<u>Tuggeranong Community Council Inc</u> <u>General Meeting – 06 August 2013</u> <u>Minutes</u>

Present:

See attendance record of 06 August 2013.

President Nick Tsoulias opened the Meeting at 7.30pm, being the last before the AGM.

Welcomes:

Jeremy Hanson, MLA, Leader of the Opposition

Apologies

Gai Brodtmann MP, Rusty Woodward, Jan Petrie, Terry Robinson and Gail Barton, Sue Foley, Wayne King, Greg Downing.

Confirmation of Minutes of July 2013 Meeting:

Accepted: Bill Heins Seconded: Beverley Flint

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

The Secretary advised that the TCC had written to WinTV regarding the downgrading of the news service but had not received a response.

TCC has submitted a nomination for the Footsteps to Follow award.

President's Report (Mr Nick Tsoulias):

President, Nick Tsoulias presented the following Report:

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) welcomes you all to another meeting this month.

This month, the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has continued its petition calling on WIN TV management to reverse its decision to downgrade its Canberra and regional news service. Our Council is encouraging all members and residents in the Canberra WIN TV viewing area to sign the petition and to circulate it to family and friends via email and online social media.

The petition is available on our TCC Web page www.tuggcc.com, and I would appreciate everyone to add his or her name to this. Also I am pleased to announce we have also developed a TCC Facebook site, which you can now be our friends. The TCC Facebook name is the TCC and the Facebook site is open to just about every person or organisation that has his or her own Facebook account.

I also wanted to touch base on the important Tralee Dispute resolution agreement between Village Building Group and the Canberra Airport. It has been the view of strong level public concern about the Tralee development in NSW for some 15 years now and how flight paths could affect the Gungahlin and Tuggeranong town regions. Last week the TCC committee and I committed the strong view of the TCC to oppose the Tralee development and to offer legal support to those residents whom felt their lives, property and health were threatened. As President, I maintained the view of the Council and supported this view to a number of media groups.

Based on some of the questions directed to the TCC from local media, as President I made a judgement to withdraw our media alerts as the TCC were not privy on the agreement made in between the Canberra Airport and the Village Group, and I felt with respect to questions directed to the council, of legal implication, that legal advice was needed and to come back to the council members.

However, at no time was the intent of the statement withdrawn, and I do feel some members or residents may have read newspaper articles that they themselves were taken out of context as they were written out of context. Therefore it was the timing of our media release that was withdrawn, and as President I took the responsibility to inform the TCC executive of this withdrawal in the interests of the TCC to discuss this

agreement further, and to obtain legal advice on the outcome of the Canberra Airport and Village Agreement and to propose to you all a new motion to deal with the agreement outcome of these two groups.

Therefore tonight we have a proposed 5 separate motions that have been agreed to by our executive committee, and members of the TCC who assisted in drafting of these motions which will give our council advice, direction and will highlight the important principles and core message that Council and its members have always been of the view of, with the primary concern of flights coming over Tuggeranong.

As President I would urge you all to consider our proposed motions which only as of yesterday the TCC Executive visited Mr Archie Tsirimokos, our legal advisor whom suggested noting his views with us tonight that he wanted to ensure the core message of concern is that the Tuggeranong region are not adversely impacted by changes to flight paths. I will enclose our solicitor's email with this message sent on the 05/08/2013 (see *)

In moving on, our guest speaker tonight is the ACT Leader of the Opposition, Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, who is our guest speaker and an opportunity for you all to ask of Jeremy local issues, in Canberra, in particular all things Tuggeranong.

I am also delighted to announce that the TCC annual AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013.

I wish to advise all financial members the Tuggeranong Community Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2013.

Financial members are asked to consider nominating for positions on the TCC Executive 2013/14. For those residents or members seeking to nominate, an attached form was sent with the minutes of the previous TCC meeting last Friday, however a form is available by contacting our Treasurer Frank Vrins.

The nominations for the TCC must be in 10-days prior to the election. Financial members who are unable to attend the AGM can vote by Proxy. A Proxy voting form was also sent out to all members last week. We have had a very good year on our council, and I will touch base on this at our AGM. The current TCC executive are considering re-standing for nomination for the upcoming council year 2013/14, however we do welcome new members, a diverse range of members, and residents to join the TCC Executive committee and I would be happy to talk to you about what it involves.

