

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 01 October 2013

Present:

See attendance record of 03 September 2013.

President Eric Traise opened the Meeting at 7.30pm.

Welcomes: Joy Burch MLA, Nicole Lawder MLA, Brendan Smyth MLA, & Andrew Wall MLA.

Apologies:

Martin Devine, Jeff Bollard, Beverley & Max Flint, Darryl Johnston, Nick Tsoulis, Rusty Woodward, Russell Morison & Bill Heins.

Confirmation of Minutes of September 2013 Meeting:

Albert Orszaczky requested that Max & Bev Flint & Glenys Patulny be added to the apologies.

Moved: *Alison Ryan* Seconded: *Albert Orszaczky*

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

Nil

President's Report:

Attached

Secretary's Report

E-mails received:

- Parking availability at Erindale – Nick may be able to update.
- Tuggeranong Community Festival. 23rd. November 2013. Glenys reported that it should be bigger & better than last year.
- Planning Development Forum – Wayne King attended.
- Survey on Action Buses – This has been forwarded to Members.
- Apology from Meg Blackman re A.G.M. (to be held over till next A.G.M.)
- Newsletters from Legislative Assembly & Murrumbidgee - Ginninderra Gorges National Park to be uploaded to Web site.

Letters Received:

- Survey on getting around ACT. Forms for this were placed on sign-in table.
- Katy Gallagher response to Tralee situation. (in response to secretary's letter)

Treasurer's Report (Mr Frank Vrins):

The Treasurer delivered his monthly report:

As at 3 rd Sept 13, the bank balance was	\$ 17,064.98
As at 1 st Oct 13, the bank balance is	\$ 16,799.73
Comprising Operating account	<u>\$ 2,733.76</u>
Invest Acct + int 30Aug \$29.64	<u>\$14,065.97</u>

Expenditure since 3rd September 13

The main items of expenditure have been on phone/internet (\$85.10) Web site development \$45.00

Meeting Expenses \$175.00
The total expenditure was \$ 305.10

Income since 3rd September 13

Membership Subs \$ 7.00
Interest from Invest Acc \$ 29.80
Total Income \$ 36.80

Accepted: *Frank Vrins* Seconded: *Robyn Chapman*

Sub-Committee and other Reports:

Tuggeranong Lakes Carers - Short slide show on Lake clean -up

Glenys Patulny then presented a prize to the winner of the TLC logo competition Davina Savangsaengouthay.

Davina has been mentoring students at Wanniasa Primary School on the Sustainability Group.

2nd November is Adult Clean-up Day at the Lake from 10a.m. to 1p.m. Starting at the Rowing Club & Sea Scout Hall. To be followed by a BBQ.

Glenys was also congratulated on her Environment Community Support Award.

Police Report:

Sergeant Daryl Neit presented the following brief report on crime statistics and information regarding other local Police activities for the last month:

- Daryl thanked every-one for his Neighborhood Watch Award.
- Operation has started to clean up trail bikes in Corin.
- Planters in Corin have been apprehended.
- Crime reduction team - North & South intelligence group is targeting youth crime & Torres Strait Islanders.
- Please help Police by reporting incidents in your area.
- Parking restrictions on Tharwa & Isabella Drive are in relation to Poster Trucks used for advertising.

Eric thanked Daryl for his attendance and interesting reports.

Update from Local Members:

Nicole Lawder MLA No report

Andrew Wall MLA

- Andrew reiterated the congratulations to Daryl and also passed on congratulations to Geoff Puleston who was awarded the ACT Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year Award.
- The poor condition of some sporting fields and change room facilities will hopefully be rectified.
- Solar Development. Have your say when the time comes to comment on the Development Application at Uriarra Village (26,100 Solar Panels next to approx 100 homes)
- The Development Application for the Fire & Rescue Station is on the Web.

Joy Burch MLA

- CIT to Tuggeranong. Proposals to be put to TCC when available. 2/3 of students attending Woden Campus are from Tuggeranong. Community Services etc., would also like it to be here.
- 695 pupils from St Francis of Assisi School, plus teachers and parents broke the Guinness World Record for the longest high-five at their 25th anniversary celebrations.
- Lanyon High has volunteering programme

Brendan Smyth MLA

- A motion has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly requiring the Treasurer to provide information about the future of our rates.

- It's the Bush Fire Season. No large scale burns have been done in the area for many years. So clean up your yard. The Government is being pushed to table a Bush Fire Framework before November.
- After a recent trip to South Africa, Brendan thinks it's time we had a new Convention Centre in the ACT.

