

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 2 August 2011
Minutes

Present:

See attendance record of 2 August 2011.

President Darryl Johnston opened the Meeting and welcomed the attendees and our guest presenters, Mr Stephen Collett from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Mr Greg Mews from Heart Foundation ACT.

Apologies:

Colin & Jan Petrie, Jeff & Robyn Chapman, Rusty Woodward, Brendan Smyth MLA, Steve Doszpot MLA, Amanda Bresnan MLA.

Confirmation of Minutes of July 2011 Meeting:

Following distribution of the Minutes, a minor amendment to the Police Report was noted as follows:

Response to (first) question regarding progress with the Random Roadside Drug Testing program should in fact read as “**Slow progress to date as we wanted to ensure we got our processes and procedures right**”.

Accepted: Alison Ryan Seconded: Donald Thomas

Matters Arising from July 2011 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.

Last week I was accompanied by Albert and Glenys to the Combined Community Councils’ meeting. That meeting was attended by representatives of all Community Councils (in the ACT). The meeting was hosted by Belconnen Community Council. We discussed a number of planning issues and issues to be raised with members of the Legislative Assembly in the lead-up to the next ACT Elections.

Guest speakers included Nectar Efkapidis of the Molonglo Group and Head of the Chief Minister’s Department, Andrew Cappie-Wood. Mr Efkapidis spoke on the developer’s perspective of dealing with communities and the many hurdles faced by developers in seeing through projects. He also gave us an insight into his ideas behind design and innovation. Mr Cappie-Wood briefed us on how the ACT Government is going about implementing the many recommendations of the Hawke Review into the ACT Public Service.

During the week I also attended a planning meeting for the upcoming Tuggeranong Festival. The TCC will again participate in the Festival with an information booth. The Festival family day will be held on Saturday, 26 November.

Just a reminder that the next meeting of the TCC scheduled for Tuesday, 6 September will be a normal meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting. If you wish to nominate for a position on the TCC Executive now is your opportunity. Nomination forms are on the table along with envelopes addressed to the Returning Officer. Completed nomination forms can be either hand delivered or posted. Thank you.”

Accepted: Glenys Patulny Seconded: Greg Downing

Treasurer’s Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Current bank account balance is \$10,872.23, comprising of our Operating Account of \$251.54 and Investment Account of \$10,620.69. Expenditure totalled \$200.10, with the main items being for phone/internet expenses and meeting costs. Income during the period was \$61.93 for membership fees totalling \$22.00 and bank interest of \$39.93.

Accepted: Alison Ryan Seconded: Jill Faulkner

Sub-Committee and other Reports:

- Planning and Environment Committee

Dug Holmes provided details of the following issues currently being considered by the Committee:

- Southern Cemetery development
 - TCC supports the Cemetery proposal but is opposed to the inclusion of a Crematorium due to the likely emissions – not considered necessary due to under use of the Norwood Park facility.

The following Motion was proposed as previously circulated to members:

The Tuggeranong Community Council supports the development of a new Southern Cemetery at Hume on the condition that:

- 1. new technologies be included in the development of the Southern Cemetery that provide the same or similar outcome as the cremation process, but zero or negligible emissions,*
- 2. that the existing wildlife corridor **and surrounding broadacre land currently in public use** be preserved.*

Dug provided some background information regarding the various uses of the adjoining land and wildlife corridor that ideally need to be retained. An amendment was suggested that a community representative be included on the ACT Cemeteries Authority and a suitable explanation was provided to support that request. It was not considered appropriate due to other opportunities available to the Council for airing community concerns through the regular Planning and Development Forums. However, a minor amendment to item 2 (as indicated in red) was included in the Motion, which was proposed by Dug Holmes. The Motion was seconded by Richard Hedges and it was supported and carried unanimously by members.

- Concerns regarding air quality in the Tuggeranong Valley
 - background information presented, including update on current and proposed developments.

