

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting – 7th April 2015

Present: See attendance record of 7th April 2015. Vice President Glenys Patulny opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

Welcome: Glenys Patulny welcomed all MLAs, guest speakers and visitors.

Apologies: Daryl Johnston, Eric Traise, Russ Morison, Mick Gentleman.

Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting:

Acceptance of the minutes of the 3rd March, pending corrections offered, was proposed by Albert Orszaczky, Seconded by Frank Vrins.

Business arising from the minutes:

The committee was not aware if Eric has contacted ACTION yet about the issues raised at the last meeting.

Presidents Report – Glenys Patulny

As Eric is away Glenys Patulny gave the Presidents Report.

Since Matt Kendall spoke at the last meeting a few things have happened in regard to water quality:

- On the 27th April Glenys Patulny and Beverly Flint attended the launch of a floating reed bed (1mx3m) trail, provided through SPEL Environmental, on the ponds at Goodwin Village at Monash. The purpose is for the reeds to use the extra nutrients in the pond and thus improve the water quality. Thank you to the Chisholm High school students for setting up the reed beds and for the ongoing monitoring to see if they do indeed improve the water quality. If successful there might be further trials in Lake Tuggeranong. Also thankyou to Bev for organising the refreshments and liaising with Goodwin Village.
- Cam Wilson, an erosion expert from Earth Integral , has been providing advice for some works at the Wanniasa Inlet.
- Glenys and Bev attended the ACT Basin Priority Project Advisory Group – Community Shareholders Group meeting this morning. They discussed event place monitoring which will show what happens at the gross pollutant traps in heavy rain like last night. A survey is being developed by the University of Canberra into behavioural change to assess social expectations on what the community value and what behaviours we are willing to change for better water quality. They are aiming for 100,000 respondents.

Wayne King and Glenys attended the opening of the new fire station at Lanyon. There is a meeting room for community use which the TCC Executive will be trying out at their next meeting.

On the 13th March there was a 'Let's Talk about Planning community meeting which Glenys attended. Mick Gentleman will discuss the ideas raised during this process further at the July meeting.

Representatives of the TCC attended the funeral of Tara Costigan and asked how the TCC could assist the family. Thank you to Max and Beverly Flint for attending.

Accepted: Wayne King Seconded: Bill Heins All in favour.

Treasurers Report – Max Flint

Not much has happened financially and this month the TCC have spent \$800.

Current bank account balance \$25,262.35

A copy of the report is attached.

Nominated: Max Flint Seconded: Albert Orszaczky All in favour.

Subcommittee Reports

Environment subcommittee – Glenys Patulny

As mentioned in the Presidents Report will keep a watch on the floating reed beds to see if they do improve water quality in the Pond at Goodwin Monash.

Planning and Development – Wayne King

Residents in Kambah approached the TCC in regards to a resident who is looking for permission to turn her home into a childcare centre. Letters were sent to all MLAs by the residents. Wayne has received a report which outlines the process and result which members are welcome to read. This DA was separate to government so the Government could not interfere with it and it had to run through the proper approval process, although there were 51 letters opposing the development. It was not supported due to a RZ1 zoning and issues with the traffic and potential devaluing of house prices in the street. Wayne thinks that the Planning Directorate will roll out an education program to help the community better understand the process.

Health Subcommittee – Beverley Flint

Beverley spoke to Michael Costigan who is setting up the Tara Costigan Foundation. The family believe that the amount raised, a little over \$100,000 through their appeal is enough for the future education of her children. Anything that is donated over that amount they will put into the Tara Costigan Foundation to fund a crisis centre.

She also attended the ACT Basin Priority Project Advisory Group and hoped that their contributions will be added to further community consultation, including a possible link between Motor Neuron Disease and Blue Green Algae.

Beverley has been approached by a resident at the Barr Smith Gardens Nursing Home in Bonython who had concerns about a nine month delay in a garden shed being installed and the removal of garden waste. Beverley gave the resident contacts for the relevant MLAs and No Waste as well as contacting Jerry McEwan at the Department of Aging herself. Beverley was very impressed with the speed of the response from the Department of Housing.

