

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc**  
**General Meeting – 1 February 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

See attendance record of 1 February 2011.

President Darryl Johnston opened the Meeting and welcomed our guest presenters, John Arthur and his colleagues Ross McKay and Kathleen Pooley from the ACT Department of Land and Property Services.

**Apologies:**

Steve Doszpot MLA, Greg Downing, Martin Devine, Donna Smail, John Armstead, Sergeant Rod Anderson.

**Confirmation of Minutes of December 2010 Meeting:**

Accepted:                      Jan Petrie                      Seconded:                      Dugald Holmes

**Matters Arising from December 2010 Meeting:**

No matters were raised by members.

**President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):**

President, Darryl Johnston presented the following Report:

“Welcome to the first meeting of the TCC for 2011. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas, New Year and restful holidays. I also hope everyone is ready for a busy year ahead.

This is usually my opportunity to provide you with a report on my activities since the last meeting. Unless you want to hear about my trip to New Zealand and coming back with tattoo, I have nothing to report. So I will take the opportunity to report on what I see as the year ahead and some of the things I hope we will achieve.

I hope that the TCC will be more of a force and more influential when it comes to issues affecting our community, particularly on planning and development in the Valley. There are a number of major planning issues that we need to focus on throughout 2011. These include the Tuggeranong/Erindale Master Plan, the Eastern Broadacre Study, Tralee, the Southern Cemetery, Hume Data Centre and the development of land opposite Bunnings at Tuggeranong.

There will be others as they come down the track. These are issues that impact on all Tuggeranong residents one way or another and it is important that as a Community Council we encourage the rest of the community to participate in the planning/consultation processes. Apathy on our part as a Council and a community could lead to decisions we may regret in the future.

In 2010 the TCC concentrated on reworking its Constitution. Now that has been bedded down, I believe we need to turn our attention to developing a set of policies on high level issues. The TCC has long been in need of a set of policies that clearly outline and articulate our position on issues ranging from transport, to health, planning and the environment. Once they have been formulated they will guide the Council in the development of policies at a lower level. We made a start with the Talking Tuggeranong document, which was well received by Council members and the ACT Government.

I also hope that in 2011 the TCC can initiate community discussion and debate on a future mass public transport system serving all corners of the ACT. I am talking about a rail system. During the year, I would like to extend and invitation to the ACT Government and transport experts to address the Council on the pros and cons of a rail system for Canberra. I believe we must start planning for the future transport and growth of our city.

During the year I hope to secure a government representative to answer the community's concerns on issues such as the ACT justice system, roads and health services. Throughout 2011 we'll also be working to attract new members as well as working with our existing membership. Thank you.”

Accepted:                      Brendan Smyth                      Seconded:                      Alison Ryan

### **Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):**

Current bank account balance is \$17,470, comprising of our Operating Account of \$7,091 and Investment Account of \$10,379. Expenditure totalled \$930, with the main item being for Meeting costs of \$470 and telephone/internet charges of \$274. Income during the period was \$11,084, consisting of the ACTPLA grant of \$5,125 and the Chief Minister's Department grant of \$5,895, as well as bank interest totalling \$64.

Accepted: Rusty Woodward                      Seconded: Glenys Patulny

### **Acting Secretary's Report (Mr Albert Orszaczky):**

Nothing of note to report but Albert took the opportunity to acknowledge the presence of some new faces. He also mentioned that a new Attendance Record form had been prepared and members arriving early who had marked the previous form were encouraged to update the new document.

### **Update from Local Members:**

Darryl advised that the Agenda was being rearranged as some local Members needed to leave early to attend other functions. He invited our local Member, Gai Brodtmann (ALP) and MLAs, Joy Burch (ALP), Amanda Bresnan (Greens) and Brendan Smyth (Liberals) to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the political forum.

Ms Brodtmann advised the following information on current activities:

- Funding announced for local traffic blackspots at Symonston and Lanyon for signage and line marking improvements, etc;
- Strong support for introduction of flood levy in Parliament next week;
- Mobile offices to be introduced in local neighbourhood centres during March and door knocking activities to commence in April;
- Further nominations and suggestions sought for Canberra Legends project to be canvassed during Question Time sessions;
- Update of personal website to include information on Government services, campaigns and various links to local community activities, etc.

