

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes of General Meeting – 4th February 2014

Present:

See attendance record of 4th February 2014.

President Eric Traise opened the Meeting at 7.32pm.

Welcomes:

Gai Brodtmann MP, Brendan Smyth MLA, & Nicole Lawder MLA

Apologies:

Glenys Patulny, Darryl Johnson, Lynn & Barry Bott, Nick Tsoulis, Alison Ryan, Peter & Judy Brentnall.

President's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

President Eric presented the attached report.

A summary of responses from the Chief Minister are on the website.

Moved: *Eric Traise* Seconded:

Confirmation of Minutes of November 2013 Meeting:

The draft Minutes were presented of the previous meeting, as circulated and **on website.**

Moved: Eric Traise Seconded: Robyn Chapman

Matters Arising from October 2013 Meeting:

Names have been completed on the guest list in the Minutes

Secretary's Report

Nil

Treasurer's Report (Mr Max Flint):

The Treasurer delivered his report as attached.

The Draft Deed of Grant is in place for this year.

Balance in the bank is \$26,861.

Moved: *Max Flint* Seconded: Sheryl ?

Sub-Committee and other Reports:

- *Environment Committee*

Nil

- *Transport Committee*

Russ Morison

- CCC Transport Working Group submitted comments on Action Bus Service Network 14. ACTION has deferred implementation until later in the year.
- ACT Government is short of money so work on a Calwell Masterplan can't proceed yet.
- TAMS signs are now up for the Park & Ride at Calwell. Parking available at any time not just 7.30 – 10.00.
- CROFT Innovative Care, purchased land at Calwell for an aged care facility. Will not be available till early next year at the earliest. (Child care centre is also needed.) Development Application was open for comment till November last year.

-*Planning Committee*

Wayne King reported on; Planning Development Forum

Masterplan is available for Calwell & Tharwa, which includes Tuggeranong. Belconnen – Woden & Mawson will be on another Plan.

There were 3 Guest speakers, one of which talked on the East Lake Development (Fyshwick) and about Kangaroo Culling

Footsteps to Follow

Beverley Flint reported;

- East Greenway to try to get Lake Foreshore Park changed – it is very dangerous.
- Improved lighting is required on new walkway
- Footsteps to follow – Thank you to Gai Brodtmann for the refreshments.

Police Report:

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

- 43 Burglaries, down by 28%, 153 property damages, 55 assaults, 24 vehicle thefts, 39 Car Plate thefts, 196 thefts, 70 arrests, 1 Baby left in a car.
- 12 new recruits in station including Daryl's son Daniel
- Grass Fire was deemed as suspicious.
- Speed detection vans & cameras run by TAMS.

Update from Local Members:

-Gai Brodtmann

- Happy New & Luna Year
- Congratulations to all recipients in the Footsteps to Follow Event. Gai attended with Mick Gentleman and is keen to hear about the new upcoming recipients.
- Gai has a new website with a Blog available listing comments & ideas on Tuggeranong Valley.
- A petition was tabled in Parliament re FaHCSIA (now DSS), she will keep an eye on developments.
- Community Forums will start in April, she will conduct them in Autumn & Spring.
- \$80 Million was allocated for a Salinity Program but this was decided against so a pitch was made for Wetlands. She will follow up on this in the next week.
- TRALEE is opposed by Gai.
- Anzac Centenary – Each Member is allocated \$125,000 for use by Schools, Community Groups, RSL Clubs etc., but it must commemorate WW1. Applications are now open for grants.
- There are lots of clashes with sitting dates of Parliament so Gai apologises in advance if not available for our meetings.

- Nicole Lawder

- 323 days to Christmas!
- More Child Care Centers are needed to drive costs down.
- Nicole has a meeting with Greg Hunt to follow up on the wetlands situation.
- Lack of signage to Tidbinbilla will be improved.
- Congratulations to the recipients of Footsteps to Follow.
- Nicole is having her head shaved for the Cancer Council in Relay for Life at the end of March. Please help support the Cancer Council.

- Brendan Smyth

- Wetland money was there for the ACT, but Minister Corbell hadn't signed the papers so funds went back into the pool, so now a decision has to be made when the Federal Govt. delivers its budget in May.

- Tax Issues; Stamp Duty – Lease Variation Charge – Commence & Complete Fees – Payroll Tax are in contention.
- Most new projects are 2 years away. Airport Management has got it right, why not the Govt.
- Strike Teams are sent to help in Bush Fires, e.g. Blue Mountains & Shannons Flat on condition that they can return at short notice if needed in the ACT. A reciprocal agreement.

General Business:

Seminar on Light Rail will be attended by 2 members.

