

## **MINUTES OF THE TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015**

**VENUE:** Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong (function room)

**MEETING TIME:** 7.30pm

**APOLOGIES:** Eric and Carole Traise, Max Flint, Fiona Spier,

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Bill Heins requested an amendment to the minutes.

Accepted: Lorraine King      Seconded: Bill Heins.

**ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Glenys Patulny

Glenys Patulny welcomed all present at this evenings Council meeting and a special welcome to visitors; Sergeant Joanne Cameron (Tuggeranong Police), Minister Mick Gentleman(ALP) and Tuggeranong MLA's Brendon Smyth and Nicole Lawder (LP).

- Following our last TCC meeting where we heard from Mr Paul Walshe, Director of Marketing & Corporate Affairs ACTEW-AGL including (Retail, Billing, Customer Service and Energy Efficiency Programs, ACTEW-AGL Distribution (operating the Electricity and Gas Networks in the ACT and surrounding areas). We were advised that electricity prices are set by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) who determines how much ACTEW-AGL can spend on its network. Currently ACTEW-AGL has the lowest electricity prices in Australia, but there are concerns that AER are saying that the company must still reduce its costs on infrastructure and this could have a negative effect on future reliability as jobs would have to be cut. Gas prices are the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in Australia but are dependent on the international price for gas, so have been steadily rising. ACTEW-AGL will be running an Energy Saving Workshops. Has anyone attended one? (Beverley advised that brochures were brought along and were on the table) Check with ACTEW-AGL re the dates of the workshops.

Since then I have been interviewed by WIN TV re NCA relinquishing responsibilities to some areas in the ACT. Yes, I think it is a good thing that the ACT will have to make decisions about the future growth of Canberra without having to go to the Federal Government for approval but re development of West Tuggeranong I commented that a straw poll was held last May about Senator Zed Seselja's proposal about development across the river to West Tuggeranong and people voted against development of the "West Bank" area.

**PROS:**

- Would in the future increase the population of Tuggeranong
- Make the HYPERDOME more the Centre of Tuggeranong and space for more homes in the area.

**CONS:**

Environmental concerns re river corridor.

- Need for a major very expensive bridge.
- The ranges on the western side include small valleys with steep slopes – an expensive Engineering operation.
- If people have to drive to Tuggeranong maybe they might continue on etc.

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**WHAT ABOUT "INFILL" IN TUGGERANONG?**

- a) More people closer to the shops.
- b) Reduce the dependence on cars etc.
- c) People closer to current facilities.
- d) Better rationalisation of resources.

I also responded to a recent article in the Canberra Times "Tuggeranong is Fattest and Laziest Canberra District" in the ACT. I commented that these statistics were misleading and it was like comparing apples and oranges where we have to use the car more than many other areas as we have further to travel and have an older population compared to the North, which has the best results but has a large student population with the universities and a major CIT campus as well as people are closer to the city and able to walk or cycle easily.

**REPORT: BEVERLEY FLINT – PUBLIC OFFICER (COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE)**

1. On the 16<sup>th</sup> April a Mr Adrian Brown was interviewed on Radio re a meeting that evening at the Tuggeranong Community Centre to organise a "Tuggeranong Action Group" (TAG). Both the Treasurer and I thought that we should attend such a meeting in our region. We were two of only seven (7) attending the meeting (we were advised that ten (10) had attended Erindale meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April). No record of attendees was taken at the meeting. Mr Brown stated his "Values" and a list of aims and objectives of TAG. TCC has similar aims and objectives. We inquired as to what was the "problem action" to start and Action Group. We were advised none at present but more could be done re "Christmas decorations in the streets of the Town Centre" was mentioned. We advised the meeting that the TCC has always invited input from residents and sub-committees are welcome throughout the years. We advise the meeting tonight that the Tuggeranong Action Group has to date never approached the TCC and therefore we advise that we are not associated in any way with this Action Group TAG.