Ms Burch reported on the following issues:

- Regret unavailability to regularly attend TCC meetings due to another commitment on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday;
- Valuable suggestions received on items for consideration in next ACT Budget;
- Brief update on aged persons units at Conder, Bonython and Kambah;
- Bonython Hall now in operation under management of Communities@Work;
- Tuggeranong Over 55 Club and Seniors Centres to be completed later this year;
- Support for Calwell Park and Ride facility – further meeting later this week;
- Proposal for Aldi Supermarket at Chisholm commended;
- Centenary of International Women's Day next month – local nominees to be proposed;
- Tuggeranong / Erindale Master Plan currently subject to community consultation;
- Recovery team sent to Queensland from ACT Department of Community Services;
- 2011 Multicultural Festival launched – weekend of 11-13 February
  - participation and attendance recommended,
  - many interesting activities / entertainment and varied food choices.

Ms Burch provided some clarification in relation to the occupancy arrangements and facilities for the new aged persons units – already oversubscribed.

Ms Bresnan mentioned the following matters:

- Sincere regret about the impact of Queensland floods disaster;
- Various developments proposed in Lanyon;
- Concerns re the effect of the loss of Cuppacumbalong artists' facility;
- Strong support for Calwell Park & Ride facility and introduction of REDEX-style direct bus service;
- Lanyon Library submission lodged for consideration in the ACT Budget;
- Tuggeranong / Erindale Master Plan passed through Assembly;
- Multicultural Festival weekend recommended – Community Day on Sunday.

Concerns were expressed regarding the rubbish in Lake Tuggeranong, with a query on who was responsible for its removal – issue to be raised with TAMS for attention. Also fate of the Farmer's Market and its location was mentioned and a suitable explanation was provided by Ms Bresnan, with further input from informed members.

Mr Smyth provided the following details:

- Apology conveyed for Steve Doszpot's absence due to his shadow portfolio commitments with Chinese New Year celebrations;
- Strongly recommend we think about and discuss where Canberra is going – identify sites and nature of amenities/services we require;
- Former light rail corridor on Northbourne Avenue – further discussion is warranted;
- Acknowledgement of TCC activity on community input / consultation on local issues of concern;
- *Time to Talk* Canberra 2030 Outcomes Report released.

It was suggested that the involvement of youth should be actively pursued for the latter project to provide the opportunity for a valuable perspective and balanced view. Mr Smyth expressed some strong ideas on the merits and benefits of this important process.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **- Planning and Environment Committee**

No particular issues to report but Dugald Holmes expressed some concerns regarding the access to the nearby shopping centre from the proposed Anglicare Aged care facility at Conder. Glenys Patulny mentioned some additional information about related environmental issues, with a further update to be provided at the next Meeting.

#### **- Transport and Community Services Committee**

Alison Ryan indicated that more members were required to pursue the various relevant matters.

Vice President, Colin Petrie had recently attended the launch of the Outcomes Report for the *Time to Talk* Canberra 2030 project and provided a brief report. He commended the ACT Government for this initiative but expressed some disappointment at the standard of the suggestions and input from the community, much of which seemed to be quite basic and trivial, with no reference to more pertinent and applicable issues of concern.

### **Police Report:**

Sergeant Judy Goldsmith is currently Acting OIC of Tuggeranong Police Station in the absence of Sergeant Rod Anderson. She attended the Meeting to present the usual report on crime statistics and information regarding other local Police activities during January.

She commenced by introducing her colleague, Constable Kele Nabukete, who is attached to the Southside Bicycle Patrol Unit. Kele brought along his bike and the various items of equipment used in his patrol duties and he provided an interesting insight into his role and a brief outline of his various activities in "green-belt" areas in Tuggeranong. He mentioned that good results have been achieved with a reduced level of anti-social activity evident in recent months. Members seemed quite delighted with the presentation and showed a great deal of general interest in this worthwhile initiative.

Sergeant Goldsmith proceeded to supply the following details of activities over the past month:

- Burglaries increased in January with 2 more than December 2010.
- Reported incidents of property damage decreased with 5 less reports made in January than the previous month.
- Confirmed incidents of assault decreased in January, with 6 less reported than during the peak month of December.
- There was a decrease of 3 stolen motor vehicles reported in January.
- A total of 44 arrests were affected by Police in the Tuggeranong Zone during January for offences ranging from breach of bail conditions to outstanding warrants, through to offences such as assault, drug possession, theft, burglary and other property related offences, as well as various traffic offences including drink driving.

