

Tuggeranong Community Council Meeting – 6 October 2015 Minutes

Meeting Opened: 7:36pm

Apologies:

- Gai Brodtmann MP

Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

- Confirmed as circulated
- No amendments

Acceptance Proposed: Frank Vrins, Seconded: Bill Heins.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- Nil

President's Report:

- Formally acknowledge new TCC committee. Aims of committee will be to promote TCC and committee, promote Tuggeranong committee etc.
- Look to streamline committees, especially sub-committees.
 - Environment and Planning
 - All impacts of planning on the environment in Tuggeranong
 - Paul and Wayne will coordinate
 - Community Health and Education
 - Beverley will manage
 - Activities
 - Adrian will manage with additional support requested.
 - Will hear later from sub-committees, lists are provided to sign up for sub-committees
- Letter from the Chief Minister about the next ACT budget
 - Seeking opinions on issues, views and suggestions on spending priorities for the upcoming 2016/17 budget. TCC will incorporate response, but individuals can write separate submissions if they wish.
- Response to National Capital Development Plan
 - Timeline provided for next steps, information sessions to be held on 13th and 20th of October.

Acceptance Proposed: Albert Orszaczky, Seconded: Darryl Johnston.

Treasurer's Report: (copy attached)

- Expenditures for the month were above average at \$998 dollars.
- Total funds held of \$20,940
- End of calendar year, two returns made to the ACT Government (ORS)
 - Annual Return – New members to the board
 - End of Year Financial Report/Acquittal
 - Treasurer advised Government of Council objectives and mission statement, highlights for 2014/15, TCC expected expenditure (\$15,000 for 2015/16).
 - Requested annual grant be returned to \$12,000.

Acceptance Proposed: Max Flint, Seconded: Ross McConnell.

Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence coming through
 - UC - Survey of Tuggeranong. Will be discussed further in General Business.
- Environment Report/Lake Business
 - Will be raised later.

Police Report:

- Statistics - For the month of September, there has been a largely positive impact on crime trends.
 - Burglaries decreased
 - Property damage decreased
 - Increase in assaults (up 13)
 - Increase in stolen motor vehicles
 - Decrease of number plate thefts, only 13
 - 21 thefts from motor vehicles, decrease
 - General thefts, decrease by 8
- Additional Awareness
 - Report suspicious activities to CrimeStoppers. Especially on nature strips
 - Can lead to potential arson attacks
 - Reminder to remain aware on these matters
 - Police will be very responsive to suspicious activities.
- Traffic Targeting
 - Driver distractions – Mobile phones
- Higher number of people coming to police about 'hoon behaviour' of drivers of FWDs during wet weather.
 - Individuals tearing up nature strips during wet weather events.
 - Try to identify number plates if possible, can lead to individuals being caught.

Questions:

- Wayne asked 'Member of the public called concerned about motor bikes being ridden around the fringe areas of Isabella Plains'
 - Trail bikes don't have registration plates, people should call the police if there are individuals using these bikes nearby.
 - Especially useful if people know the household who owns the trail bikes.
 - Police can enforce laws with infringement notices.
 - Information will be treated anonymously.
- Daryl asked if traffic targeting includes vehicles with 'failed traffic lights, failed headlights, failing indicators etc.'
 - Patrol car will identify it where possible. It is considered an obvious reason to pull a vehicle over.
 - Can warrant a fine. Usually treated with the discretion of police.
- Paul Nicholl asked about the road rage incident in Fyshwick. Wanted a follow up on the video evidence.

- Police were investigating the leads available. No information on the outcome of investigations.