At the commencement of the TAG meeting a gentleman announced to the meeting that he was representing the TCC as Secretary of the TCC. This was an introduction when the gentleman was unknown to us. We unfortunately had to advise the few attendees at the meeting of this fact and requested the gentleman provide us with his name. This man had unfortunately been representing the TCC at the TAG Erindale meeting and we are not sure of other meetings. As Public Officer of TCC I must register all committee members and any changes throughout the year with the "Office of Regulatory Services". Misrepresentation of an executive position for any Community Council will be addressed accordingly with the OHS.

2. The development project for the East Greenway area – Drakeford Drive/Mortimer Lewis Drive (opposite the dog exercise area) has been forwarded to me by Mr Peter Johns – Dept. Environment and Sustainability, Senior Planning Manager. I have circulated it to concerned residents and have received a number of comments – I have noted a number of problem statements re transport and walkways, traffic etc. I have sent my concerns to Peter Johns re their plans

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3. The Canberra Times both yesterday and today had articles stating that Tuggeranong Valley had the highest number of obesity in the ACT or Tuggeranong "FAT AND LAZY" etc. I am sure you have all seen the articles. Our Vice President Glenys Patulny was interviewed by the Canberra Times and raised a number of objections to their statements and the reasons for it. I would also like to add that so many roads and streets do not have a footpath in Tuggeranong and walking the roads is a dangerous pastime for residents of any age! I have taken this up for over three years that the lake foreshore path on our East side of the lake is narrow, missing many white lines and all ages risk injury daily with sharing it with the speeding cyclist. This makes it very difficult to take advantage of exercising in our suburbs and around the lake.

4. For all members of the TCC who knew our past committee member, the late Alison Ryan, I would like to announce that her daughter, Chloe has advised the TCC that she will hold a "Cancer Morning Tea" at their home on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. Entry donation \$5-10 would be appreciated. Raffles and an auction will take place. Details of the address – please see me at the end of the meeting.

5. The TCC files are now stored at the Sea Scout Hall and I would like to thank the Sea Scout Group Leader, Michelle Taylor for assisting with storage. I would also like to thank the staff at the Community Centre for assisting the TCC with storage of our files and cupboards over the years.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

In Max Flint's absence the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Wayne King reported.

Apart from the cost of the removalist company it is business as usual in this report.

Closing balance for the period ending 30/04/2015 is \$24,914.62

See attached Treasurer's Report.

Accepted: Russ Morrison            Seconded: Mark O'Neal

**REPORT: Sergeant Joanne Cameron. Advised the meeting of the crime statistics over the month:- Burglaries -decreased by (4), property damage -increased by (3), 50 thefts of motor vehicles - an increase of (1), stolen vehicles (4), thefts of valuables (30). Some districts in Gungahlin had 40 cars damaged. The Police would appreciate any assistance to combat this major problem.**

**A question was asked " Why are parking inspectors still chalking car tyres in parking areas? Is this method not outdated? Sergeant Cameron advised parking inspectors come under the banner of TAMS. This method was discussed and there will be new methods in the future etc.**

**Question: Lesley McGrane - A parking area next to a children's playground area in Greenway – there is a problem with stolen cars being left and at times stripped. Lesley advised that she has been seen observing this and the offenders now know her but she does not know them, this is now a worry for her. The cars are marked by Police and are finally removed.**

**Sergeant Cameron advised that Police rely on the public to notify them immediately of stolen vehicles but at no time to put themselves at risk. Advise even late at night or contact Crime Stoppers.**

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**Question: Bill Heins-** advised of a problem of parking illegally at the Wanniasa Primary Schools but rangers now will not go near the area due to the threats from hostile public and may need Police assistance to deal with this situation. Sergeant Joanne advised they will deal with this if contacted by the rangers or the public.

**THE MLA REPORTS:**

**Nicole Lawder -** Advised the meeting that she attended the "Tara Costigan Foundation Special Planning Day" to assist in the set up of this foundation for victims of domestic violence.

