

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Annual General Meeting – 6 September 2011
Minutes

Present:

See attendance record of 6 September 2011.

Following the General Meeting, President Darryl Johnston opened the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and introduced Mr Michael Lindfield, who agreed to act as Returning Officer and preside over the formalities involved.

Apologies:

Jeff & Robyn Chapman, Martin Devine, Eric & Carole Traise, Glenys Patulny, Jill Faulkner, Steve Doszpot, Roy Zacharias, also late advice from Gary Humphries.

Confirmation of Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting held on 7 September 2010:

Accepted: Darryl Johnston Seconded: Rusty Woodward

President's Annual Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

The following summary of the past year's activities was presented by the outgoing President:

“Welcome to the Tuggeranong Community Council Annual General Meeting for 2011. Before I report on the activities for the year, I wish to thank my team for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

Thank you to Colin and Jan, Dug, Eric, Albert and Alison for your valuable input and for representing me at various events. A special thank you to Albert, who after many years is stepping down as Secretary. We will offer a more formal thank you to you and to others at a later date.

I also wish to thank, Rusty, Susan, Donna and John who have served on the TCC Sub-Committees. And to John again, who has regularly represented the TCC at the Canberra Airport Community Consultation Forum. I hope I've not missed anyone. If I have I apologise.

2011 was a year of consolidation and growth. It began with the TCC resurrecting and hosting the Combined Community Councils meetings. This was the first time in a number of years all ACT Community Councils had met. The meeting was held at the Tuggeranong Community Centre.

All ACT Community Councils, except for Gungahlin, were represented at the meeting which was opened by the former Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope. The Combined Community Councils meetings have strengthened communications and interaction between Councils and they have now become a regular event. The next meeting will be hosted by the new Inner South Community Council.

Another regular event has been the quarterly meetings between the TCC and the Chief Minister. These have been invaluable and an opportunity to raise issues of concern directly with the Chief Minister. The first meeting between the new TCC President, Vice President and the new Chief Minister will be held on Thursday (this week).

The TCC has also been represented in the ACT Budget process appearing and presenting before the Budget Committee hearings and putting our case on behalf of Tuggeranong residents. The TCC has provided input to the ACT Government on many planning and development issues and other matters throughout the last year. After a successful campaign, the TCC saw the introduction of Random Roadside Drug Testing (in the ACT).

The TCC also:

- presented its case against the proposed Tralee residential development directly to Queanbeyan City Council,
- provided feedback to the ACT Government on such issues as the Eastern Broadacre Study, the new Southern Cemetery, the Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans, an aged care facility in the Lanyon Valley and the proposed development of land opposite Bunnings.

The TCC has also raised a number of issues in the community and put forward motions to the ACT Government on issues of concern. These have included:

- law and order (which resulted in an address to the Council by the Attorney General on that very topic),
- a rail based public transport system for Canberra,
- a combined CIT/University campus for Tuggeranong,
- a review of learning driver practices in the ACT, and
- the introduction of a green waste collection service among others.

The TCC gained a new identity in 2011 with a fresh and modern logo, promotional banners, brochures and fridge magnets. The Council's new look was unveiled at the Tuggeranong Festival where for the first time it had an information stand. The stand proved very popular and worked to raise the Council's profile.

2011 also saw the introduction of the TCC's Newsletter, *Valley Voice*. This is a valuable communication tool for TCC members, friends and Tuggeranong residents generally.

Soon I hope that we will also see the launch of our new website and some members trained in its maintenance. On that note I want to thank Dug for his work on maintaining our current website and in getting the new site together.

Finally, we have seen growth in Council numbers. In all the TCC has about 20 new members and I hope that this growth will continue into 2012. When I came to this position two years ago I found a Council with many enthusiastic members, who were intent on rebuilding an organisation that represented and worked for their community. I think we have achieved that and a lot more in the past two years. I hope this continues under the new team elected tonight.

Accepted: Jan Petrie Seconded: Dug Holmes

Treasurer's Annual Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Unfortunately, Eric was unable to attend the Meeting and his annual Statement of Income and Expenditure for year to 30 June 2011 was delivered by the Minute Secretary, Albert Orszaczky as follows:

Total income of \$11,790 included our two ACT Government grants totalling \$11,020. Expenditure for the year totalled \$12,656, with main items being Advertising \$2,989, Meeting Expenses \$2,931, Office Equipment \$2,652, Communications \$1,457 and Insurance \$1,009. Excess of expenditure over income for the year was \$866.

Balance of funds on hand totalled \$10,909, consisting of Operating Account of \$329 and Investment Account balance of \$10,580. Copies of the Statement and Auditor's Report were made available at the Meeting for anyone interested.

Albert thanked the Auditor, Mr Roy Zacharias, for his services and moved for approval of the Council's audited accounts and the reappointment of Mr Zacharias for the ensuing year. The Report and Motion were adopted by the members.

Accepted: Donna Smail Seconded: Alison Ryan

Election of Officers to Executive Committee:

Michael Lindfield proceeded to declare all positions on the Executive Committee vacant in accordance with the Council's Constitution and took the opportunity to commend the role and capable operation of the TCC for the benefit of the local community.

He briefly outlined the process for the election of Office Bearers on the Executive Committee. Nominations are not permitted from the floor at the AGM under the Council's Constitution and written nominations were received for the positions 10 days prior to the AGM as required from the following voting members:

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| President | - | Darryl Johnston |
| Vice President | - | Nick Tsoulas |
| Treasurer | - | Eric Traise |
| Secretary | - | Vacant |
| Officer | - | Janice Petrie |
| Officer | - | Alison Ryan |
| Officer | - | Colin Petrie |

As there were no multiple nominations received for any of the vacancies, **all candidates were duly elected unopposed**, with the position of Secretary to be covered temporarily by Alison Ryan. The Returning Officer declared the Election results, congratulated the new Committee members and wished them all the best for the coming year. He proceeded to hand over the meeting to the incoming President.

Darryl Johnston took the Chair, thanked Michael for acting as Returning Officer and welcomed the new Committee Members. The meeting concluded at approximately 9.20pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and informal chat.