

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes General Meeting – 7th October 2014

Present:

See attendance record of 7th October 2014.

President Eric Traise opened the meeting just after 7.30pm.

Welcomes:

All MLAs & guest speakers and visitors.

Apologies:

Mick Gentleman MLA, Brendan Smyth MLA, Glenys Patulny, Darryl Johnston, Meg Blackman, Zoe Edwards, Carole Traise, Barry Bott, Martin Devine, Jane Hiatt, Sheridan Brill.

Confirmation of Minutes of May Meeting:

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

Moved: *Albert Orszaczky* Seconded: *Carol Vincent*

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

President's Report:

Eric Traise delivered the Presidents report as per attached. Key points included:

- Continuing with the anti-Light Rail campaign. ACT Govt's business case will be released on 31st October.
- Committee met with some of the developers of South Quay, they are presenting to the meeting later this evening. Land Development Agency recently sold 3 more blocks at South Quay.
- ACT Treasurer has again invited the community to submit ideas for next years budget. TCC will be making a submission; members are encouraged to submit ideas.
- AFP will be holding a 'Safe-plate' campaign on Saturday 25th October at the Hyperdome. TCC will be having a stall there as part of a membership drive.
- The recent Combined Community Council meeting – Commercial organisations making handsome profits rezoning concessional lease properties. Also discussed changes to bus network.
- Looking at what events / activities the TCC can sponsor for ANZAC Centenary.

Moved: *Eric Traise* Seconded: *Beverley Flint*

Treasurer's Report:

Max Flint delivered the Treasurer's report as per attached.

- Currently account balance total is \$22,859.12.
- Max advised he is developing a position paper on light rail in a personal capacity.

Moved: *Max Flint* Seconded: *Ross McConnell*

Health and Community Committee:

Beverley Flint reported as follows:

- 1st October was International Seniors Day.
- The Older Persons Assembly was held on 1st October at the ACT Assembly where motions and proposals for a new strategic plan for 'Positive Ageing'. These proposals were debated and presented to the Minister for Ageing – Mick Gentleman MLA.

Transport Committee:

Russ Morison reported as follows:

- Combined Community Council meeting – Russ is developing an ACT Transport Plan out to 2031 almost finished, reviewing targets contained within, hoping to have information to share at next meeting.
- South East Tuggeranong Residents Association – Calwell Dentist and Calwell Pool is opening 18th October.
- A new group – ‘Minders of Simpson Hill’ has been established. Pat Boldra gave an overview of the aims and activities of the group.

Environment Committee:

Tom Cheesman reported as follows:

- The Tuggeranong Lake Carers (TLC) group is having a clean up of Lake Tuggeranong on Sunday 2nd November from 10am to 1pm, meeting at the Sea Scout Hall on Mortimer Lewis Drive. BBQ to be held afterwards. Bring gloves, hat, sensible shoes, etc.
- The TLC will be trialling 23 ‘Floating Reed Beds’ near Goodwin Village, will report back on how that goes.
- The TLC have identified a number of areas around Lake Tuggeranong requiring erosion control planting and are developing a work plan to have this work completed.

Police Report:

Sgt Jo Cameron reported:

- For the month of September 2014: 25 Burglaries (down 9 on last month, decreased by 5 compared to last month); 66 Property Damage (down 13); 24 Assaults (down 1); 15 reports of Stolen Motor Vehicles (down 10); 14 reports of Number Plate Thefts (down 6); 31 Reports of Thefts from Motor Vehicles (down 26, but up 18 on last 12mths); 134 Thefts (down 15); 36 Arrests, in all 1,392 Incidents recorded.

Q. – Regarding the issue of motorbikes / trail bikes riding around local parks and nature-strips, harassing local residents and tearing up the grass – what steps can residents take?

A. – Invariably patrols cannot get there in time to catch them, however if those responsible can be identified, police can go around and have a ‘chat’ which will help to influence riders future behaviour.

Update from Local Members:

Nicole Lawder:

- ACT Cabinet endorsed decision to go ahead with Light Rail, have been door knocking in the area and of the hundreds of people spoken to; only one was in support of light rail.
- Nature Conservation Act was recently tabled, working with stakeholders to review, etc.
- Was speaker for part of the Older Persons Assembly, presided over motion regarding IT for seniors.
- Attended that launch of ‘Parliamentary Friends of Homelessness’ group.
- Fadden Pond is having a clean-up day on 15 November.
- Getting many calls / correspondence from constituents regarding public housing and the new bus timetable.

