<u>Tuggeranong Community Council Inc</u> <u>General Meeting – 4 September 2012</u> <u>Minutes</u>

Present:

See attendance record of 4 September 2012.

President Darryl Johnston opened the Meeting at 7.30pm.

Welcomes:

Joy Burch MLA, Gai Brodtmann MP

Apologies:

Zed Seselja MLA, Glenys Patulny, Dug Holmes, Sue Foley, Max Flint, Albert Orszackzy.

Confirmation of Minutes of August 2012 Meeting:

Accepted: Jan Petrie Seconded:

Richard Hedges

Matters Arising from August 2012 Meeting:

No matters were raised by members.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

President, Darryl Johnston presented the following Report:

"Thank you for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council. I attended a meeting of Chisholm residents to discuss their concerns over a cluster housing project for homeless youth. The meeting was also attended by local MLAs, Brendan Smyth, retiring Member, John Hargreaves and Minister for Community Services, Joy Burch. The properties will be open to homeless youth and the service will be run by the Salvation Army. I believe the ACT Government has agreed to review the operations of the facility in its first year. I also attended the second meeting organised by the Southern ACT Catchment Group to discuss the health of Lake Tuggeranong. I was pleased to see that a Carer's Group has been formed as a result of that meeting. The meeting was well attended and shows just how much concern there is for the health of our Lake. Dr Ian Falconer was guest speaker. He told the meeting that Lake Tuggeranong records more closures than any other Lake in the ACT or surrounding region. Thank you to Glenys Petulny and the team of the Southern ACT Catchment Group for organising that meeting. I also met with the Chief Minister last week. I was joined by our Vice President. It was my last meeting as Council President, so I took the opportunity to raise a number of issues with her relating to planning and development, Lake Tuggeranong and transport. My time has also been taken up with organising the TCC Election Forum which will be held next Wednesday, 12 September at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. I am due to meet this week with the staff at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre to discuss logistics and with our host, Genevieve Jacobs. I hope to see you all there armed with plenty of questions for our candidates."

Accepted: Russ Morison Seconded: Alison Ryan

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

The Treasurer delivered his report as follows:

Current bank account balance is \$14,706.36, comprising of our Operating Account of \$1,631.51 and Investment Account of \$13,074.85. Expenditure totalled \$149.10, with the main items being for the phone/internet and meeting costs. Income during the period was \$80.75 comprising membership fees totalling \$42.00 and interest on the Investment Account of \$38.75.

Accepted:

Frank Vrins

Seconded:

Robyn Chapman

Sub-Committee and other Reports:

- Transport and Community Services Committee

Russ Morison presented his report on the Combined Community Councils (CCC) Sub-committees meeting to discuss issues common across Canberra. The CCC has prepared a list of questions for all candidates in the ACT Election. He also presented a report from the South East Tuggeranong Residents' Association with updates on Park and Ride, aged care facilities, and MyWay Card charging facilities.

- Planning and Environment Committee

Nil to report

Police Report:

Sergeant Chrissie Barrett presented the following brief report on crime statistics and information regarding other local Police activities during August:

- 37 arrests after 85 incidents.
- One offender has been arrested after being linked to 22 burglaries in the Valley.
- Armed robbery at Lanyon Market Place.
- Believe the perpetrator is responsible for 6 armed robberies in the Valley and some on the north side.
- Increasing patrols of soft targets in the Valley

Questions from the floor:

Nil

Update from Local Members:

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

Ms. Burch mentioned the following items:

- Sittings finished until after Election
- Budget supported by Greens and passed.
- ACT poll on 20 October.
- Mura Lanyon Community Centre extensions opened with new community kitchen, food bank service and office improvements.
- New home for Tuggeranong Men's Shed almost complete.
- Announced the establishment of a new bulk-billing GP Clinic at back of the Chisholm shops by Jan/ Feb 2013.
- Chisholm Park taken off the land release program.
- Chisholm older persons units being reconsidered (height and traffic).

Questions from the floor

- Re Chisholm GP clinic. **The existing GP has closed his books**.
- Re the numbers of young homeless people to be accommodated in a youth housing project planned for Mead Street, Chisholm. (ACT Government committed to provide accommodation for homeless youth).
 Limited to 6 people.
- Re a public path near homes at Bonython older persons community complex that is being frequented by disruptive youth at all hours of the night. Residents request path be closed. **Ms. Burch agreed to look into the matter**.

Ms. Bresnan provided the following details

- Apologies for not attending last meeting due to illness.
- Paid tribute to Darryl Johnston for his term as President and the introduction of new processes and engagement with community and other Community Councils.
- Welcomed the opening of Chisholm GP Clinic. Congratulations to the West Belconnen Health Coop.
- Greens opening an office at Homeworld in Tuggeranong.
- Reference to Lake Tuggeranong Forum.
- Releasing Election policies over the coming weeks.

Questions from the floor

• Re youth housing development in Mead Street, Chisholm. Greens support accommodating homeless youth in the community but have some concerns over the model and consultation process.

Mr Smyth added the following brief information:

- Rates will triple in the ACT with the passing of the Budget.
- Liberals to release a large number of policies prior to the Election.
- Stark choice at poll.

Gai Brodtmann reported the following:

- Previewed a series of community forums following the Gonski Review.
- Planning to attend Calwell Community Day.
- Working with Federal Transport Minister in support of Canberra to be on the VFT line.
- Issues regarding Digital TV being referred to the ABC.
- Paid tribute to Darryl Johnston for his term as President of the TCC.
- Making a statement to Parliament on his contribution.

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

Guest Speaker – Lynne Harwood, CEO Communities@Work:

President, Darryl Johnston introduced Lynne Harwood, CEO of Communities@Work. Ms. Harwood spoke extensively on the structure and role of Communities@Work and the many services it offers in the Tuggeranong Valley including the Yellow Van food rescue service, child care, family day care and foster care. Communities@Work is the largest employer in the Tuggeranong Valley.

Other Business / General Announcements:

The following motion was adopted

That the Tuggeranong Community Council calls on the ACT Government to immediately begin a public consultation process for the development of:

- 1. The rehabilitation of Tuggeranong Creek within the Tuggeranong Homestead precinct by reestablishing a flow of water within the creek channel and maintaining pools of water to act as wetlands.
- 2. A master plan for the Calwell Group Centre including the Tuggeranong Homestead including the Tuggeranong Homestead and environs.

Moved by: Russell Morison Seconded by: Bill Heins Approved/Carried

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 October 2012.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.