MLA Reports:

- Mick Gentleman MLA

- Was on holiday last month and couldn't make it to the AGM.
- Speaking on the proposed changes to parts of Erindale after draft variation he proposed - Variation 320 to the Territory Plan.
 - Will guide development in the Centre
 - New roadwork in the Centre
 - Provisions to ensure new development doesn't impede roads
 - Height limits on buildings in the Plan
 - New locations for residential plans
 - Limited use of community zone blocks
 - Rezoning of several areas in the Centre to improve road re-alignment. Accommodate future public transport initiatives.
- Minister displayed copies of potential plans and variations.
 - Highlighted that residents might be concerned about walking distances between the Centre and the bus station. Re-aligned bus route to bring it closer to the Centre, will build new bus station alongside Woolworths.
 - Woolworths diagram
 - Will change red brick wall to bring in a new bus stop (much larger) with artworks along the wall.
 - Additional Diagram
 - Will be looking to develop other side, to have larger bus stop on other side of the road.
 - Look to accommodate future public transport initiatives within the Centre, look at development opportunities and guide future development.
 - Takes effect after the disallowment period, to the end of the month.
 - In place by the first week of November.
- Events he has attended included: Opening of new McDonalds in Erindale, Opening of the new bushfire exhibition at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

Questions:

- Bill Heins asked about the extent of community consultation held.
 - Series of consultations during Master Plan process, followed by consultations for the proposed variations.
 - Directorate and the Minister responded to these consultations.
- Bill Heins also asked about issues with the operation of buses
 - Driver and layover facilities are still within the Master Plan, and they haven't been removed.
- Edward asked about the extension to Erindale Drive
 - Proposed in master plan that the extension would be longer than planned, however the government has not activated this in the current plan.
- Edward noted additional concerns about McBryde Crescent

- Mick noted that there is scope to additionally widen this road.

- Joy Burch MLA

- Minister Burch spent the week in India, signing (through the CIT) an MOU with the Forensic University to engage in criminology studies
 - The state of Kerala is looking at vocational skills, expecting to train millions of individuals.
 - Minister Burch will be returning in January to sign an MOU with institutions in this state.

Questions:

- Wayne asked about the location of the new CIT
 - Minister Burch is aware of the building, however the final negotiations with the landlord are taking place.
 - Will be in the centre of town.
 - The plan is still on time, and the CIT will be in the building by Term 2 next year.

- Nicole Lawder MLA

- Ms Lawder mentioned her attendance at the opening of the new McDonalds. Discussed how it opened up the vista in the area, as well as hiring an additional 40 staff.
- McHappy Day is coming up. Although McDonalds should be a seldom food, Ms Lawder recommended people visiting on McHappy Day to help raise funds for Ronald McDonald House charities.
- Had two sitting weeks in September
 - Ms Lawder spoke about adoption, as well as having AUSLAN representatives on the floor of the Assembly.

Questions:

- Albert asked about the new location of the China Tea House
 - Apparently will be reopening on Gartside Street near the service station.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Environment and Planning – Paul Nicholl

- Paul mentioned the recent closing of Lake Tuggeranong. Algae outbreak, but not blue green algae.
 - Clumping type of algae which is highly dangerous to health.
 - TLC Association was intending to do lake clean-up in November, which may have to be cancelled.
 - Carp fishing competition may also have to be cancelled or postponed.
 - Algae blooms tend to flourish with the increased temperature.
- Paul also spoke about a potential erosion mitigation project at Wanniasa inlet.
 - Will be done through the TLC
 - Remediation work, volunteers sought. Giving the environment a bit of help increasing vegetation cover near Wanniasa.
 - Confirmed date will be advised to all members when it is finalised.
- Glenys added that theoretically the planned events could go ahead, but significant precautions would have to be made.

Community Health and Education – Beverley Flint

- Footsteps to Follow project.
 - Beverley was on panel to select individuals who had contributed to Tuggeranong.
 - Successful nominees had a bronze plaque placed on the Town Centre wall in December 2012.
 - A bronze plaque was to be placed on this wall yearly for 25 years, however a plaque has not been placed on the wall since.
 - An attempt has been made to restore the project, however there have been difficulties in contacting the director of the project.
 - Nomination forms were provided.
- ACT Public Trustee will host two free seminars in October.
 - Will provide advice to make it easier to put affairs together, including Wills, Estates and Powers of Attorney.
 - Will be hosted at the Southern Cross Club.
- Homeworld
 - Had discussions with the management of Homeworld, regarding the installation of parking boom gates.
 - Procedures are now in place, with the public being given time to view the system before it is put in place.
- Transport Service of Greenway
 - Signs and signposting around the lake.
- Hyperdome
 - Still in process of merger, however some changes (including name changes) may take place.
 - Update will be given in the new year.
- Algae on the Lake
 - Can be very dangerous for dogs. Need to be careful at the dog exercise park on the lake.
- McDonalds
 - The Tuggeranong McDonalds has a sum of money available to be allocated for special projects.
 - Particular projects for high schools in the region, especially certain students who might benefit from working at McDonalds. Assist individuals in gaining employment after leaving school.

