

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 5 October 2010
Draft Minutes

Present:

See attendance record of 5 October 2010.

Apologies:

Darryl Johnston, Brendan Smyth MLA, Amanda Bresnan MLA, Rusty Woodward, Jeff & Robyn Chapman, Carole Traise.

Confirmation of Minutes of September 2010 General Meeting:

Accepted: Alison Ryan Seconded: Jan Petrie

Matters Arising from September 2010 Meeting:

A query was raised about the outcome of the suggestion that we arrange for a *Time to Talk* session to be held in Tuggeranong. We have one of our guest speakers this evening from the Chief Minister's Department to discuss this issue.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

President, Darryl Johnston prepared the following Report, which was presented by Minute Secretary, Albert Orszaczky:

“Welcome to another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council and a special welcome to our guests, visitors and new members. I would also like to welcome our new TCC Executive members, Dug Holmes, Susan Penn-Turrall and Alison Ryan. These members were elected to office at the last AGM. Dug Holmes joins the TCC Executive as 2nd Vice President, Susan Penn-Turrall as Secretary and Alison Ryan has been elected as a Committee Member. Colin Petrie was re-elected as 1st Vice President, Eric Traise as Treasurer and Albert Orszaczky as Minute Secretary.

Following the AGM, the new TCC Executive got straight down to business drafting submissions to the ACT Government in response to two important Planning issues. They are the Eastern Broadacre Study and a draft variation (303). The TCC believes both issues have major implications for Tuggeranong residents and the general amenity of Tuggeranong. The Eastern Broadacre Study deals with the future industrial development of a vast area of the ACT from Hume to Majura. The TCC is concerned that, among other things, future development of the eastern broad acre will lead to a loss of horse recreation areas, wildlife corridors, increased heavy vehicle movements on the Monaro Highway and a further degradation of air quality in Tuggeranong from heavy industry. Already a bitumen plant is proposed for the old Hume Saw Mill site. Draft Variation 303 concerns changes to residential zoning and the TCC believes this may pave the way for unacceptable developments in the middle of our suburbs.

Last week I joined the Canberra Airport Group on a tour of the new Canberra Airport Terminal. This is a major development and a great leap forward in Airport facilities for Canberra.

At the last general meeting you will recall that I unveiled a new logo for the TCC. This is now being adopted across the Council. We are in the process of developing banners, an electronic newsletter and a promotional brochure that includes a membership application form. The logo has been designed by Stephen Gahan of Communities@Work. It will be unveiled to the public at the forthcoming Festival of Tuggeranong where, for the first time in many years, the TCC will have an information booth and will encourage new members to join the Council.”

Accepted: Donna Smail Seconded: Greg Downing

Secretary's Report (Ms Susan Penn-Turrall):

No matters to report at this stage.

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Current bank account balance is \$9,810, comprising of our Operating Account of \$1,549 and the Investment Account of \$8,261. Expenditure totalled \$867, with the main item being for telephone/internet charges of \$585 and meeting costs of \$233. Income during the month was for bank interest only of \$33.

Accepted: Albert Orszaczky Seconded: Alison Ryan

Eric took the opportunity to provide a brief Report on a Land Development Agency Meeting he attended recently on behalf of the Council regarding the sale of land opposite Bunnings adjacent to the lake foreshore for residential purposes. It is proposed to commence formal community consultations on the proposed development in late October and we will keep members informed of developments. Further information will also be made available on the TCC website.

Sub-Committee Reports:

No further activities to report.

Other Reports – Police:

Acting OIC, Tuggeranong Police Station, Sergeant Joanne Cameron presented the usual monthly Police Report on crime statistics and update on other local Police activities. She provided the following details:

- Burglaries have increased in September with 6 more than August.
- Reports of property damage have decreased with 27 less in September than the previous month.
- Confirmed incidents of assault have decreased in September, with 10 less than reported in August. There was a decrease of 5 stolen motor vehicles reported during September.
- A total of 32 arrests were affected by Police in the Tuggeranong Zone during the month for offences ranging from breach of bail conditions to outstanding warrants, through to offences such as assault, drug possession, theft, burglary and other property related offences and also traffic offences including drink driving.
- Police conducted 510 Suburban Policing Strategy patrols within the Tuggeranong patrol zone during September.
- Operation School Safe commenced on 24th September and will continue for the duration of the school holidays through to 11th October. Tuggeranong Patrols are conducting additional high visibility patrols of all schools in the area to prevent burglaries, property damage and other offences that tend to increase during school holidays.
- During September ACT Police also participated in Operation UNITE, which involved an Australia and New Zealand wide initiative to reduce alcohol related harm. A total of 29 related arrests were made throughout the ACT during the operation.
- Over the past month home burglaries have increased in the Tuggeranong Zone. Several arrests have been made in relation to the burglaries following the Crime Targeting Team executing a number of search warrants on premises in the Tuggeranong area. Police continue to conduct compliance checking of persons on bail consistent with the current ACT-wide bail compliance strategy.

