

Minutes of General Meeting**Banjup Hall****14 September 2014 at 3:00 pm****Committee:**

Present:	Jemma Van Dongen	Colin Bramwell
	Ian Thurston	Neil Raine
	Brian Morton	Coco Franklin

Apologies:	Erika Antal	Sebastian Scata
	Stephen Thornton	

Members:

Present:	About 70 members
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Guests:

Present:	Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes	Cllr Yaz Mubarakai
	Daniel Arndt, Cockburn	Chloe Lawrence, Cockburn
	Anne McMullan, DCP	Olive Spain, DCP
Apologies:	Joe Francis MLA	Mayor Logan Howlett
	Cllr Steve Portelli	Cllr Lee-Anne Smith

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

The BRG accepts the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 May 2014, 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 14 September 2014 showed a bank balance of \$2402.22

2.2. Motion:

The BRG accepts the Financial Position as reported

- Vote: Passed unanimously

Ref. Minute**3. Meeting Signs**

3.1. Jemma Van Dongen reported that for the third time a dozen of the signs around Banjup advertising the general meeting had been stolen within a day of their being erected.

Members agreed not to replace the signs again and to rely on email and letter drop.

4. DCP House

4.1. Jemma Van Dongen reported that boys resident at the Banjup DCP home had absconded several times and had once stolen a car from a house in Gibbs Road. The DCP had liaised with the BRG Committee and had agreed a clear protocol for ensuring the community is aware of future incidents.

4.2. Anne McMullan - Director Residential Care, Metropolitan – answered questions about the house and the incident and assured residents that the DCP Banjup house had a very good record of helping young people in their care. No-one with known violent tendencies was ever placed at the Banjup house.

5. Banjup Development

5.1. Neil Raine explained the Department of Planning's new draft Jandakot Water Mound Policy and Daniel Arndt, Director of Planning at the City of Cockburn explained some of the background to the new policy.

5.2. Members expressed their disappointment that the new policy gave nothing to small landowners but seemed to favour large landowners, particularly the speculative buyers of the old sand quarry and brickworks sites on the north of Armadale Road.

5.3. Few, if any, members felt strongly enough about the development provisions of the draft policy to submit an objection to DoP.

5.4. Motion:

BRG to express disappointment with the draft Policy and press for 1 hectare minimum lot size

The Committee is to make submission accordingly

- Vote: Carried with a large majority

Ref. Minute**6. Liaison with Wandi Progress Association**

6.1. Neil Raine reported that the BRG Committee had met informally with committee members of the Wandi Progress Association and had seen opportunities to work on common issues together.

6.2. Motion:

BRG instructs the Committee to liaise with community groups in the rural areas of the new local government to develop common positions to common issues

- Vote: Passed unanimously

7. Relations with City of Cockburn

7.1. Jemma Van Dongen reported that, following a meeting with the Mayor and councillors, the BRG's relationship with the City of Cockburn had improved considerably. Both parties respected each other's position and agreed to work together constructively.

8. Heavy Trucks on Banjup's Roads

8.1. Ian Thurston led a discussion on the dramatic increase on the number of heavy sand trucks using Liddelow and Beenyup Roads. Cockburn council monitors showed that 500 heavy trucks a day were using Liddelow Road.

8.2. Trucks are taking sand from a quarry in Hope Valley to residential developments in Southern River and Harrisdale.

8.3. Members expressed their grave concerns about road safety as many of the trucks seemed to be speeding and driving aggressively. An accident on 12 September on Anketell Road between a utility and two sand trucks highlighted the risks to Banjup residents.

8.4. Members were concerned that Liddelow Road was classified by Cockburn council as a 'Regional Distributor' road and so liable for heavy truck use. This classification occurred before the Kwinana Freeway was extended and so is now out of date. Reclassifying Liddelow Road as a 'District Distributor' road would allow truck traffic to be discouraged.

8.5. Reclassification of Liddelow Road could take some time, so for the short term members discussed traffic calming measures that might discourage heavy truck usage of Banjup roads.

Ref. Minute**8.5.1. Motion:**

BRG requests the City of Cockburn to:

- Install traffic calming measures to discourage heavy trucks from transiting through our community at the junctions of
 - Liddelow and Gibbs
 - Liddelow and Coffey
- Reclassify Liddelow Road as a 'District Distributor' road

- Vote: Passed unanimously

9. New Fire Control Order

9.1. Ian Thurston described the provisions of Cockburn's new Fire Control Order.

9.2. The Order now allows green weeds on the fence line fire break, provided they do not cause an obstruction to fire fighting vehicles.

9.3. The Order also requires a 5 metre clearance around all houses, sheds, out-buildings, and haystacks.

9.4. Ian reported that on 21 May 2014 he and Colin Bramwell had met with Cockburn councillors and officers and had been assured that Rangers would have discretion to reduce to 2 the number of people to be in attendance at an average bonfire.

9.5. Many members expressed their concerns that, even over the wet winter months, no fire permits had been issued requiring only 2 people to be in attendance.

9.6. Motion:

BRG requests the City of Cockburn to:

- Honour its 21 May agreement and require only 2 people at an average bonfire
- Act constructively with residents to facilitate fuel reduction on Banjup properties

- Vote: Passed unanimously

- Ref. Minute**
10. **Bush Fire Hazard Assessment Map**
- 10.1. Ian Thurston noted that all Banjup residents had received by post a letter from the City of Cockburn advising of a proposed amendment to the Town Planning Scheme.
- 10.2. The letter was one of the City's last steps in formally adopting the Bush Fire Prone Areas provisions of WA state legislation that had been discussed by members at previous general meetings. As members had been content with the matter previously, there is no need to respond to the City of Cockburn's letter. Daniel Arndt, Cockburn's Director of Planning concurred.
11. **Bush Fire Risk Management Plan**
- 11.1. Ian Thurston reported that Cockburn was currently preparing a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan. Several members had attended a meeting in June convened by Cockburn to discuss the risk management measures that might be adopted.
- 11.2. A draft of Cockburn's Bush Fire Risk Management Plan will likely be released for public comment in October. Because the next BRG meeting will not occur until February, after the consultation period has closed, members were asked what risk management measures they would like the Committee to propose to Cockburn in the BRG submission.
- 11.3. Several risk management measures were discussed and agreed, including roadside verge clearance. All of them were supported by members.
- 11.4. **Motion:**
BRG members instruct the Committee to make representation to the City of Cockburn to reduce bush fire risks by the means agreed at this meeting
- Vote: Passed unanimously
12. **Next Meeting - AGM**
- 12.1. Provisionally, Sunday 15 February 2015 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>