The TCC have been informed by Michael Lindfield that the 'Footsteps to Follow' nominations for the Town Plaque wall have been cancelled for 2015. This project was organised in 2012 but has been delayed since due to delays in the Tuggeranong Town Park Carers forming a committee and organising a process for nominations and the plaques. Tuggeranong Hyperdome will assist over the coming 12 months to advertise for nominations. The TCC will discuss this three year gap with the MLAs and ensure we have nominations ready for next year.

Lanyon Roads – Karl Maftoum

A **MOTION** was presented that the TCC write to TAMS to request that the following investigations be undertaken into creating a new link between the Monaro Highway and the Lanyon Valley by:

- Sealing the existing fire trail and substation access road trail between the Monaro Highway and Tharwa Drive behind Conder or another route to improve access to the Lanyon Valley.
- Duplication of Johnson Drive to allow for better existing access from the Monaro Highway to the Lanyon Valley.
- Replacement of the Isabella Drive/ Drakeford Drive roundabout with either lights or an overhead bypass to relieve the traffic problems that continuously occur at that location.
- And the TCC call on TAMS to provide the TCC with any recent traffic monitoring data if available and if not to install traffic monitoring devices on Johnson Drive, Drakeford Drive and Tharwa Drive to gauge the amount of traffic from Lanyon Valley on a daily basis.

Moved - Karl Maftoum

Seconded – Mark O’neill

All in favour, Motion carried.

It was asked if Isabella Drive/ Lanyon Drive is a recognised Black Spot and if not how can the TCC have it assessed and thus access funding to have it improved.

Police Report – Sgt Jo Cameron

Crimes rates for the past month are:

- Burglary rate is 39, an increase of 10 from February.

- 89 property damage increased by 23 from February.
- 17 assaults which is 11 down from February.
- 18 reports of stolen motor vehicles which is same as February.
- 87 reports of number plate thefts which is 9 less than last month.
- 135 overall thefts decrease of 39 from February. Please remember to not leave valuables in cars.

The crime statistics for the Tuggeranong Valley reflect an average when compared to the rest of the ACT, but it is a different demographic, and thus a bigger patrol area. Police also do proactive work through the Crime Stoppers reporting and will carry out raids or searches through search warrants if there is sufficient information, such as last month's cannabis found in Isabella Plains. Every bit of information is useful to pass onto the Police.

There appears to be a misunderstanding in the community as to what quantity is legal in the ACT. It is illegal to possess any of the drug, but a small amount, two plants or 50g, will only attract an infringement notice not an arrest. Drug diversion programs are available to educate young people in the dangers of drugs. Sgt Jo Cameron also stressed that the community has to have a conversation about violence in the broader sense and identify what is causing it.

MP/MLA Updates

Gai Brodtmann has been talking to people about domestic violence while out with her mobile office. An other family recently affected have been offered support by many in the community including the Islamic Society and prefer privacy at this time.

Statistics say that one in three women is affected by family violence and it is a major killer of women under 45 years.

On the 14th April Gai will be holding 'Coffee with a Pollie' at Coffee Guru for the public to come along and have a chat. She is also continuing to have her 'mobile office' out and about on Public Service pay days. Will be running more cybersecurity talks for parents with Alistair McGivern.

Nicole Lawder has also been talking to a lot of people in the community about domestic violence. Jeremy Hanson has called for a Round Table on domestic violence, and now there is proper discussion happening.

It is important to understand the casual violence that people may think is okay, joking etc., isn't. No level is acceptable and the assembly will continue to talk.

Brendan Smyth quoted Robert Kennedy 'If you can't measure it you can't fix it', and we need to have a discussion about what we need to measure differently. He mentioned the book 'Six Capitals', and asked if we are achieving outcomes in areas that can't be measured by financial capital.

Joy Burch referred to the story in the paper in recent days regarding the autistic student placed in a "cage". She stated that an inquiry is required into the level of education and the disability services

available. There are currently two reviews relating to the issue. She stressed that we have a good education system in the ACT, and we need to ensure that we support both staff and students.