- Police conducted 633 Suburban Policing Strategy patrols within the Tuggeranong patrol zone during the past month.
- A spike in burglaries was recorded at business premises around Erindale and Tuggeranong during January, with 5 burglaries each in Greenway and Wanniasa during a two week period. A male was apprehended in connection with a number of the burglaries after he was identified from CCTV footage recorded inside the premises. Business burglaries in the Tuggeranong Zone have decreased since the arrest and remand of the male. Business proprietors are encouraged to review their security procedures especially the custody of cash takings out of business hours.
- On 19<sup>th</sup> January, a juvenile male was arrested in connection with several burglaries, stolen motor vehicles and property offences in Canberra's South. The person is believed to have engaged in a number of recent pursuits with Police in stolen vehicles, which were abandoned for safety reasons. The offender was apprehended due to the combined resources of various areas within ACT Policing.
- Operation School Safe commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> December and will continue for the duration of the school holidays through to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Tuggeranong Patrols are conducting additional high visibility patrols of all schools in the area to prevent burglaries, property damage and other offences that tend to increase during the school holiday period – several false alarms recorded.

Sergeant Goldsmith also mentioned that the Tuggeranong Station had flooded during the heavy rains in January. She also referred to the new legislation in relation to drink driving introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> December, which includes the following provisions:

- Special drivers (eg. probationary/learners/unlicensed drivers) are now subject to a zero breath/blood alcohol limit (instead of 0.02);
- Immediate licence suspension for drink driving, with driver's licence seized for anyone who provides a breath test of 0.05 or more over their applicable limit (eg. for a full licence driver their licence would be seized if they were over 0.10, and a special driver over 0.05) – 23 licenses already withdrawn.

### **Questions from the floor:**

Members raised the following queries:

- What is the process involved when a pursuit is abandoned?
- Stolen motor vehicles being abandoned and many being later trashed.

Suitable responses were provided by Sergeant Goldsmith.

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

### **Guest Speaker: Mr John Arthur and Mr Ross McKay**

Darryl introduced our guest presenters, Mr John Arthur, Director Communications Unit of the ACT Department of Land and Property Services (LAPS) and his colleagues, Ross McKay and Kath Pooley to inform members about the proposal for an Aldi Supermarket at Chisholm.

Mr Arthur commenced by providing some background information regarding the issue of the Farmer's Market site mentioned earlier. He indicated that arrangements had recently been made for their permanent return to their former location at the Woden CIT.

LAPS is seeking public comment on plans for the supermarket and the proposed site is a vacant block of land (Block 7 Section 598) between Benham and Proctor Streets behind the existing Chisholm shopping centre. Mr Arthur acknowledged that brief details of the Aldi proposal had been posted on the TCC website and great response and support had been received to date.

Ross McKay (Director Project Facilitation) provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal, which is based on the Government's policy on increased Supermarket competition. He indicated that Aldi had approached the ACT Government and recommended seven sites, with the first priority being the Chisholm location. The site is approximately 3,430 square metres, with access off Benham Street and is currently zoned Commercial (CZ3) under the Territory Plan, which currently restricts the size of a supermarket on this site to less than 300 square metres per shop. A full or technical variation to the Territory Plan (by ACTPLA) is required prior to the sale of the land to allow for an increase of gross floor area permitted on the site to the 1200 square metres required for the proposed development. This could be quite a lengthy process involving further consultation.

### **Questions from the floor:**

Various queries and concerns were raised by members, including the following:

- Adequacy of parking facilities and transport access to the proposed site;
- Was the particular block previously identified for residential or other purposes?
- Likely impact on IGA supermarket outlets at nearby suburbs of Gowrie and Richardson;
- What process is adopted to ensure that the sale of the block is value for money and the price is at market value? Reference was made to the previous experience with the land sale for the Data Centre.
- What other options are available for the site?
- What is the likelihood and current status of a further Aldi outlet at Wanniasa?
- What is the next stage of the development and consultation process?

All matters were suitably addressed by Mr McKay and his colleagues.

Darryl thanked our guest presenters and encouraged members to become involved with the ongoing community consultation process involved with this project, either through the LAPS or TCC websites. Mr Arthur confirmed that both positive and negative input was certainly welcome.

### **Other Business:**

Darryl made reference to the additional document recently circulated to members regarding the guidance for the lending of TCC support to other community organisations. He briefly explained the purpose and implications involved with this issue and encouraged members to consider the contents, which had actually been cleared by our Solicitor. He proposed that the document be formally adopted by members as TCC policy, and its acceptance was moved by Dugald Holmes and seconded by Alison Ryan.

### **General Announcements:**

The next General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 1 March 2011**, with guest presenter to be confirmed. The meeting concluded at approximately 9.25 pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and casual chat.