voice through the BRG so that decision makers hear our views. For this he was warmly applauded.
- Ian gave a summary of the situation concerning the possible relocation of the Jandakot Bush Fire Brigade water tanker.
- Steve Dobson related Cockburn Council's support of the Jandakot Bush Fire Brigade and Council's 2006 resolution for the Brigade to remain at Banjup, which was reaffirmed in May 2011.
- FESA advised on 13 May 2011 that the water tanker will not be relocated from Banjup. A review of the City of Cockburn fire services involving council, FESA and community representatives. Details to be advised.
- Mike Waters (FESA) gave a presentation to the meeting - see presentation for details.
- Mayor Howlett was supportive of including community representatives on the review of the City of Cockburn fire services.
- How should BRG support Jandakot VBFB?
- **Motion:**  
**The BRG continue to lobby actively both FESA and the City of Cockburn to retain the Jandakot Fire Station and its equipment at its current location for as long as Banjup retains its rural character**
  - Proposer: Neil Raine
  - Seconder: Ken Mellor

- Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

### 7.5. Fire Permits

- Ian Thurston gave a presentation on the committee's discussions with the City of Cockburn councillors and staff regarding the issuing of fire permits. See presentation for details.

### 7.6. Key issues include:

- The legal basis for requiring permits and limiting the number of permits in the June to September period is unclear.
- Questions posed to the Mayor included:
  - Why Cockburn is so different? (none of surrounding councils require permits in June to Sept or limit number of permits)
  - *Mayor Howlett's response – Waiting for council staff to report on the legal basis of permits and to understand why.*
  - Why were those most affected not consulted?
  - *Mayor Howlett's response – process will be changed and be more visible through the council website.*
  - Why do staff make policy decisions?
  - *Mayor Howlett's response – Don't make policy but staff may believe they have the power to make detailed rules.*
  - Will Cockburn adopt policies similar to other local authorities?
  - *Mayor Howlett's response – consulting with FESA, hopes to be able to reply in a week or two, will be a feature in August edition of Cockburn Soundings. Aiming to get onto the agenda of the June council meeting.*
  - How should BRG respond to the Mayor's statements?
- **Motion:**
  - **The BRG perseveres with its campaign to remove the limits on fire permits**
    - Proposer: Ian Thurston
    - Secunder: Marge Mellor
    - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

### 7.7. Jandakot Water Mound

- Di Murfit gave a presentation on the Jandakot Water Mound - see presentation for details.
- Main issue of concern to members was the lack of clarity around the future development of land in Banjup. The State Planning Commission acknowledges that they need to provide some guidance by way of a review of state water resources. However there is no budget or timetable to complete such a review.

- What shall we resolve to do?
- **Motion:**  
**The BRG is to lobby for the review of development on the Jandakot groundwater water resource and impacts on Banjup development to be done as quickly as possible.**
  - Proposer: Ken Mellor
  - Secunder: Marge Mellor
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

#### 7.8. DCP Home and Risk Management Monitoring

- Ian Thurston gave a presentation on DCP Home - see presentation for details.
- No issues have come to the attention of the committee. Some comments that police have been in attendance at the residence.
- Is Banjup content with DCP?
- **Motion:**  
**The BRG recognises that the DCP is now working with residents to minimise risks to security and safety. The BRG welcomes the DCP's commitment to AS 4360 and the independent assessment of the children's home. Members instruct the Committee to monitor closely the DCP's adherence to its risk management plan.**
  - Proposer: Frank Corica
  - Secunder: Ken Mellor
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

#### 7.9. Road Safety

- Coco Franklin gave a presentation on Road Safety issues - see presentation for details.
- What shall we resolve about Road Safety?
- **Motion:**  
**BRG shall lobby government to allocate budget within 2 years to duplicate Armadale Road to make it safer for all road users**
  - Proposer: Ken Mellor
  - Secunder: Don Rijavec
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands
- **Motion:**  
**BRG shall lobby government to allocate budget within 3 months to improve lane markings at the junction of Liddelow and Armadale**
  - Proposer: Ian Thurston
  - Secunder: Coco Franklin
  - Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands
- Mayor Howlett indicated that the council will also look at these safety issues.

**7.10. Banjup Memorial Park**

- Ken Mellor gave a presentation on the Banjup Memorial Park - see presentation for details.

**8. Other Business**

- Ways need to be found to prevent cars cutting the corner at the Gibbs Rd/Beenyup Rd intersection. Issue to be raised with council
- Some concern expressed about the extra runway at Jandakot Airport changing the flight paths of aircraft. Comments from the meeting were that there would be little change however the situation needs to be monitored.
- A number of members commented on air traffic landing at Perth Airport is now flying over Banjup. This is believed to be temporary while runway upgrades are being done – expected to be completed in 3-4 months.
- Jandakot Road – City of Cockburn is studying traffic flows in this region.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm by Ian Thurston.

The next general meeting will be at 11am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at the Banjup Hall.