General Business:

- Johnathan Davis proposed establishing a ‘Youth’ sub-committee as a way to engage Tuggeranong youth in local issues. He offered to take the running on developing ideas and options on how this could work. Johnathan was invited to attend the TCC Executive meeting to further discuss a youth sub-committee.
- Albert Orszaczky advised that AGM for ACT Neighbourhood Watch would be held Monday 13th October at the Woden Southern Cross Club at 6:30pm.
- Beverley Flint mentioned that one of the motions debated at the Older Persons Assembly was about IT access and use by seniors, and that the schools or young people could assist seniors in learning how to use new computer technology. Beverley suggested this is something the Youth sub committee could look into.
- Ross McConnell wanted to publicly thank the ACT Government regarding the traffic treatments installed through Fadden and MacArthur to stop ‘rat-running’ from Chisholm through to Erindale Drive. The original proposal was for 27 sets of speed humps to be installed but after the completion of community consultation

only 3 were installed on Coyne Street, which seems to have addressed the main issue as that was the key area of concern. Ross undertook to write to Tony Gill of Roads ACT.

Guest Speaker:

- Rob Purdon – Consultant - re the new DSS Office Building in Tuggeranong.

- Proposal to build a new 6-storey office building for the Department of Social Services on the corner of Athllon Drive and Soward Way. Project is moving forward, plans being lodged with the National Capital Authority. Includes the extension of Roland Rees Crescent and the addition of 209 parking spaces.
- New building being designed by GHD, for Cromwell Property Group (the property owner) who will rent the building to DSS. No demolition of existing buildings at Tuggeranong Office Park, new building will be built on the corner, will take up 110 existing car parks.

Q. – What will happen to the existing buildings?

A. – To be resolved, will take several years to finish new building and for DSS to vacate existing buildings.

Q. – Any consideration for putting an overhead pedestrian crossing, as the flow of foot traffic is constant?

A. – No specific proposal for an overhead pedestrian crossing, but happy to pass on that feedback.

Coffee Break: for 10 minutes.

Guest Speaker:

- Stewart Thompson – Director of the Tuggeranong Festival.

Stewart provided an overview of the Tuggeranong Festival that is being held from Friday November 21st to Sunday November 23rd 2014:

- Friday night will be an all-ages dance party and thus alcohol free. Will have spectacular lighting displays, mechanical bull, photo booths, etc. The idea is to have an event that younger people in the community can attend. Will have lots of security and first aid officers to ensure a safe experience.
- Saturday will be the main day - headlining act is the lead singer of INXS - Ciaran Gribbin, as well as other Canberra bands such as Touring North and Hands Like Houses among others. Fireworks at night.
- Sunday will be a Community Day, designed for people in community groups, dance groups, etc. Sunday is also kids day, with a 'kids corner' and lots of activities for them.
- More information can be found at www.tuggeranongcommunityfestival.org.au.

Guest Speaker:

Bill O'Neill, Jamie Farrelly, Craig Chapman – South Quay Waters P/L aka 'Watermark'.

They provided a general overview of 'Watermark' at South Quay Waters:

- A 95 unit development comprising 5 separate buildings. Low density 2-storey boutique buildings with 2-3 bedroom apartments, larger more spacious dwellings, active engagement with waterfront.
- Committed to environment, social and economic aspects, incorporating best-practise construction methods, energy efficient lighting, plant-water management strategies. Apartments go on sale soon.

Q. – Are you using double-glazing? Are you planning to exceed minimum energy efficiency requirements?

A. – Still to be determined, in the process of finalising.

Q. – The lake is dirty in front of your area, with shopping trolleys etc, are you planning on doing any dredging?

A. – The land of the lake is owned by the ACT Government, responsibility is with them, will be encouraging something to be done.

Q. – On your site will there be any space for commercial?

A. – No, but there will be space for commercial in the three blocks that were recently sold.

Q. – Lack of visitor car parking is often an issue with new developments, any comments?

A. – Have provided more than minimum requirements for resident parking as well as visitor parking on site.

Guest Speaker:

Fred Kasperek – Architect for Empire Global, a property developer at South Quay.

Fred provided a general overview of the second development site, (the one that faces Anketell Street).

- Variety of levels, 12-storey, 9-storey and 6-storey. A specific design focus is the staged and dynamic skyline with a variety of levels of buildings rather than one flat straight line. Colours and materials specifically selected to be in keeping with Tuggeranong 'vibe'. Energy ratings will exceed requirements.
- Because the site is on Anketell Street, there will be commercial premises at street level to 'activate' the street.
- There are 17 different types of styles of apartment included in the development.

Q. – The 'timber' looking material, is that actually timber?

A. – No, its actually aluminium that has been treated with a photographic process, will not warp, wont stain.

Q. – How many units will there be?

A. – 211.

Q. – Are there any 'south facing' patios?

A. – Yes, do have 'south facing' but a lot of them are 'L' shaped, so get some easterly sun as well.

Q. – Expected completion date?

A. – Dependent on when apartments are sold but expected to be very fast, 2-years or so.

General Business:

Nil

Other Business:

Nil.

