

Minutes of General Meeting**Banjup Hall****31 July 2016 at 3:00 pm****Committee:**

Present:	David Beckwith	Coco Franklin
	Helen Pavitt	Ian Thurston
	Colin Bramwell	Liane Lied-Cordruwisch
	Malcolm Wilcox	Dan Franklin
Apologies:	Dino Elpitelli	

Members:

Present: About 50 members

Guests:

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Apologies:	Joe Francis MLA	Mayor Logan Howlett
	Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes	Cllr Chamonix Terblance
	Cllr Steve Portelli	

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

The BRG accepts the minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 March 2016, 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 31 July 2016 showed a bank balance of \$1949

2.2. Motion:

The BRG accepts the Financial Position as reported

Vote: Passed unanimously

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3. **Civility and Communications Protocols**
- 3.1. David proposed descriptions of how members might interact at BRG meetings and in committee. They would be non-binding and describe what members do anyway. However, they would be a clear statement of what the BRG sees as good conduct.
- 3.2. David asked all members to review the Protocols that can be downloaded from the BRG web site and let him know of any concerns. A formal motion to adopt the Protocols will be put to the next general meeting,
4. **Value for Money from the City of Cockburn**
- 4.1. Ian spoke about the services that the City of Cockburn provides to Banjup and Jandakot residents for the average \$1800 rates that each pays. He reminded members about the matters where the City had failed Banjup and Jandakot residents.
- 4.2. Ian explained that about a third of rates income went on capital expenditure such as constructing buildings and roads, while the other two-thirds, operating expenditure, went on maintaining those buildings and roads and on providing services to the community. Ian said that half of the City's operating expenditure went on staff wages (about \$49 million) and so it was pertinent to ask if best use was being made of the City's staff.
- 4.3. Ian compared staffing levels between Cockburn and Rockingham and showed that Cockburn employed more staff to perform the same functions than did Rockingham. Ian reported that committee members had met with Cockburn directors, the Mayor, and councillors to ask about these discrepancies but the directors had maintained that the comparisons were not valid because Cockburn was different. BRG committee members countered that Cockburn could not have it both ways – they cannot lead the benchmarks but then dismiss them if they do not suit.
- 4.4. Ian reported that the BRG had been approached by Melville ratepayers to join them in a petition to the WA state Legislative Council seeking a parliamentary inquiry into local government accountability and value for money. Members discussed this initiative and what it might imply for the long term and the submissions that would need to be made to parliament by Banjup residents.
- 4.5. **Motion:**
BRG members instruct their Committee to join other representative groups in campaigning for changes in local government that will deliver continuously improving value for money and accountability for ratepayers
Vote: Passed unanimously

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| 5. | Increased Withdrawals from the Jandakot Water Mound |
| 5.1. | Dan Franklin outlined the history of withdrawals from the Jandakot Mound and described how future withdrawals would be used by the Water Corporation in its plans to “drought proof” Perth, as the Corporation declares. |
| 5.2. | Dan presented Department of Water data that shows that the surface aquifer is currently recharging, as would be expected at this time of year. However, if the recharging and the withdrawals are sufficiently balanced, only time will tell. |
| 5.3. | Dan concluded that although the Water Corporation’s and the Department of Water’s intentions might be sound, their realisation might become compromised by expediency, just as those for the Gnangara Water Mound had seemingly become. |
| 5.4. | Members expressed their concern that the Jandakot Mound might suffer the same fate as the Gnangara Mound and endorsed the Committee’s efforts in monitoring the health of the Jandakot Mound. |
| 6. | Bin Flagging Trial |
| 6.1. | Dan outlined Cockburn’s Bin Flagging procedures that could be used by Banjup residents in the event of a bush fire. He said that Cockburn would be publicising the procedures in the lead up to the summer bush fire season. He distributed several bin flags to interested members. |
| 7. | Increased Traffic on Banjup Roads |
| 7.1. | Ian Thurston presented proposals to discourage traffic on Liddelow Road that involved prohibiting right turns into and out of Liddelow and onto Armadale Road. |
| 7.2. | He listed the advantages and disadvantages of such turning arrangements but members who live on Liddelow Road were not supportive of the proposals. |
| 7.3. | Motion:
BRG members instruct their Committee to seek trialling of prohibiting right turn entry and exit at the intersection of Liddelow and Armadale Roads
Vote: Failed by a large majority |

Ref. Minute**8. Aircraft Noise**

- 8.1. Malcolm Wilcox described the problems with trying to limit noise nuisance of aircraft using Jandakot Airport. He explained that there is no legislation that regulates noise nuisance and this allows Jandakot Airport and aircraft operators effectively to ignore noise complaints.
- 8.2. Malcolm said that he and committee members had met with Commonwealth parliamentary candidates prior to the recent general election. They were supportive of proposals to raise aircraft noise nuisance at a Senate Estimates Committee meeting.
- 8.3. This issue was also raised during a meeting of committee members with Joe Francis MLA. His office later reported the response from AirServices that aircraft at Jandakot were meeting all legislative noise requirements. Malcolm said that Joe needed a clear case for legislative change to put to the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure.
- 8.4. Malcolm said that pressing for legislative change would be a challenging task and asked for practical support from members. Those willing to lend a hand could contact him through the BRG Secretary at secretary.banjup@gmail.com

9. Planning Matters

- 9.1. David Beckwith reported that over a month ago the Committee had asked the relevant Government agencies about progress on the naming and boundaries of the Treeby suburb and about progress on the zoning of Jandakot and north Banjup. Sadly, none of the agencies had been able to provide a response within the month before the BRG meeting.
- 9.2. David reported about the development at 341 Beenyup Road. He said that the property had been sub-divided into 3 two hectare blocks. The extensive 'Siheyuan' style residence was on Lot 1 and was taking shape, with steelwork being erected. Development approval for a large 4 bedroom 5 bathroom residence on the adjoining Lot 2 had recently been granted by the City of Cockburn. The BRG had made a submission to Cockburn querying the eventual use to which both dwellings would be put but the owner had assured the City that they were for residential purposes only.
- 9.3. David went on to describe in some detail the attributes of the dwelling proposed for Lot 2. David made some comments about the plans that some members attending the meeting found unacceptable. The agenda item was then closed.

10. Community Building

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| 10.1. | Ian Thurston asked if members were interested in the BRG promoting community activities in Banjup such as a Men's Shed, Gardening Circle, and Arts & Crafts. BRG member Bert Rowland said that he was a member of the Jandakot Men's Shed that would be providing facilities for all of those activities and more in a purpose built 'Shed' soon to be built in Jandakot. |
| 10.2. | Members agreed that liaising with Bert would be helpful to the Banjup and Jandakot community. The Committee undertook to investigate the matter further. |
| 11. | Next General Meeting |
| 11.1. | Provisionally, Sunday 6 November 2016 at Banjup Hall but watch the web site! |