Activities – Adrian Brown

- Carp Fishing Competition
 - Algae issues may affect the timing of this, plans are still underway. May have to be pushed back to next year. Have had strong volunteer base.
- Community Survey
 - Almost ready to go, however administrative matters need to be finalised. Will be distributed soon afterwards.

Guest Speakers:

ACT Government Housing Development – Peter Johns

- Outline of Jenke Circuit in Kambah development.
- Visiting the Community Council with Craig Spencer

- Proposal to provide housing for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals
 - Consists of five agespecific and cultural specific independent units.
 - Community specific zoning permits developments
 - Close to community facilities
 - Close to the Tuggeranong Town Centre
 - People living in units will be public housing tenants
 - The site is over 2,000 sq metres. Single storey, two bedroom.
 - Large individual units, adaptable. Minimum six star energy rating. Carports will be available.
 - Visitor car parking will be available, but not onsite
 - Council copies of the plans for the block displayed.
 - Period for public comment closes on the 13th of October
 - One comment received to date, was positive.
 - Application approval expected in early November, with construction beginning early 2016.
 - Consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council, with positive response

Questions:

- Wayne King asked about housing developments in the area. Will there be room to put other established houses in the area?
 - Uncertainty as to what the future may hold for the site, however there is residential development in the broader area. Consultation has been positive.
 - Reference to the good facilities in the area. Mentioned potential development of empty sites in the area.
- Max Flint asked how many people would be housed in the area.
 - Mr Johns noted there would likely be a maximum of 10 people in the area. Potential that some members of the family may additionally move in.
- Beverley asked for advice on how the process of development of East Greenway is going.
 - Mr Johns asked to take that on notice, and will provide advice at a later date.

Basin Priority Project – Matt Kendall

- Providing an update on options (across Canberra) to improve water quality. Lake Tuggeranong is a priority for this project.
- Considering the types of water basins, priorities and projects to improve the water quality.
- Current issues with algae highlight the need and challenges Lake Tuggeranong faces.
- Background
 - Project is one of a number across the Murray-Darling Basin
 - The Canberra Clean Water project is slightly different from the others, focusing on water quality projects.
 - Project agreed with the Commonwealth in February 2014, with \$85 million in funding provided.
 - Two Phases

- Phase One: Investigations, consultation
 - Project focusing on six priority catchments. This includes Lake Tuggeranong.
- Maps displayed showing the different zones being investigated as part of the project.
 - Options presented include:
 - Floating wetlands
 - Submerged bubblers
 - Fountain
 - Inflow baffles and weirs
 - Dredging of the lake
 - Variable off takes
 - Irrigation systems
 - In lake recycling
 - Sediment curtains
 - Chemical treatments.
 - A range of briefings have been provided to Community Councils across the region.
 - Consultation on the current use of the water basins, as well as what individuals would like to use the basins for in the future.
- General feedback provided
 - Strong support for natural options of repairing the lakes.
 - People did not like the idea of GPTs (Gross Pollution Traps), Sedimentation Ponds etc.
- Tuggeranong community were largely supportive of bubblers, with general support for the dredging of the lakes. Floating wetlands and fountains received mixed support. Short term modifications (changes/fluctuations to water level) received positive feedback.
- Consultation group identified sites which could be used for individual projects, modelling of use of these sites and design of concepts. Costing of both the capital cost and operations/maintenance costing occurred.
- Looking at costs and benefits, environmental impacts of the works etc. to develop shortlist of options. Benefit cost analysis will be used to ensure the options finalised are the best possible options for the area.
- Around 150 options across the six catchments were investigated.
- Multi-Criteria Evaluation
 - Considered against the option of 'doing nothing' and allowing basins to continue as is.
 - Higher retention systems, wetlands and ponds, storm water reuse, vegetation swales and creek naturalisation all performed strongly.
- Current Assessment of in-lake options for Lake Tuggeranong
 - Same approach used as other catchments. Preliminary results from modelling are showing that the lake is relatively small compared to flows and nutrient levels, and as a result it influences whether it is better to do things in lake or in catchment. Due to the small size of the lake, it is likely better to do things in catchment. Focus is limiting phosphorus intake in the lake.
- Steps Forward

