

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 6 March 2012
Minutes

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Attendance

See attendance record.

Welcome

Gai Brodtmann MP, Amanda Bresnan MLA, Joy Burch MLA, Michael Lindfield, Brendan Smyth MLA.
Rebecca Cody, Bruce Dutton, Kate Gardner

Apologies:

Greg Downing

Confirmation of Minutes of last Meeting:

Amendments:

1. Ross McConnell is Secretary not Treasurer.
2. John Hibbard is an active member of the Conservation Council, not the TCC.

The minutes were accepted with these amendments.

Accepted: Glenys Patulny Secoded: Rusty Woodward

Matters Arising from Minutes of November 2011 Meeting:

The ACTPLA sign near the Andrew McConachie Centre was not investigated as it had disappeared.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

Thank you for joining us for another meeting. A great deal has happened since we last met. On 15 February I met with the Federal Transport and Aviation Minister, Anthony Albanese to reiterate the TCC's strong objections to residential development at South Tralee. I was joined by Colin Petrie and Dug Holmes. The meeting was arranged by the Federal Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann. At the meeting we reinforced our fears that flight paths will be relocated over areas of Canberra that are currently not impacted by aircraft noise if home are built at South Tralee. Mr Albanese agreed with our concerns and re-stated his objection to development at South Tralee. A full report on the meeting is contained in the latest TCC Newsletter. You will also be aware that on 2 March the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport has released the Joint Study on Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region. This study was undertaken by both the Federal and NSW Governments. Page 27 of the Executive Summary talks about Canberra Airport and the role it may play in the future to help ease the burden on Sydney. Recommendation 10 of the study states, "*The Steering Committee recommends that the Australian, ACT and NSW Governments work together to ensure that Canberra Airport is protected from noise-sensitive urban development.*"

It goes on to say: "In particular, the current undeveloped corridors to the north and south of the airport should be protected (as appropriate) from residential or other noise-sensitive development. The committee considers that Greenfield residential development in currently undeveloped approach and departure corridors is not appropriate."

I consider this report another nail in the coffin of South Tralee.

On 1 March I attended a meeting with the Chief Minister and other chairman/presidents of Community Councils in the ACT. The agenda was extensive and unfortunately we did not get through it all. Most of the discussion related to planning and development issues in the ACT. It was decided that further meetings will be held in the future.

Unfortunately the wet weather forced the postponement of the TCC's Cleanup Australia Campaign around Lake Tuggeranong. I had secured the support of many businesses, groups, and individuals in Tuggeranong to help on the day. This event will now be held on Sunday 18 March. I hope to see you there.

Finally, you would also be aware of comments made in the legislative assembly about the TCC. A motion concerning this matter will be considered separately.

Accepted: Alison Ryan Seconded: Colin Petrie

Questions:

1. Airport noise. Thursday night flights (apparently Qld flights) now curving over Calwell and the Valley to avoid storms.
2. Meeting with Minister Albanese: Federal jurisdiction relates to airspace only while NSW Government is responsible for what is on the ground.

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Balance at last meeting \$17,843.95	
Operating Account	2,273.29
Investment Account	14,808.41
	+23.40
Income	
Bank Interest	18.40
Membership	5.00
Other	
Expenditure	-776.65
Meeting Expenses	100.00
Storage Cabinet	550.00
Office Costs	96.40
Balance at this meeting	\$17,081.70

Accepted: Glenys Patulny Seconded: Donna Smail

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence in

1. Letter from G.F. Downing re statements by Mr John Hargreaves MLA.
2. Letter from Mike Reddy, Deputy Chair, Woden Valley Community Council re statements by Mr John Hargreaves MLA re TCC.

Sub Committee and other reports:

Planning and Environment Committee

2 submissions this month – both on TCC web-site.

- 12th Feb: ACT Draft Planning Strategy
- 17th Feb Tuggeranong and Erindale Town Centre Master Plans

Questions:

- are duplication of roads still a priority?
- More post boxes in suburbs (Theodore and Greenway priorities)

Transport and Social Services Committee

Met last Monday

- Home-owner supplied, pre-purchase reports when selling a house should be valid for more than 30 days. Purchaser pays for these on contract exchange only to find they have expired when chasing undeclared defects. Purchaser should be able to obtain their own reports from their own inspector establishing a contractual relationship.
- Park and Ride: Need to identify:
- What happens if people have to park elsewhere because P&R stations are full?
- How much credit is required ?
- How often do they need to apply for vouchers?
- Aldi Chisholm – when will it be completed?
- Roundabouts – issues with vegetation reducing visibility: needs to be removed
- Bill of Human Rights – issues with appropriate sentences for criminal offenders and not enough concern for victims
- Why are offenders required to compensate victims (garnishee option)?
- Community Service orders not being enforced
- Traffic matters: unlicensed car owners photographed by fixed cameras cannot be fined.
- Why aren't more hooning cars confiscated and sold?

Police Report:

Sergeant Daryl Neit, Officer in Charge of Tuggeranong Police Station reported the following:

- Remembered 30 years ago starting at the original Tuggeranong Police Station
- Family almost all involved in Community Service
- Tuggeranong patrols attended 1165 incidents including:
- assault on older person – 2 arrested
- aggravated assault on Pizza Delivery
- Death at Hyperdome
- Lanyon High School Lockdown following youth with scissors - arrest
- Taxi Driver robbery – arrest
- Car in house – alcohol related – arrest
- BCP (continuity) test at Tuggeranong station to temporarily relocate to Woden
- Many Rapide Cameras moving to Tuggeranong for a period

Questions

- Gilmore issues with wheelies –please ring and report times when they occur
- Burnouts – 1st offence – held for up to 90 days, 2nd offence car may be sold (some have)

Update from Local Members:

Joy Burch MLA mentioned the following:

- Some Clean-up Australia Day teams cancelled
- She is also against Tralee
- Use of Lanyon Homestead is open for community discussion
- Youth Centre extensions should be complete in July
- Ashley Drive duplication Stage 1 approved
- Transition for out of home care support team being established.