**Nicole Lawder** also raised the article in the Canberra Times re Tuggeranong residents "Fat and Lazy". Nicole asked "What is the TCC going to do about this article"?

**Nicole** advised the meeting that she has started a 10,000 steps program.

**Brendan Smyth -** Advised the meeting that he is walking at night and amused the meeting with a story re his walk experiences. Brendan discussed a road traffic sign broken for 12 months.

**Master Plans for Calwell –** how long will the Government take re this master plan re streets and footpaths?

**Guest Speakers: Peter Gordon –** Tuggeranong Cemetery Update.

There will be 10 year delay for a Cemetery in Tuggeranong. There will be an extension to the Woden Cemetery in the interim. Brochures left at the meeting.

**Question - Darryl Johnston –** The TCC has put forward requests for a Cemetery for over 15 years. There are people in Tuggeranong who are holding on to relative's ashes hoping that they will be buried in Tuggeranong. The Gungahlin Cemetery is a difficult distance re Public transport or the period of time it takes for relatives to drive regularly to visit the grave sites. The relatives state that they do not relate to Gungahlin region.

**MINISTER MICK GENTLEMAN-** discussed the need for more OHS Training for the building industry for Asbestos Removal in the ACT to prevent serious injury. The ACT Government will now look at the "Act" re changes for removal.

**Beverley Flint:** Advised the Minister that in 1985 she organised a Seminar at T.U.T.A (Statutory Authority) training Centre at the request of the relevant Unions involved in the "Removal and Disposal of Asbestos into the ACT Tips.

**ASBESTOS RESPONSE TASK FORCE –** Head of Task Force – Mr Andrew Kefford: Ph: 6205 4717 (M) 0411 257 129 Email: [www.act.gov.au/asbestos-response-taskforce](http://www.act.gov.au/asbestos-response-taskforce)

- a) The meeting was advised that 400 homes surrendered at this stage. 60 owners still to participate – they have to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 to decide.
- b) Conducted pilot program – reduce risk to neighbours - a fence will be constructed.
- c) Internal demolition – then it is taken away before external structure is removed – demolition carried out with water suppression and monitoring. Structures loaded onto trucks and taken to the tip at Belconnen, buried for the future years.
- d) Block will be signed off before sale to the public.
- e) The department will write to owners re demolition plan and details will be provided to home owners from 6/5/15.

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- f) \$ 400 Million cost – territory to borrow money until blocks are sold.
- g) Schedule to minimize disruption to neighbours.
- h) (5) changes to variation – Blocks 700-800 (dual occupancy over 800). Not allowing multi-level, single or two levels – dual block

Question: Albert – When will there be a list of affected properties – when will people realise they might be safe?

Before 1980 – homes built and if affected the residents would be contacted.

Problems to date re testing of duplex properties – (impacted property) – will contact neighbours.

The workers on Mr Fluffy homes in past years – what has the department prepared re OHS risks in present removal of asbestos in the homes?

What about the elderly who request to stay in their homes? May be allowed to stay?

What about the home value for relatives and future value?

The governments view – all homes should go- but residents wishes will be taken into account – able to exercise right of refusal.

Question: Adrian Brown - Will all be dual blocks? Answer: Not all will be dual blocks.

Will neighbours land also be able to be dual blocks?

Advised the area will be re- zoned and valued at market value by independent valuation firm. A Revenue Commissioner will take into account the rates cycles.

Question: Bill Heins - If you strip the blocks - ?little soil left – What value now is the block?

Answer: They will dig down until they stop finding asbestos, it will be assessed re safety and they will only keep digging if required on the block.

Where is Mr Fluffy now? The meeting was advised that he had died of a heart attack.

**GUEST SPEAKERS: MR BEN MCHUGH – ACT ROADS AND MR TRISTAN YEATS (GHD PTY LTD).**

Ben McHugh - Design Erindale Shopping Centre – posters placed in various areas.