The following Motion was proposed as previously circulated to members:

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) recognises that the Tuggeranong Valley suffers unique air pollution problems due to its topography. Therefore the TCC:

- 1. rejects developments that will add to air pollution levels in the Tuggeranong Valley,*
- 2. calls for the introduction of a second air pollution monitoring station in the south of the Tuggeranong Valley to measure PM2.5 air pollution levels **and regular publication and broadcast of results,***
- 3. Supports and encourages programs and initiatives designed to reduce existing **transport,** domestic and industrial air pollution levels in the Tuggeranong Valley.*

The Motion with minor amendments (as indicated in red)) was proposed by Dug Holmes, seconded by Donna Smail and was endorsed and carried unanimously by members.

- Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans
 - TCC supports Greenway development (opposite Bunnings) in principle, with expectation that funds from sale of land be directed towards investment in local infrastructure projects.
 - Decision on Erindale deferred due to further consideration of related issues/concerns.
 - Duplication of Erindale, Ashley and Athllon Drives to be pursued.
- Draft Variation 306 (replacing DV301 and DV303)
 - 9 summary documents outlining major issues involved,
 - Main changes involve community vs developer focus,
 - Original consultation deadline extended to 6 September – TCC submission to be sent.
- Centenary Trail recently extended further north
 - TCC to ensure consistency with Eastern Broadacre Study plans.
- Tuggeranong Homestead Creek
 - Support provided towards seeking ACT Government funds for rehabilitation of site.
- South Tralee development
 - Recent response from Minister Albanese indicating refusal re Data Centre project,
 - Subject to further consideration by NSW Planning Minister,

- Project not expected to proceed.

Eric Traise represented the TCC at the recent Planning and Development Forum and he provided a brief report, including the following items:

- David Papps appointed as the Chair of the new Directorate (replacing Neil Savery) and he is keen to establish closer links with the community, with plans for discussions with all Community Councils in the near future;
- Reorganisation resulting from Hawke Review involves broader scope of responsibilities for the area, including transport planning issues;
- Simon Corbell now the Minister responsible for Planning and related functions.

Also, a report was presented by Beverley Flint in relation to the recent meeting of East Greenway residents with Tony Gill, Director Roads ACT, following their representation at the June TCC General Meeting. The following matters were highlighted:

- Agreement received for footpath and lighting improvements in the area;
- Total 8 (of 10) road/transport issues have been resolved to date;
- Extension of ACTION bus service is still under consideration;
- Request for installation of a post box has been declined – redirected to Oxley or Hyperdome.

Darryl Johnston suggested that the Council is prepared to write to Australia Post and ACTION to support the two latter requests. It was suggested that a suitable location be identified for the post box that would not present an access problem for the Australia Post van due to the narrow streets in the suburb - perhaps near the bus stop. The following Motion (as amended) was proposed by Beverley Flint for consideration:

The Tuggeranong Community Council supports the residents of East Greenway in their call for road signs marked at 50kph to be placed on the roads of Mortimer Lewis Drive, De Little Street and John Young Crescent to reduce the problem of speeding.

After brief discussion on the merits of the request, the Motion was seconded by Dug Holmes and supported by members.

A further report was provided by Bill Heins regarding the recent meeting of Erindale business owners in relation to the proposed changes outlined in the Draft Erindale Master Plan. Steve Doszpopot MLA had recently held discussions about their concerns and a petition containing over 3,000 signatures has been secured in support of the relevant issues, including the following:

- Parking issues in Erindale precinct;
- Traffic concerns in Gartside Street and Comrie Street precinct
 - Engineering consulting firm to appraise issues of volume and flow of traffic, parking solutions,
 - Financial hardship being experienced by local traders due to loss of business.
- Proposed plans for Erindale Bus Interchange to be pursued further during August;
- Minister Corbell has recently announced deferral of Erindale (and Kambah) Master Plans until above issues have been resolved.