The next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, 4th November 2014.**

Meeting closed 9:40pm.

Attachment below:

Treasurers Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TCC GENERAL MEETING 7TH OCTOBER 2014

What has your Committee been doing since the September meeting?

1. Continuing our anti Light Rail campaign. We finally got an answer to our letter to the Chief Minister on 27th August after sending her a follow-up letter. It was then promptly answered by Simon Corbell as Minister for Capital Metro on 1st October. It is written in a very cordial tone, which I'm happy about. His letter still leaves us with doubt about whether the updated Business Case will be released in its entirety on 31st October or whether the financial information we have requested (the approximate annual fee to be paid to the PPP contractor for 20 years) will be withheld. We suspect it will be so will be writing back to him seeking clarification.

He's still claiming that there is strong support from the Canberra community for this project. We dispute this and have suggested they conduct another survey if they really want to find out what the community thinks. The last survey was ridiculously biased.

He makes the point that Canberra's dependence on cars is not sustainable, hence the need for a better public transport system. Our contention is that this can be achieved at much lower cost by improving ACTION's bus services. We don't need light rail. It is much too expensive and too few people will get to use it.

They are also planning a citywide network. While he admits that it is a long-term project, he put no timescale on it. Our contention is that expansion of the network passed Stage 1 is unlikely to happen for many, many years because it is simply unaffordable and our population is not great enough to fund it.

Treasurer Max Flint has been working on a very detailed paper on this project, which contains information that is essential for all Canberrans to know. He will most likely circulate this paper to the public within a few weeks. He has developed it as a public service.

2. The Committee met with the South Quay developer South Quay Waters P/L who is presenting information on their development later this evening. I also meet separately with a representative of the developer Empire Global who will also be presenting information on their development later this evening. These presentations are a significant part of their Community consultation obligation. The Land Development Agency (LDA) sold three more blocks at South Quay by auction last week. The final blocks will be sold later.

3. Treasurer Barr has again invited the Community to submit their ideas/proposals on what we would like to see in the FY 15/16 ACT budget. Submissions close 13th October. The TCC will again be making a submission. If you have any ideas you would like to suggest, let me know by 10th October. We will of course be suggesting that we don't want to see any more money wasted on the light rail project. We do want money spent on duplicating Ashley Drive.

4. We will be setting up a stand next to the AFP Safe Plate stand in the Hyperdome on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 2pm to encourage shoppers to join the TCC.

5. Glenys and Max attended the Combined Community Council a few weeks ago. The main issues discussed were commercial organisations making handsome profits from re-developing concessional lease properties by re-zoning to other uses. e.g. Brumbies and Raiders. The alternative is the properties under concessional leases being returned to the ACT Government for other parties to lease them for the original purpose. Why should these commercial organisations make a profit at the expense of the Canberra community? This is under discussion with the Govt. Also discussed was dissatisfaction with the ACTION Network 14 changes to routes and timetables. Loss of outdoor recreational spaces e.g. bowling greens, is also under discussion.

6. The Committee is looking at what the TCC may be able to do next year in celebrating that ANZAC centenary. We are looking at hosting a meeting of local service clubs later this year to discuss any plans they might have to celebrate the ANZAC centenary.

Any questions?

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
GENERAL MEETING		
	7/10/14	S Cross Club
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING		
	September 2014	
	Date	Balance
Operating Account		
Start of Period	1/09/14	5,631.55
Income		51.92
Expenses		- 1,283.93
Cheques not yet presented		-
Cheques paid from last month		-
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-
End of Period	30/09/14	4,399.54
Net Change for Period		- 1,232.01
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/09/14	18,418.04
In		37.94
Out		-
End of Period	30/09/14	18,455.98
Net change for Period		37.94
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/09/14	3.60
In		-
Out		-
End of Period	30/09/14	3.60
Net change for Period		-
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/09/14	24,053.19
End of Period	30/09/14	22,859.12
Net change for Period		- 1,194.07
INCOME FOR PERIOD		
	Date	Sum
Total Income (excluding transfers)		51.92
EXPENDITURES FOR Period		
	Date	Sum
Optus - phone	2/09/14	32.33
Faifax - AGM ad	2/09/14	220.70
Faifax - AGM ad	9/09/14	220.70
S Cross Club - AGM	9/09/14	425.00
M. Flint - Expenses	9/09/14	266.05
G. Patulny - expenses	9/09/14	81.15
Office Regulatory Services	19/09/14	38.00
Total Expenses (excluding transfers)		1,283.93
NOTES:		
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.		