

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 3 April 2012
Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:35pm.

Attendance:

Present:

See attendance record.

Apologies:

Nick Tsoulias, Ross McConnell, Jill Faulkner, Max Flint, Joy Burch MLA, Gai Brodtmann MP, Donna Smail, Greg Downing, Sue Penn-Turrall.

In the absence of the Acting Secretary, Ross McConnell, the Minutes were taken and prepared by the former (Minute) Secretary, Albert Orszaczky.

Confirmation of Minutes of March 2012 Meeting:

Accepted: Rusty Woodward Seconded: Colin Petrie

Matters Arising from March 2012 Meeting:

No matters raised.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

Darryl presented the following Report:

“Members and friends, thank you for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

The past month has been busy although I have not been able to concentrate fully on my tasks as President due to family matters. Thank you to those members who were able to stand in for me.

Since we last met I have represented the Council at Canberra Day activities including the preview of the Canberra Centenary Program at Old Parliament House. It was a good opportunity to meet and talk to the Chief Minister on a casual basis.

Finally the rain cleared to make way for the Council's Clean Up campaign around Lake Tuggeranong (on 18 March). A special thank you to those members who were able to take over the reins for me on the day to ensure the campaign was a great success. I understand that about 50 people turned out for the clean up and rubbish bags were overflowing.

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, The Hyperdome, Limelight Cinemas, Bunning's, Gloria Jeans, Tuggeranong Sea Scouts, Rotary, 55 Plus Club, Communities@Work, The Men's Shed, Lanyon High School, Water Watch, River Smart and Lake Tuggeranong College.

Finally, I wish to remind members and friends that it is five months until the TCC's Annual General Meeting at which a new executive will be elected including a new President. By September I will have completed a three year term and according to the new TCC Constitution I am not allowed to stand again.

Those who wish to serve on the TCC Executive must be financial members and have attended at least four meetings including the September General Meeting held before and on the same evening as the AGM. Please give some thought on how you can serve the TCC.”

Accepted: Alison Ryan Seconded: Franca Redden

Treasurer’s Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Balance at last meeting	\$17,081.70		Comments
Operating Account		2,007.39	
Investment Account		14,856.54	
Income	+71.88		
Bank Interest		57.88	
Membership		14.00	
Other			
Expenditure	-		
Meeting Expenses	-289.65		
Phone/Internet		95.15	}Main items
Office Costs		180.00	}
Balance at this meeting	\$16,863.93		

Accepted: Jeremy Wilson Seconded: Franca Redden

Sub Committee and other reports:

Planning and Environment Committee:

Dug Holmes provided the following information in relation to the recent briefing update from ACT Cemeteries:

- Architect engaged to prepare master plan to secure Government funding for proposed Southern Cemetery;
- Further update to be provided by mid-2012;
- Crematorium to be included but other options to be also investigated;
- Horse trails to be retained – only 25% of site to be used for cemetery.

Transport and Social Services Committee:

No recent activity to report.

Police Report:

Sergeant Daryl Neit, Officer in Charge of Tuggeranong Police Station, provided the following details on crime statistics and other local Police activities during the past month:

- Burglaries decreased from 40 to 31;
- Property damage and assaults have increased slightly;
- 46 arrests recorded for various offences;
- 970 jobs and patrols attended.

Sergeant Neit also introduced two colleagues from the ACT Intelligence/Police Operations Unit, who provided details of the extent of their activities and responsibilities. Some minor queries were raised by members, which were suitably addressed by the officers.

Beverly Flint provided a brief update on progress with resolving various safety issues previously highlighted in Greenway, including an explanation of the RAPID bus system.

Update from Local Members:

Darryl invited the local Members in attendance, Amanda Bresnan (ACT Greens) and Brendan Smyth (Liberals), to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the ACT Assembly.

Ms Bresnan provided the following details:

- Update on local Clean Up Australia campaign;
- Motion proposed during past Sitting week re suicide reporting issue;
- Official Visitor Bill disability issues;
- Bill regarding infringement for payment of fines to be debated in next Sitting session in May.

A query was raised regarding the cost (and choice) of the latest art item on Drakeford Drive. Clarification was provided about the special fund previously established to cover such costs. Ms Bresnan also indicated that she intended to take an interest and a firm stand on the cemetery/crematorium issue.

Ms Smyth mentioned the following matters:

- Additional comments on the public art controversy;
- Sitting session matters – impact of budget issues on community
 - Planned upgrade of local roads, installation of traffic lights on Ashley Drive in Erindale, etc.

A member raised serious concerns regarding the number of recent road accidents in the Erindale precinct, which requires urgent attention. Reference was also made to the cost blowout of the Cotter Dam upgrade and the increase in water costs by ACTEW, despite the reduced usage in recent months.

A short break was taken at this stage prior to the presentation by our guest speakers.

Guest Speakers:

1. David Dawes

Darryl introduced the first of our guest presenters, David Dawes, Director General, ACT Economic Development Directorate, to address the meeting on various planning issues in Tuggeranong. He provided an update on the following projects:

- Aldi site in Conder;
- Deamer Crescent, Chisholm development – playground to be relocated;
- Hume West industrial estate.

Several queries and concerns were raised including the following issues:

- Traffic chaos with the proposed development near the Aldi site in Chisholm;
- Progress with Hume power station – Challenger project to proceed;
- Future of heritage site of slab hut at Tralee and Kurrunga homestead – information to be obtained;
- Lack of motel accommodation in Tuggeranong – all such development currently on northside.

Mr Dawes proceeded to introduce Kristi Jorgensen from the Land Development Agency to inform members on progress with the Greenway lakeside development opposite Bunnings. She mentioned the following items:

- Update on master plan and community consultation;
- Project to proceed following wide consultation and comments received at information sessions;
- Key messages from community – public access, recreational facilities, building height restrictions;

- Details of concept master plan including staging plan for dwellings – 2012 to 2016 (5 stages) and release plans for residential and commercial development;
- Various design images displayed;
- Contact details provided for further input.

The following concerns regarding the planned development were raised by members:

- Likely resistance to proposed height of buildings;
- Changes to Anketell Street required to cater for traffic and parking problems – developer to provide adequate parking facilities as a contractual requirement;
- Condition of lake and improvement of water quality to be considered – developers to contribute to cost and body corporate involvement also expected;
- Capacity of new bridge to be examined due to anticipated additional traffic flow and future growth.

2. Michael Jollon and Kylie Watson:

Representatives from Consulting firm AECOM, Michael Jollon and Kylie Watson, presented details of their Feasibility Study on the current plans for Park & Ride and Bike & Ride locations. They provided the following information on the Transport for Canberra Policy:

- Site Selection process – multi-criteria analysis including community consultation;
- Areas of investigation/consideration:
 - Athllon Drive – extra bus stops required
 - Bike & Ride at Tuggeranong Town Centre (corner of Anketell & Pitman Streets);
- Community feedback being sought until 4 May – contact details provided.

Other Business and general announcements

Request received for update on the status of the TCC website upgrade. It appears to be currently at the transition plan stage, but full details were not available.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1st May 2012.