With the Federal election now called for Saturday Sept 7th 2013, the TCC Executive and I and members are proud to be hosts for this year's Federal Election Peoples Forum, Q and A.

Council members and the public will be informed in the coming days of this event, and I am happy to announce our special guest moderator will be Mark Parton of 2CC radio. The Peoples Forum will be held here at the Southern Cross Club, 7.30pm Tuesday August 20th.

Members of the TCC will be invited to attend this event, and any residents wishing to reserve seats on this evening, will need to call our executive on 0431 235 970. Limited seats will be available as the Club has a max seating capacity, so I am hopeful of a good attendance. Pays to be members!!

Thank you. Kind Regards,

Moved: Nick Tsoulias Accepted: Frank Vrins

Secretary's Report

Optus invoice and flyer on Educational workshop received

Treasurer's Report (Mr Frank Vrins):

The Treasurer delivered his report as follows:

As at 2nd July 13, the bank balance was \$18,837.42

As at 6th August 13, the bank balance is \$17,961.82

Comprising operating account \$3,955.29 and Investment account \$14,006.53

The main items of expenditure have been on phone/internet (\$85.10) office costs \$125.00 Equipment/software \$395.89 Print/Advertising \$338.50. The total expenditure was \$ 944.49.

Income included Membership Subs \$31.00, interest from Investment Account \$37.89 for a total of \$68.89

Moved: Frank Vrins Seconded: Eric Traise

Secretary advised that Chronicle advertising was to promote the AGM as required.

Sub-Committee and other Reports:

Lake Quality Committee

Glenys Patulny update – Lake clean-up for both lake and Gordon Ponds were involving schools, also plantings. She proposed that TCC sponsor a carp-fishing competition. They had a carp cooking book to support this.

Planning and Environment Committee

Glenys Patulny advised the launch of two books, *Labor of Love* and *Tuggeranong Treasurers*, copies of which were made available for perusal and ordering by members.

Transport and Community Services Committee

Bill advised that Comrie St improvements to support the park and ride were proposed for the next budget.

Footsteps to Follow

Beverley Flint provided an update report on the *Footsteps to Follow* project being conducted as part of the Canberra Centenary. Also mentioned was the CT Invitation to comment on Australian Age-friendly cities nominations.

Airport Noise Abatement Zones/Tralee

The Secretary presented the 5 Motions proposed by the Executive that had been circulated in advance: *This meeting of the Tuggeranong Community:*

- 1. calls on the support of all ACT Federal members, Senators and candidates for the legislating of the current Canberra Airport Noise Abatement Zones.
- 2. Reiterates its opposition to residential development at Tralee and resolves to continue to monitor the proposed project and keep Tuggeranong residents informed.
- 3. Reiterates its opposition to any attempts by future residents of Tralee to relocate aircraft flight paths over the Tuggeranong Valley.
- 4. Reiterates its offer to provide advice and moral support to any Tuggeranong resident or resident groups who find their lives, health or home values negatively impacted as a result of aircraft flight paths being relocated over Tuggeranong.
- 5. Calls on the ACT government to confirm its policy of not supporting residential development at Tralee. In the event Tralee proceeds, the TCC calls on the ACT Government to ensure that any costs associated with infrastructure changes within the ACT needed to accommodate Tralee are funded by the developer and not ACT taxpayers.

Moved: Darryl Johnston Seconded: seconder not identifiable

He ran through a presentation summarizing the reasons for the motions and explaining Noise Abatement Zones. After extensive discussion, the following amendments were submitted:

- That the motions be considered as a single motion. Moved: Darryl Johnson Seconded: ? CARRIED
- That Part 2 be amended to "residential development at Tralee or adjacent to the NAZ" Moved: Meg Blackman Seconded: Ross McConnell
- That Part 3 be amended to "any attempts". Moved: Ross McConnell Seconded: seconder not identified
- That Part 2 be withdrawn until a later meeting. Moved: President Seconded: Frank Vrins NOT CARRIED
- That Motion be accepted as presented. Moved: Barry Bott Seconded: Alison Ryan CARRIED

The motion is:

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- 3. Reiterates its opposition to any attempts by future residents of Tralee or anyone else to relocate aircraft flight paths over the Tuggeranong Valley.
- 4. Reiterates its offer to provide advice and moral support to any Tuggeranong resident or resident groups who find their lives, health or home values negatively impacted as a result of aircraft flight paths being relocated over Tuggeranong.
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The motion was carried.