Coffee Break

Guest Speaker: Caroline Sayer – Territory Planning Section of the Environment & Sustainability Development Directorate

Caroline gave a presentation on Draft Variation 318 of the Territory Plan Masterplan changes are required, the Town Centre will be redeveloped, there will be height changes, pedestrian walkways & parking changes.

The Legislative Assembly gets to make the final decisions on the Masterplan.

Draft Variation Document has contact details if you wish to make a submission, or do it through your Community Council. The campaign inbox is checked every day. Details are also on the Community Notice Board. Submissions close on 17th February.

Guest Speaker: Noel McCann - Canberra Airport Draft Masterplan 2014

Power Point presentation given. (On the Website.)

Questions were then answered by Noel

Other Business

The next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, 4th March 2014**. Meeting closed 9.40pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 4TH FEBRUARY 2013 GENERAL MEETING

Welcome all to our first meeting for 2014. I hope you all had a relaxing time over the Xmas/New Year break and are looking forward to the year ahead. It's been two months since our last meeting in December so I'll start by mentioning a few things that happened during that time.

On Saturday 7th December, Mick Gentleman MLA announced the successful 'Footsteps to Follow' candidates at a ceremony at the entrance to Tuggeranong Town Park. Eight TCC members (past and present) were recognised for their contribution to our community. They were Glenys Patulny, Alison Ryan, Rusty Woodward, Bill Heins, Bob Weight, Rosemary and David Lissimore and Don Thomas. My congratulations to all. Each now has a small plaque mounted on the wall at the main entrance to the Park.

The Executive met with the Chief Minister on 10th December. This was a continuation of the regular practice of annual meetings. She did say at the outset that she valued these meetings and thought that of all the Community Councils, the TCC was the most interested in having them. We only had 30 minutes with her so we had to restrict the number of topics on the agenda. We spoke about Lake Tuggeranong water quality, potential loss of jobs if FaHCSIA (now DSS) re-locates, Ashley Drive duplication, increasing CIT facilities in Tuggeranong, Kings Swim at Calwell, Tralee and Light Rail. In general, she agreed with or at least understood our views. We need to continue to beat the drum during this year as opportunities arise.

The Development Application for the Mugga Lane Solar Park was open for public comment until 20th December. The TCC did lodge a brief submission, the main issue being a lack of community consultation by the developer Zhenfa before the closing date. I'm still waiting for a reply.

I wrote to Treasurer Barr requesting that the 'late fees' being imposed on two projects in Tuggeranong (Kings Swim at Calwell and the Lanyon GP Centre) be waived. He replied advising that he couldn't waive the fees but they were being significantly reduced.

So much for December/January, now what about the rest of this year? Here's a few topics that we'll be following with interest:

We expect to see the final recommendations for the proposed cemetery on Mugga Lane submitted to the Government. This is sure to generate considerable public interest.

The Department of Social Services (formerly FaHCSIA) will decide on its future office locations. This could potentially have up to 1,000 employees moving out of Tuggeranong which would have a significant impact on businesses in the Town Centre. I spoke to the DSS manager responsible for this project today. He may be able to tell us the outcome at the March meeting.

The South Quay residential development opposite Bunnings is moving along with the first land sales expected by mid year. More people living close to the Town Centre will bring new life outside business hours.

Lake Tuggeranong water quality is an ongoing problem especially during the warmer months. The TCC will continue to advocate for measures to be implemented to reduce the inflow of nutrients into the lake.

The Government is undertaking a review of the need for CIT services on the southside of Canberra. We are hoping that this will lead to an expansion of CIT courses run in Tuggeranong.

There are many other issues that we will be addressing during the year. If you have some concerns, please raise them with the Committee.

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
GENERAL MEETING			
		3/02/14 S Cross Club	
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING			
		January	2014
		Date	Balance
Operating Account			
	Start of Period	1/12/13	1,831.47
	End of Period	31/01/14	13,734.34
	Net Change for Period		11,902.87
Investment Account			
	Start of Period	1/12/13	14,095.83
	Interest for Period		27.84
	End of Period	31/01/14	13,123.67
	Net change for Period		-972.16
Petty Cash			
	Transfers TO Operating Acct		0.00
	Transfers from Operating Acct		0.00
	End of Period	31/01/14	3.60
	Net change for Period		0.00
Total Accounts			
	Start of Period	1/12/13	15,930.90
	End of Period	31/01/14	26,861.61
	Net change for Period		10,930.71
NOTES:			
1. The deed of grant for 2013-14 is in force.			
2. A grant of \$12,821 was received.			
3. We need a sound investment program for 2014 so as to continue to this level of grant for next year.			