Question re Youth Justice Blueprint, how do we reform?

- Early intervention
- Only 40 beds for worst cases
- Consultation process underway
- Children's Act recently tweaked
- Single case management
- Breaches now have a bail option
- Are victims being forgotten?
- Options for reparations
- Consultation session to be circulated

Amanda Bresnan MLA mentioned the following:

- Fine Infringement repayment process before Assembly
- Budget proposal re urgent items at Erindale
- Southern Catchment Group working on African Love Grass

Federal Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann MP

- Tralee opposition supported
- NSW Report on Airports released and Point 10 is also against Tralee
- Meeting re Anketell Street issues has produced some options
- Federal Government investing in 4 trade training centres – one at Mary McKillop just opened. Also being established at 8 Government schools
- Looking for Canberra Legends to mention in Parliament
- Southside Rocks program – looking for input on why it rocks

Brendan Smyth MLA mentioned the following:

- Thanked Darryl for priorities list
- Proposal presented to assembly that Budget to show impact on Cost of Living
- Lanyon – get Nolans back from CMAG
- Centra meeting identified need for Calwell master plan
- NSW Minister, Brad Hazard is waiting for 2 reports on airports to decide Tralee impact
- Proposal for Sex workers in suburbs – allowing up to 2 – if concerned, please write

Guest Speaker: *Future of Lanyon Homestead*- Lyn Stevens and Duncan Marshall

This is an information session on consultation on extending Community connections to Lanyon Precinct. Duncan (Chair of ACT Heritage Council) provided document (to be on website) covering Lanyon Heritage Precinct - both the homestead and the little-publicised Shearing precinct.

- 23-24 March is an open garden.
- Artist in residence (Textile Worker) is currently on trial
- Security has been beefed up.
- Main Consultation is this Saturday, 10th March, 2pm to 4pm, RSVPs requested
- 2nd consultation from March-June, Final report in July
- Member Comments:
- Should Centennial Walking trail include Lanyon?
- Minders on Lanyon Homestead
- Schools involvement
- Scouts involvement needs evening and weekend activity.
- Shearing displays
- Arts studios
- Have a trail from Tuggeranong School to Homestead and Tharwa
- Contact: Duncan Marshall on Marsd@ozemail.com.au

General Business and Announcements:

Motion re comments on TCC by Mr Hargreaves

1. That the Tuggeranong Community Council accepts the statement of apology to the Council by Mr John Hargreaves delivered to the ACT Legislative Assembly on Wednesday 22 February 2012.
2. That the Tuggeranong Community Council accepts the letter written to the Council President by Mr John Hargreaves on 21 February 2012.
3. That the Tuggeranong Community Council accepts the verbal apology and letter from the Chief Minister received by the TCC President on 16 February 2012.
4. That the Tuggeranong Community Council notes that official Legislative Assembly Hansard records positive statements about the Council from the Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and other members of the Legislative Assembly.
5. That the Tuggeranong Community Council President write to the Chief Minister and Mr Hargreaves advising them of the Council's decision.

Moved: Darryl Johnston, Seconded: Barry Blight

Darryl read extracts from some of the correspondence received:

1. Dear Darryl, The Committee of Woden Valley Community Council were very disappointed with the public attack on your Council recently mounted by John Hargreaves MLA. We understand that the Chief Minister has tendered you an apology but this does not totally make good the damage to TCC's reputation that Mr Hargreaves' comments have inflicted. It is our experience that TCC, like all Community Councils, is comprised of citizens who are motivated not by political ambition but by a desire to improve the lot of their fellow citizens particularly in the area of planning. It was very unfortunate that one of our paid political masters chose to smear a group of volunteers who do not have access to the Assembly or the media to reply in kind. Mr Hargreaves' attack does nothing to encourage others to put their names forward to serve their community in a voluntary, unpaid, non-partisan capacity. In solidarity, Mike Reddy, Deputy Chair, WVCC

2. Dear Sir

You will recall recent events where Mr John Hargreaves publicly denigrated the TCC on the ACT Legislative Assembly. I understand Mr Hargreaves has apologised for his comments to the President of the TCC as an individual, however, I for one, find it unacceptable that he has not also apologised to the entire Council for impugning its good name and the motivations of its constituents. This should be done in the same forum as he made the original comments. I believe his apology to the President

on a personal level is indicative of the fact he fails to appreciate the TCC for what it is - a collection of like-minded citizens volunteering considerable time, energy and enthusiasm to the betterment of their community and committed to intelligent debate about issues that affect that community.

Furthermore, despite his apology to Mr Johnston, I believe Mr Hargreaves' comments in the ACT Assembly are, in fact, an accurate portrayal of his opinion of the TCC as an entity. I believe a check of our attendance register may reveal that in the past Mr Hargreaves has routinely attended only a half-dozen meetings prior to every ACT election. Frankly, I consider he holds the TCC in contempt. Mr Hargreaves has breached the code of conduct for members of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

G F Downing, Macarthur

Discussion

- Noted that he is not currently a member of Council
- Suggested that as he has breached the Code of Conduct, should we exclude him from future membership.
- Why would we welcome him at future meetings?
- Better to wrap it up and educate the people who misrepresent the TCC

The motion was passed, with seven TCC members wishing it be noted in the Minutes that they voted against it.

Other Business:

Clean-up Day on Sunday 18th March from the Tuggeranong Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012.

Minutes to be approved at the meeting of the 3rd April