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

Police Report:

Sergeant Rod Anderson, OIC of Tuggeranong Police Station arrived after attending another local activity. He presented the following brief report on local Police activities during July:

- Slight increase in burglaries and other crime statistics over the previous month.
- Increase may possibly be attributed to the school holiday period.
- Number of arrests and Suburban Policing Strategy patrols within the Tuggeranong patrol zone were generally consistent with previous months.
- Reference to recent media reports involving incidents where several vulnerable Canberrans passed away in their homes, unnoticed for some time. The community is encouraged to be aware of the welfare of any neighbours or relatives/friends, in conjunction with Missing Persons Week. Any

irregular situations or concerns to be reported to the Police to enable appropriate investigation and prompt follow up action to be taken.

Questions from the floor:

Members raised some minor concerns, including the following:

- What action is involved with complaints of “hooning” activity reported earlier (in Greenway)?
Incidents to be reported to Police to enable prompt attention and action.
- Update on the number of matters reported to Police and results / outcome of action would be useful.
Relevant statistics are usually reported, but not practical to provide specific details due to other circumstances involved.

Update from Local Members:

No Members were in attendance on the night so the usual update was not available.

Guest Speaker (1) – Mr Stephen Collett:

President, Darryl Johnston introduced Stephen Collett, a representative from the Australian Bureau of Statistics to address the meeting on the topic of the upcoming 2011 Australian Census on 9 August. Mr Collett provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included the following information:

- Background – assessment of quality of results
- Purpose of a Census
 - Measure of population and key information obtained,
 - Policy development, planning for provision of services, academic research,
 - Determine electoral distribution for democracy,
 - Funding for States/Territories through GST distribution,
 - Identification of cultural and linguistically diverse communities.
- How is it done?
 - Staffing – District Managers, Area Supervisors and Collectors.
 - Process for delivery / collection of material, use of privacy envelopes.
 - E-Census option available.
- Confidentiality and Compulsion – Census & Statistics Act
 - Penalties of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to 2 years,
 - Compulsory completion by all residents,
 - Accuracy of responses – trust in community essential,
 - Option for release of information in 99 years for historical purposes, genealogy.
- History of undercount performance – comparison over past 3 Census events
- Factors affecting performance
 - Demographic characteristics, ethnicity related topics, number of homeless people, etc.
- A picture of Tuggeranong for 2006 Census
 - Main countries of birth and spread of languages spoken,
 - Breakdown of median age groupings.
- Preliminary results to be available mid-2012 via ABS website
- Our progress
 - 3 stages of engagement,
 - Workload design, dress rehearsal involved,
 - National improvements to field staff pay and strategy,
 - Promotion of E-Census option – capacity and security of on-line system.
- Measures of success

Questions from the floor:

The presentation was well received by attendees and several pertinent queries/concerns were raised and were suitably addressed by Mr Collett.

Guest Speaker (2) – Mr Greg Mews:

Darryl introduced Greg Mews - Acting Living Coordinator, Heart Foundation ACT, to address the meeting on the Foundation’s “Healthy Community Tour 2011” covering various Active Living initiatives. His PowerPoint presentation featured the following items:

- Key messages – influence of built environment on level of physical activity and general health;
- Details of personal background and career;
- Active Living Vision and Mission of the organisation;
- Various promotional material available regarding nature and extent of programs;
- Concerns of obesity and lack of physical activity – cost of \$1.5 billion a year;
- Deaths attributed to 19 leading factors;
- Healthy Spaces and Places – contact via Heart Foundation website;
- Heart Foundation Walking program;
- Heartmove “Exercise for Life” program – best exercise routine options;
- “Kids at Play” program – childcare facilities available.

A suggestion was made for the Heart Foundation mobile van to make regular visits to local shopping centres to raise awareness and provide motivation / encouragement for likely “victims”.

Other Business / General Announcements:

Darryl mentioned that we had not yet received a formal response to the two Motions recently submitted to Minister Corbell regarding establishment of a debt recovery system and introduction of a green waste bin service.

Darryl informed members that the next Meeting on **6 September** would involve a General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting. He clarified the eligibility details for nomination to positions on the Executive Committee and advised that nomination forms were available and should be sent to the Returning Officer, Mr Michael Lindfield, c/- Jill Faulkner at Communities@Work.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9.40pm.