Questions from the floor:

The following issues were raised by members and briefly discussed:

- Query raised regarding the definition of a patrol under the Suburban Policing Strategy.
A suitable response was provided.
- Update sought on the recent incident at Lanyon Homestead involving significant property damage.
Matter is still under active investigation and motive is yet to be determined, although clearly pre-meditated based on the remote location.

Assembly Update:

Unfortunately, none of our local MLAs were available to attend the Meeting to deliver their Reports on this occasion and, hopefully, an update on current activities will be presented at our next Meeting.

A short break was taken at this stage prior to the presentations by our guest speakers and Colin took the opportunity to remind the attendees about the TCC Code of Conduct.

Guest Speaker (1): Mr Michael Lindfield:

Mr Michael Lindfield, Chair of the Festival of Tuggeranong Committee, was due to address the Meeting regarding the planned activities for the Festival in late November. Unfortunately, he did not arrive due to a mix-up of dates but the relevant information can be readily accessed through the TCC (or the Festival's) website.

Guest Speaker (2): Mr Ross James:

Colin introduced Ross James from the Business and Industry Development Branch of the Chief Minister's Department, who was accompanied by his colleague, Andrew Dib, to inform members about the ACT Government's Clean Economy Strategy. The presentation involves a brief introduction to the Framework report and a consultation with the community to stimulate discussion and receive feedback on the possible development of a clean economy strategy for the Territory.

Mr James indicated that the major areas of interest involve Climate Change and Water Usage and he provided the following information:

- ACT generally has poor record with climate change being among the highest users of Greenhouse gas emissions in the nation, quite wasteful with water usage – 25% more usage than NSW residents, also more that 80% more waste generated than in 1995;
- ACT Government has commissioned a report produced by University of Canberra to identify areas where we can improve - available through the ACT Government website;
- Main problems in commercial premises – lighting, heating, air conditioning, etc;
- Target has been set of 40% reduction in emissions by 2020;
- Community involvement and input needed to assist with achievement of target;
- ACT Government need to embrace a leadership role;
- Use of electric car being encouraged and introduction of infrastructure planned by early 2012 various models already available;
- Contributions from the local community are encouraged and welcome.

Questions from the floor:

Several related issues of interest were raised by members, including the following matters:

- Why not remove vehicles that do not meet pollution standards, also target aircraft emissions?
Problem acknowledged and suitable action being taken. More effective ways to monitor abuse are to be determined.
- Impact of proposed freight hub at Canberra Airport is a cause for concern.
Formal submission from the TCC re this matter would be welcome.
- What action is proposed to target problem areas of pollution and waste?
New initiatives required to address the issue and make some impact on unacceptable levels.
- Pollution monitoring and measurement is inadequate – Monash Station has been non operational for a considerable time. Consultation Forums would be advisable to address the relevant issues.
More effective assessment measures required to monitor the situation.
- Closure of Vehicle Inspection Stations in ACT has contributed to the increased level of vehicle pollution.
Unlikely to be re-opened due to cost factors.

In conclusion, Colin suggested that any relevant input could be submitted through the TCC Environment Sub-Committee for consideration.

Guest Speaker (3): Mr Simon Kinsmore:

Colin introduced our next guest presenter, Simon Kinsmore from the Chief Minister's Department to inform members about the ACT Government's current *Time to Talk* initiative. He provided the following information:

- Attempts to get word out to the community about the initiative;
- Expectations of ACT community by 2030 to be obtained;
- Matters under consideration involve the current Spatial Plan, Transport Plan and Canberra Plan;
- Attempt to attract and engage people not directly involved with relevant issues;

- Topics under discussion include Population, Environment (Water), Sustainability, Housing, Planning and Transport;
- Information available on 2030 website with consultation involving feedback via on-line survey, direct mailing list, banner advertising on various websites;
- Five community forums planned, also outreach activities, telephone surveys, reply paid postcards,
- Schools and youth engagement involved, also media outlets;
- High profile and respected members of the local community also being canvassed.

Questions from the floor:

Various related matters were raised by members, including the following:

- Consideration of benefits of introducing light rail network;
- Sharing of ideas/comments encouraged;
- Forum planned for Tuggeranong – strong recommendation made;
- Leadership required by Chief Minister regarding policy related matters.

Contributions by members were encouraged and a supply of reply paid postcards was also left for distribution. Colin thanked the guest speakers for their presentations and provided a brief explanation regarding the absence of the other arranged speaker, Michael Lindfield.

Other Business:

No matters were raised by members.

General Announcements:

The next General Meeting is to be held on **Tuesday, 2 November**, with guest presenter(s) to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8.50pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and informal chat.