- Continue to work with panel to ensure projects are robust and provide best value
- For the Tuggeranong Catchment
 - Catchment options generally rating better than in lake options
- Will be considered by Cabinet in November. Final report will be required by February 2016. Commonwealth will reply in March 2016 with public announcements to follow.

Questions:

- Glenys Patulny asked when the Council may know some of the final choices being put up for the area
 - It will be a decision of Government, decided by the Cabinet. The Environment and Planning Directorate is bound by this process, but has provided copies of all announcements online.
- Paul Nicholl asked about the processes of ongoing maintenance costs for the areas. Paul asked how much consideration the process has given to this.
 - Approach has been to take into account life cycle costing. Operations and maintenance is generally around 2% of the overall costs, and Commonwealth do require assurances that the ACT Government will meet these costs. Life cycle costing is being considered alongside total benefits analysis.
- Paul also asked about the monitoring of phosphorus analysis
 - CSIRO have been using satellite imagery to monitor water quality of the lakes. The ACT Government has additionally been undertaking extensive monitoring of the lake.
- Glenys asked about the next level list of priorities, so once the process has been completed Councils can push for additional projects to be undertaken if need be.
 - Mr Kendall suggested all information will be shown in the end, and it would be good for Councils to consider the benefits of certain additional projects.
 - Stranger Pond has significant birdlife, what effect will the algae have on these animals.
 - Algae has significant impact on dogs, as well as humans. Some wildlife can be affected, however not sure about birds.
- Beverley asked about the high temperatures, and the linked concerns about the stench and odours which may affect the East Greenway area.
 - Beverley's concerns acknowledged, noting that the early onset of high temperatures are concerning. A large 'fish-kill' in Yerrabi Pond noted, with concern expressed as to the causes.
- Ross McConnell asked about power boats being used to cause movement in the water.
 - The Committee investigated bubblers and fountains to move the water in a similar manner. The NCA noted the fountain in Lake Burley Griffin is quite expensive to run, and makes it difficult to justify in Lake Tuggeranong.

- Lake Tuggeranong is likely to be better managed with catchment management, however alternative options could be considered down the track.
- Bill Heins asked where the phosphorus is coming from.
 - Water quality monitoring indicated that a large proportion of the phosphorus comes from the sediment during storms, coming from organic matter, 'dirt' and other sediment in the suburban regions.
- Bill Heins also asked about the use of street sweepers, to assist in preventing phosphorus entering the water streams.
 - Mr Kendall indicated that street sweeping is an area which could see improvement. Environment and Planning have spoken to TAMS, looking at processes being used in Florida USA. The processes there produced significant improvements in water quality when they were re-routed to consider the water impact on the region.
- Paul Nicholl asked about turbidity levels in the lake being unusually high this year.
 - Mr Kendall had not specifically looked for that, and offered to take this question on notice.
- Ross McConnell asked about graphs on whether Lake Tuggeranong is improving or not.
 - Mr Kendall noted that the frequency and duration of lake closures has been increasing.

General Business:

University of Canberra - Tayanah O'Donnell

- Ms O'Donnell is a research fellow at UC, and is working on revitalisation and retrofitting of older, low density suburbs. Tuggeranong will be used as the case study for the project.
- First Stage – Consultation
 - Would like to ask key stakeholders about key ideas for Tuggeranong centres, beyond simply the Tuggeranong Town Centre.
 - Would like to form a more accurate picture of the area.
- Second stage – Retrofitting
 - Looking at long term sustainability.
 - Project is designed to work with residents to explore perceptions of retrofitting, and how individuals are going through it.