(coffee break)

Overview of ACTewAGL Pricing. Paul Walshe, Director of Marketing and Corporate Affairs

ACTEW is split into two parts:

- ACTEWAGL Retail partnership is owned by Icon Water (50%) and AGL Energy (50%). ICON Water is 100% owned by the ACT Government. This part deals with billing, customer service, and energy efficiency programs. They also provide IT services, billing and meter reading to ICON Water.
- The ACTEWAGL Distribution is owned by ACTEW Corporation (50%) and Jemena Singapore Group (50%). This part operates electricity and gas networks in the ACT, Queanbeyan, Palerang Shire and Nowra.

This means that the distribution arm cannot give unfair advantage to the retail arm.

For electrical supply, electricity is generated outside the ACT at power stations and is transmitted through high voltage power lines to substations in the ACT. The distribution lines are low voltage. It is then distributed to customers.

For gas, there are two gas lines through Watson (from Moomba in SA) and Fyshwick (Eastern Gas Pipeline). Gas from wells is piped under pressure to processing plants where it is filtered then sent to local network gas utilities through an underground pipe network. The gas is then distributed to customers.

Green Energy is purchased on the open market based on estimate of what ACTEW believe they need, and is made up of energy generated from hydroelectric, solar, or wind farms. 80-90% is still generated from coal.

Electricity prices are set by the ICRC (Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission), while the AER (Australian Energy Regulator) determines how much ACTEW can spend on the distribution network, and this assists to set the price to consumers as well. In the ACT the price for gas is set by the company, with the constraints of the AER.

Currently waiting for the AEC to set the amount ACTEW can spend, but it is expected that 200 jobs will be lost due to anticipated cuts.

A graph showed the ACT has the lowest electricity charges in Australia. Distribution network charges make up 52% of an electricity bill and 32% of a gas bill. Gas prices have recently increased due to changes in the international market with more Asian buyers.

Differences in cost across the country are due to factors such as distance from power generation, amount of infrastructure needed etc. ACTEW is currently looking at smart meters and assisting the cost benefit of rolling them out across the network.

There is an Energy Saving Workshop at Bunnings on the 30 April before winter.

55% of Canberra s electricity network is underground, but it is far too expensive to also put the older part of the network underground.

Questions?

General Business:

ACT government has had consultants prepare final sketch plans for the new University of Canberra (UC) Public Hospital (a sub – acute facility) to be built on UC grounds at Bruce. A further community consultation is being held at the Canberra Hospital on Wednesday 8th April.

At the last Executive meeting the best way for the TCC to help the Costigan kids was discussed. Due to the constraints of the funding the TCC cannot make a donation. The TCC have set up a donation tin at meetings for members.

Close Meeting: Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Next Meeting: 5th May 2015

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
GENERAL MEETING		
	7/04/15	SC Club
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING		
	March 2015	
	Date	Balance
Operating Account		
Start of Period	1/03/15	7,303.03
Income		3.73
Expenses		- 799.77
Cheques not yet presented		84.80
Cheques paid from last month		-
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-
End of Period	31/03/15	6,591.79
Net Change for Period		- 711.24
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/03/15	18,620.84
In		29.12
Out		-
End of Period	31/03/15	18,649.96
Net change for Period		29.12
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/03/15	20.60
In		-
Out		-
End of Period	31/03/15	20.60
Net change for Period		-
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/03/15	25,944.47
End of Period	31/03/15	25,262.35
Net change for Period		- 682.12
INCOME FOR PERIOD (OP ACC)		
	Date	Sum
Interest	31/03/15	3.73
Total Income (excluding transfers)		3.73
EXPENDITURES FOR Period		
	Date	Sum
F.Spier (Minutes)	4/03/15	225.00
G. Patulny (expenses)	4/03/15	78.61
Southern Cross Club	4/03/15	125.00
M.R. Flint (expenses)	4/03/15	127.38
Optus	12/03/15	43.98
Aust Post (PO Box)	23/03/15	115.00
W. King (expenses)	26/03/15	84.80
Total Expenses (excluding transfers)		799.77
NOTES:		
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.		