General Business:

ACT Housing Community Services representative Peter Johns gave a short slide show of the proposed Units to be developed at Chisholm. (near Aldi)

The height has been reduced from 4 stories to 3, comprising of 21 Units targeting older or disabled people. Basement car parking will be available, plus, some on street parking.

Trees and landscaping are to be used for screening.

Development planning application is in place.

The date for public comment on the Development Application has now passed.

Other Business - Topics for Consideration

President Eric Traise presented a list of issues that had been agreed by the committee were important for the Council to progress. They were:

- Preserving jobs in Tuggeranong. Of particular concern was the possibility of FaHCSIA moving out of Tuggeranong. Eric advised that he had spoken to the acting CFO who said they were in final stages of evaluation of the responses to the Expression of Interest in providing office space. He will advise at what point the Community could comment on the preferred solution.
- Fast tracking the South Quay development. Eric Traise advised that LDA staff had told him that the Development was on track and aimed at land sale early 2014.
- Lake Tuggeranong Water Quality. The problems are well known. The TCC will continue to support the TLC and other community groups who are trying to improve the situation.
- CIT move to Tuggeranong. Joy Burch MLA has provided a status report earlier in the meeting.
- Health Services. The Tuggeranong Community Health Centre is currently undergoing a major upgrade.

Eric Traise asked members if they had any other issues that they thought we should include on the list.

He also asked members to let the Committee know if there are any particular guest speakers they would like to hear at future meetings.

Coffee Break

Guest Speaker:

E- Health with Eleonor Pritchard.

Due to illness Eleonor's place was ably taken by Glentin Yin.

A very informative slide show presentation was given by Glentin. (The slide show will be available on the website.)

Any further enquiries may be made to her via 02 62878099 (Reception) or through any Medicare branch.

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday, 5th November 2013. Meeting closed 9.30pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT 1st OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

After one month in the President's job, life has become quite a bit busier.

On Wednesday morning after our AGM on Tuesday night, I took the opportunity to talk to Ross Solly on ABC 666 radio. His morning show was travelling around Canberra doing Election specials. They were operating out of Brothers Oven in the Homeworld Centre. I was a bit nervous but Ross put me at ease and we talked about things that were important to Tuggeranong including possible job losses if FaHCSIA moves out.

On the following Saturday morning, Minute Secretary Lynn Bott and I attended a Combined Community Council Meeting at Belconnen. This is a useful forum for identifying issues of common interest to all or most Community Councils. A united voice can bring more influence to bear. TCC is hosting the next meeting in November.

One very important task I've been working on is recruiting members to fill vacancies on the Committee. The Constitution allows Committee to appoint members to fill vacancies. I have been greatly encouraged by the reception I've received and can advise that we now have three more committee members. Jan Petrie has taken on the Secretary's job, Lynn Bott is now the Minute Secretary, Alison Ryan and Wayne King have joined as general committee members. Glenys Patulny is Vice President, Max Flint, Treasurer and Bev Flint, Public Officer. The Flints return from overseas in mid October. Until then, Frank Vrins is carrying on as Treasurer. Thanks Frank. Darryl Johnston is still Web Master and Media Liaison. Darryl is working out of Darwin for a few months but thanks to the internet, he can continue to do the job. We've had a handover/takeover meeting with the retiring Committee to ensure a smooth transition. I thank Nick and the boys.

We had our first Committee meeting last week and came up with a list of the issues we think we'll be focussing on. I emailed it to all members yesterday and we can get your feedback later in this meeting. It's one thing to identify issues. Doing something about them is something else. The Committee can only do so much. Our main job is to provide leadership and to manage the ongoing affairs of the Council. The more members we have who are willing to serve on sub-committees, the more progress we can make in getting the issues highlighted and solutions progressed.

To that end, I would ask you all to think about the issues that are of particular interest to you and then decide if you want to do more than just thinking about it. You can put your name against Jan's lists and we'll be in touch.

One item that I didn't put on the list was increasing and diversifying our membership. I heard Bill Shorten talking recently about the challenge of increasing Labor Party membership. He spoke about needing to be more flexible and not insisting that people attend monthly meetings in cold draughty halls. He has a point. GenX and Ys communicate largely via social media. If we want to get to them, we have to do it their way.

I'd like to finish off by congratulating two people here tonight. Sergeant Daryl Neit on receiving the Neighbourhood Watch Chief Police Officer's Award for his outstanding service to the community. And Glenys Patulny who received the Environment Community Support Award for Community Co-ordinators at the 2013 Landcare Awards for her work as Chair of the Southern ACT Catchment Group.