Questions:

- Wayne King asked what will be retrofitted
 - The retrofitting will occur in Town Centres and group centres, as well as houses.
 - When looking at Town Centres and group centres, attempting to make the building more sustainable.
 - Focus groups will be much more framed and targeted. Will look at residential and local level (how individuals are going through this process).
- Max Flint asked whether it is simply about energy saving.

- Much more broad, also includes longer term sustainability and issues like water quality. Broad discussion followed.
 - Glenys asked about what individuals are doing.
 - The research will be about what individuals are doing, as opposed to what the Government wants them to do.
 - Wayne King asked about surveys.
 - No survey will be conducted, but interviews will occur.
 - Albert asked about the funding for the project
 - No funding is available from the ARC, but is provided broadly by the university and the Federal Government.
- Adrian Brown – Announcement about event on Sunday, 10th October
 - Parties at the Shops.
 - To be hosted in Erindale with Market stalls, community groups, the PCYC will have an open day, Erindale Neighbourhood Gardens will have an open day. Additional entertainment will be provided.
 - 11am to 2pm on the Sunday. TCC will be represented.
- Ross McConnell – Rotary
 - Rotary took on plan to stop Polio. Only two countries in the world still have it, and only thirty cases exist. Need to be Polio-free for three years before the world is Polio-free.
 - 21 October, 6:30pm – Charity night to raise funds
 - Bridge of Spies film will be shown in advance to raise funds
 - To be hosted at Limelight Tuggeranong.

Meeting closed: 9:32pm

| TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC) | | |
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| TREASURER'S REPORT | | |
| GENERAL MEETING | | |
| | 6/10/15 | SC Club |
| ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING | | |
| September 2015 | | |
| | Date | Balance |
| Operating Account | | |
| Start of Period | 1/09/15 | 3,369.76 |
| Income | | 0.91 |
| Expenses-Paid | | - 999.38 |
| Cheques not yet presented | | 39.00 |
| Cheques paid from last month | | - 527.28 |
| Transfers TO Investment Acct | | - |
| Transfers FROM Investment Acct | | - |
| Transfers TO Petty Cash | | - |
| Transfers FROM Petty Cash | | - |
| End of Period | 30/09/15 | 1,883.01 |
| Net Change for Period | | - 1,486.75 |
| Investment Account | | |
| Start of Period | 1/09/15 | 18,766.11 |
| In | | 20.82 |
| Out | | - |
| End of Period | 30/09/15 | 18,786.93 |
| Net change for Period | | 20.82 |
| Petty Cash | | |
| Start of Period | 1/09/15 | 237.60 |
| In | | 32.50 |
| Out | | - |
| End of Period | 30/09/15 | 270.10 |
| Net change for Period | | 32.50 |
| Total Accounts | | |
| Start of Period | 1/09/15 | 22,373.47 |
| End of Period | 30/09/15 | 20,940.04 |
| Net change for Period | | - 1,433.43 |
| Income for Period (Op Acc) | | |
| | Date | Sum |
| Interest | 30/09/15 | 0.91 |
| Total Income (excluding transfers) | | 0.91 |
| Expenses-Paid for Period | | |
| | Date | Sum |
| Fairfax | 1/09/15 | 220.70 |
| Southern Cross Club | 2/09/15 | 100.00 |
| Optus - Phone | 5/09/15 | 43.98 |
| C. Tralse - grant #2 | 7/09/15 | 250.00 |
| Southern Cross Club | 10/09/15 | 125.00 |
| Fairfax | 10/09/15 | 220.70 |
| Office req services | 18/09/15 | 39.00 |
| Total Expenses-Paid (excl transfers) | | 999.38 |
| NET GAIN/LOSS FOR PERIOD | | |
| | | -998.47 |
| CHEQUES NOT PRESENTED | | |
| | Date | Sum |
| Office req services | 18/09/15 | 39.00 |
| Southern Cross Club | 17/07/15 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 39.00 |
| CHEQUES PAID FROM LAST MONTH | | |
| | Date | Sum |
| D. Johnston | 13/08/15 | 29.00 |
| F. Spier | 27/08/15 | 390.00 |
| M. Flint | 30/08/15 | 108.28 |
| Total | | 627.28 |
| Notes: | | |
| 1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties. | | |
| 2. Fees for preparation of TCC meeting minutes | | |