

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 1 November 2011
Minutes

Present

See attendance record

Apologies

Darryl Johnson and Amanda Bresnan

Confirmation of Minutes of October 2011 Meeting:

Accepted Janice Petrie Seconded Ross McConnell

Matters Arising from October 2011 Meeting:

Motion regarding "P" plate driver safety to be considered during the report of the Transport and Community Services Sub-Committee.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

Due to the absence of President, Darryl Johnston, the report was delivered by Vice President, Nick Tsoulias.

Thank you members and friends for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council. I am sorry I am unable to attend, I am working in Perth. The Council and its members have been busy since our last meeting. Last month the Council participated in the Lions Club Tuggeranong Homestead Markets. We joined other stall holders until the weather got the better of us. Thank you to Jan Petrie for volunteering her time. More recently the TCC had an information stall at the Calwell Shopping Centre market day. At that stall we distributed hundreds of our new TCC Mouse mats along with brochures and fridge magnets. The new mouse mats, that feature a 2012 calendar highlight TCC meeting dates, are available for collection on the table. The council sub-committees have been busy behind the scenes considering a number of important planning and transport issues. All members should have received advice of the motions to be put tonight. These motions will be debated and I look forward to learning of the outcomes. On the horizon we have the Tuggeranong Community Festival. The Festival Family Day will be on Saturday 26 November in the Tuggeranong Town Centre Park. Again, the TCC will have an information booth where we will be drumming up support and encouraging new members. I hope to see some of you at the festival.

Accepted: Albert Orszaczky Seconded Carole Traise

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

As at 4 Oct the bank balance was \$9,309.87.

As at 1 Nov the bank balance is \$7,442.03.

Comprising Operating account \$715.06,

Investment account \$6,726.97

Expenditure since 4 Oct 2011 \$1,899.34

Income (bank interest) \$31.50

Accepted: Donna Smail Seconded Bill Heins

Police Report:

Sergeant Rod Anderson, OIC of Tuggeranong Police Station presented the following brief report on crime statistics and information regarding other local Police activities during October:

- Burglaries up as local offenders had been released from prison. Repeat offenders to be targeted,
- Property damage and assaults decreased,
- Trailing a charge 'n' bail system to get Police out to work quicker,
- A few arson fires e.g. in bins etc a problem,

- Grass fires may be a real danger this summer season please do hazard reduction around houses and have an evacuation plan,
- Four intruders at Urambi primary school apprehended on 13 Oct,
- Taxi driver took a passenger who had a knife and refused to pay to Tuggeranong police station to be arrested.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Planning and Environment Sub-Committee

Colin Petrie reported on his attendance at the NSW Government's Community Cabinet Meeting held in Queanbeyan. He reported on discussions at the meeting in regard to the proposed residential development at Tralee and the presentation of a 10,500 signature petition in favour of the development. NSW Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard advised he would be handing down a decision soon on the proposed development.

Dug Holmes raised the issue of the deadlines for community feedback on the ACT Planning Strategy and Erindale master plan. The Council agreed to call for more time for the community to be consulted and provide feedback on both strategies.

- Transport and Community Services Sub-Committee

NRMA ACT Corporate Affairs and Regional Policy Specialist, Ron Collins, addressed Council members in regards to "P" plate driver safety and vehicle and passenger restrictions. He said the e NRMA does not support restrictions on "P" plate drivers on the types of cars (per engine size) as applies in some other jurisdictions. He said some of more powerful cars have the highest ANCAP safety ratings and there is more chance of a person surviving and accident in those vehicles than some of the smaller ones. However, Mr Collins said the NRMA would like to see more education and licensing programs around safety issues. He said a tougher competency licensing program tracking learners log books would be a good start. The Council decided to defer the motion to the December meeting and to invite Mr Gary McDonald from TAMS to speak on road safety.

ACT Light Rail convenor, Damien Haas addressed the Council on ACT Light Rail's response to the ACT Government's Transport Strategy. It was decided that the TCC would provide a letter of support on receipt of the response by ACT Light Rail.

Update from Local Members:

Nick invited the local Members in attendance, Steve Doszpot MLA (Liberals) and Brendan Smyth MLA (Liberals) to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the political forum.

Steve Doszpot MLA

1. Steve is going to be swapping electorates with Zed Seselja. Steve will move from the seat of Brindabella to Molonglo. Zed will move to the electorate of Brindabella. Steve announced there are some personal reasons for the swap as well as possibly enhancing the chance of a change in Government in the ACT.
2. The Standing Committee on Health, Community and Social Services will be conducting an inquiry into social housing commencing on 18th November and is seeking submissions from members of the community.

Nick and Glenys Patulny extended a thank you to Steve on behalf of the TCC for his representation of the community, his regular attendance of TCC meetings and his support for the TCC.

Brendan Smyth MLA

1. Two motions before the assembly in regards to a Master Plan for Calwell.
2. Zed Seselja addressed the National Press Club and Liberal Party policies.
3. Proposed to do away the \$25 surcharge on short term registration costs.
4. Make it cheaper for families who have more than one child playing sport.
5. Introducing an Independent Commissioner to deal with bullying in the Public Service.
6. 51 weeks to next election.

Guest Speaker: Mr Brian Schiller, Vice President ACT Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Schiller outlined the structure and objectives of Neighbourhood Watch in the ACT and how Tuggeranong residents can get involved. He also detailed how individual residents can go about securing their own property and assist police in reducing crime in their own neighbourhoods.

Other Business:

On behalf of the TCC, Nick congratulated Jesse McConnell, daughter of TCC member Ross McConnell, for being named Young Canberra of the Year for 2011.

General Announcements:

The next General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 6 December 2011**, with guest presenter(s) yet to be confirmed. The meeting concluded at approximately 9.35 pm and members were invited to stay on for light refreshments.