300 submissions – successful consultations with the public to date by ACTPLA.

Tristan Yeats – Discussed Stage 1, 2 and 3 to be carried out in Tuggeranong (Erindale-Johnston Drive).

a) Discussed the distance to be updated from Erindale Ashley Drive to Johnston Drive – 3 kms in total – two existing underpasses will be duplicated, new bridges.

b) Areas to be looked at include; Gowrie, Richardson and Isabella Plains also Bugden Avenue, Statton Street (traffic signals) and Clift Crescent discussed re changes and Clive Steele Avenue will be improved.

c) On road cycle lanes discussed.

d) Noise mitigation – key issues – current traffic volumes - noise impact – number of complaints re Ashley Drive –noise monitoring undertaken – noise mitigation barriers (1.8 – 2.8 M) to be looked at to correct this problem.

e) Development application submitted last week. A public display will be available for consideration and community consultation. Questions:

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Question: Darryl Johnston – Why have more cycle lanes on the road when we already have cycle paths?

Question: Bill Heins – any further comments – will they change plans?

Question: Albert Orszaczky - Will a 2 or 3 metre fence block out noise?

Question: Brendon Smythe MLA- ? traffic lights for Drakeford Drive/Isabella Drive. What time frame to start construction?

Question: Nicole Lawder - ? noise barriers at Station Street – Why not?

Mr Adrian Brown requested that he be able to address the meeting. Permission granted by Chairperson - Ms Glenys Petulny.

Adrian Brown advised that he was in the process of starting up a “Tuggeranong Action Group” (TAG) and had to date had two “Information Sessions”. Adrian advised the meeting that looking back he should have informed the TCC of his intention to start TAG. He advised the meeting of his “Aims and Objectives and Values”.

Adrian referred to the earlier report by Beverley Flint and went on to advise the meeting that the man who Beverley was referring to in her report was “Ian Goudie”.

Questions were asked by Darryl, Bill and Albert. Albert advised Adrian that there is at this stage too many groups and people are generally time poor to attend many meetings or join volunteer groups. Glenys advised Adrian Brown that maybe he might like to discuss forming a TCC sub-committee re events/activities. Glenys also advised Adrian that maybe the Committee could discuss this further with him and she would get back to him re a suitable date and time. Adrian agreed to this invitation by TCC.

Acting President Glenys Petulny thanked all present for their attendance.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

Beverley Flint  
Public Officer

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
GENERAL MEETING		
	5/05/15	SC Club
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING		
	<b>April 2015</b>	
Operating Account		
	Date	Balance
Start of Period	1/04/15	6,591.79
Income		-
Expenses-Paid		- 388.98
Cheques not yet presented		100.00
Cheques paid from last month		- 84.80
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-
End of Period	30/04/15	6,218.01
Net Change for Period		- 373.78
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/04/15	18,649.96
In		26.05
Out		-
End of Period	30/04/15	18,676.01
Net change for Period		26.05
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/04/15	20.60
In		-
Out		-
End of Period	30/04/15	20.60
Net change for Period		-
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/04/15	25,262.35
End of Period	30/04/15	24,914.62
Net change for Period		- 347.73
Income for Period (Op Acc)		
	Date	Sum
Total Income (excluding transfers)		
		-
Expenses-Paid for Period		
	Date	Sum
Optus	2/04/15	43.98
South Cross Club	20/04/15	125.00
Sea Scouts - cabs storage	24/04/15	100.00
Go Furnish - removals	24/04/15	120.00
Total Expenses-Paid (excl transfers)		388.98
<b>NET GAIN/LOSS FOR PERIOD</b>		<b>-388.98</b>
CHEQUES NOT PRESENTED		
	Date	Sum
Sea Scouts	42122	100
Total		100.00
CHEQUES PAID FROM LAST MONTH		
	Date	Sum
W. King (expenses)	42089	84.8
Total		84.80
<b>Notes:</b>		
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.		

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