

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc General Meeting – 4 October 2011

Present

See attendance record

Apologies

Rusty Woodward, Steve Dospot MLA, Brendan Smyth MLA

Approval of September Minutes

Accepted: Janice Petrie, Seconded: Bill Heins

Matters Arising from September Meeting

Nil

President's Report

Members and friends,

Thank you for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council. Before I get into the report, I have a short presentation to make.

Many of you who have been attended TCC meetings for a number of years will note an absence from our main table. Albert who has, been our secretary for many years has taken a long deserved step back. Albert has served as secretary for seven years and in that time has produced a comprehensive account of numerous TCC meetings of which he has never missed one.

So, Albert, on behalf of the TCC I wish to present you with this gift in recognition of your service and support to the TCC. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Colin Petrie and Dugald Holmes for their service as Vice Presidents. Both Colin and Dug have taken a step back and will continue supporting the TCC Executive in other ways. To continue, following the TCC AGM, newly elected Vice President Nick Tsoulis and I met with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher. A range of issues was discussed at the meeting on 8 September which went for almost an hour in the Chief Ministers offices.

Among others topics discussed were rates and infrastructure spending in Tuggeranong, planning and development, the environment, education, Tralee and debt collection. A detailed report on the meeting was included in the last issue of the Valley Voice Newsletter. In wrapping up the talks the Chief Minister indicated she was happy to continue to meet with the TCC on a regular basis as did her predecessor. On 19 September the TCC hosted a very successful public meeting at the Burns Club on the Kambah Group centre Master Plan. At the meeting residents expressed fears they will lose the "open plan and village atmosphere" under the proposed Kambah Group Centre Master Plan being considered by the ACT Government. The meeting was addressed by officers from the Environmental and Sustainable Development Directorate, Project Manager, Jamie Allnutt and Senior Project Officer, Ben Riches. They outlined the proposed Master Plan which they said had been developed after extensive studies and onsite meetings that included consultation with residents and other stakeholders.

However, the overwhelming message from residents at the meeting was that they feared the open plan and village atmosphere will be lost through over

development of the Kambah centre under the proposed Master Plan. Comments close on the Kambah Master Plan on Friday 14 October. Next Sunday the TCC will host an information booth at the Lions Club Tuggeranong Homestead Markets. The markets run from 10am to 2pm and I invite you to join me at the booth.

Accepted: Janice Petrie, Seconded: Carol Traise

Treasurer's Report

As at 3 Sep 11, the bank balance was \$10,378.88. As at 4 Oct 11, the bank balance is \$9,309.87, Comprising Operating account \$614.40 and Investment account \$8,695.47

Expenditure since 3 Sep 11

The main items of expenditure have been on promotional items (\$913.72), phone/internet (\$100.10) and meeting costs (\$100.00).

The total expenditure was \$1,113.82.

Income since 3 Sep 11

Bank interest \$32.81

Membership Subs \$12.00

Total Income \$44.81

Accepted: Albert Orszaczky, Seconded: Ross McConnell

Sub Committee Reports

Transport and Community Services

Colin Petrie highlighted the current state of the Jolimont Centre. He said the Transport and Community Services Committee considered it was in a poor condition and a poor first impression for visitors to Canberra. He said the committee considered that the bus terminal should be relocated in the future, possibly to the airport with the advent of the Very Fast Train and linking up with a light rail and suburban bus network.

Colin Petrie put forward two motions regarding "P" plate driver safety. The motions called on the ACT Government to follow the leads of other jurisdictions, notably NSW, and introduce a limit on the number of passengers that can be carried by "P" Plate drivers and a restriction on them driving high-powered cars. These motions were discussed and members voted for them to be carried over to the next meeting for consideration.

Planning and Environment Committee

Glenys Patulny reported on a meeting she had attended on behalf of the TCC on establishing a city farm initiative. She reported that organisers are looking at different sites to establish a city farm. Possible sites also included schools. The city farm project is designed to encourage people to grow their own organic vegetables as well as being a social outlet. Glenys will update the TCC on future progress.

Police Report

- Decline in most crime areas.
- Damage to property and cars down by 40.
- Stolen registration plates up.
- 39 arrests for the month.
- Armed robberies at McDonalds Erindale and Dominos Pizza Wanniasa.
- Patrols increased around schools, Tuggeranong skate park and the Hyperdome during School holidays.
- Assault in Gordon random opportunist, still investigating

Updates from Local Members

Amanda Bresnan (Greens)

- Trying to get funding from Infrastructure Australia in a bid to forward transport in ACT for example Very Fast Train, Freight and Light Rail.
- Older Persons Assembly very successful. Government to respond to outcomes. The forum to continue possibly bi annual.
- Point to Point cameras, amendments to be made in regards to signage and privacy laws. Legislation has to be changed to allow unmanned cameras.
- Community City Gardens project.

Guest Speaker

Mr David Papps, Director General, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.

Mr Papps introduced himself in his new role as Director General ESDD. He spoke frankly on how he saw his role, his thoughts on planning and development and how he saw his department engaging with the community. He spoke on sustainable planning and gave the example of Freiburg in Germany where he said they had achieved much of what the ACT was striving for. Mr Papps indicated his willingness to address the TCC on a regular basis on planning and development in Tuggeranong.

Correspondence

Letters from Environment Minister, Simon Corbell in response to representations from the TCC on a Debt Recovery Office, Green Bins and Couranga Homestead were tendered to the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1st November 2011.