Coffee Break

Police Report:

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

Police attended 1029 jobs over the month.

There were increases in burglaries, property damage, assaults and stolen motor vehicles and number plates.

31 people were arrested over March for various offences from breach of bail, outstanding warrants to traffic related offences.

Hyperdome had an increase in burglaries with access through the roof. 2 offenders were in custody.

The new CPO, Mr Rudy Langhams has been appointed and was hoping to bring him along.

Highly-coloured vehicles are Rapid number-plate readers.

Update from Local Members:

No updates for night

Guest Speaker - Mr Jeremy Hanson, MLA Leader of the Opposition

President Nick Tsoulias introduced Mr. Jeremy Hanson who addressed the meeting about Tuggeranong issues, including:

- TCC was boxing above its weight
- Tuggeranong was being left behind
- Light rail \$630m spent elsewhere, coming out of budget, won't be spent in Tuggeranong
- High speed rail from Sydney would be a good thing
- Rates going up by 10%/year, rates tripling in 11 years assuming no land value increase
- Public service job cuts: FAHCSIA should stay in Tuggeranong
- Aircraft abatement: agree with item 1 legislating areas

Questions from the floor

Re: Tralee – no payment for infrastructure: not aware of road changes or any payment plans

Re: Covered stadium in Civic - Tugg sporting groups looking for local facilities: Liberals have different priorities.

Re: Lake Tuggeranong closure/no wetlands: discussed in estimates, work to be done. Liberals are looking to make it usable.

Re: Bad facilities in Tuggeranong – why south side: Liberals didn't support power station or jail.

Re: South Tuggeranong: Liberals will build a pool, and support amenities.

Re: Isabella Drive about to start, but all so-called rat-runs through Fadden/Gilmore being closed: Government sequencing of road-works appalling; no synchronization. Happy to check it out

Re: Govt studies but no actions: Ashley drive still waiting for digging: lots of talk no action

Re: \$30k tables: money waster

Re: Monaro Roadworks - When is a highway a highway and not a set of junctions: Liberals are a pro-car party, more parking, better roads.

Re: News tonight – Assembly got tetchy over budget: Budget delivered and estimates not accurate, not delivering, Government collecting \$200m/yr from taxes but spending even more.

Re: Light rail \$600m not a realistic estimate, too high: Infrastructure Australia agrees they are not accurate.

Re: Light rail: population density is the key. Remember this is phase 1 and expenditure will absorb most taxes.

Re Public transport, bus driver stated south Tuggeranong is poorly served, even worse on weekends: ACT in big trouble with transport costs and rostering.

Re: CCC developing regional transport policy to increase bus use – to be presented to Assembly soon and looking for support.

Re: TCC population going down, key infrastructure projects not getting off ground: Populations ebb and flow. Need long term view.

President thanked Jeremy and presented a small gift on behalf of the Council.

Other Business / General Announcements:

Inkster St residents are looking for support to reduce truck and other traffic heading to Kambah shops. TCC are happy to support but the sub-committee has not met yet to formalize support.

MLA reports were postponed till the next meeting.

The Election Debate is being held on 20th August at SCC. Mark Parton will be the moderator and details will be emailed out. Remember to contact the Council to book seating.

The next General Meeting will be before the AGM and is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **3 September 2013**. Meeting closed 9.30pm.

*President's Email included as requested by president for completeness

Dear Nick,

I refer to our meeting this morning.

I confirm that I advised that Motion 2 & the first sentence of motion 5 should be removed. In my view, those changes reflect the fact that TCC is not opposed to development as such, but wants to ensure its members (& Tuggeranong generally) is not adversely impacted by changes to flight paths & costs with the ACT may want to pass on to ratepayers.

Kind Regards,

Archie - Archie Tsirimokos | Managing Partner | Meyer Vandenberg Lawyers