

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 2 November 2010
Draft Minutes

Present:

See attendance record of 2 November 2010.

President Darryl Johnston opened the Meeting and welcomed the local MLAs in attendance, namely and Amanda Bresnan, Brendan Smyth and Steve Doszpot. He also extended a welcome to our guest presenters from Uniting Care in Wollongong and the Tuggeranong Hyperdome.

Apologies:

Carole Traise, Robyn and Jeff Chapman, Rusty Woodward and John Armstead.

Confirmation of Minutes of October 2010 Meeting:

Accepted: Jan Petrie Seconded: Alison Ryan

Matters Arising from October 2010 Meeting:

No matters were raised.

President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

President, Darryl Johnston presented the following Report:

“Welcome to another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council. Firstly, I wish to thank Vice President, Colin Petrie for standing in for me at the last meeting while I was away overseas.

Most of the issues the TCC has been dealing with since our last meeting have been Planning related issues, namely the proposed Tralee residential development and the Eastern Broadacre Study. I won't go into too much detail on these as I will leave that to the Chair of the Planning and Environment Sub-Committee.

On other Planning matters, the TCC Executive has been contacted by ACTPLA seeking to address a Council meeting on the Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans. Colin Petrie, Dug Holmes and I met today with representatives of ACTPLA and the company charged with the community consultation program on this issue. The TCC proposes to hold a General Meeting on Tuesday, 7 December at which ACTPLA will be invited to address.

On other matters, the TCC will host a combined Canberra Community Councils meeting on Saturday, 20 November. It will be open to Executive members of all the Community Councils in the ACT. The meeting is designed to thrash out issues and form a united response on matters of common concern.

I have continued to work on the promotional material for the TCC; by now you have all seen the new logo. It will be followed by a new promotional and membership brochure, banners and Newsletter. I will walk you through these items in the *Other Business* section of this meeting. These promotional items will be used at the upcoming Tuggeranong Festival.

I would also like to welcome Gai Brodtmann, the new Federal Member for Canberra, and congratulations on your election.”

Accepted: Jill Faulkner Seconded: Susan Penn-Turrall

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Current bank account balance is \$9,470.20, comprising of our Operating Account of \$1,180.46 and the Investment Account of \$8,289.74. Expenditure totalled \$368.73, with the main item being for telephone/internet charges of \$134.73 and meeting costs of \$200.00. Income during the month was for bank interest only of \$28.87.

Accepted: Dugald Holmes Seconded: Greg Downing

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

Susan advised that she had completed a draft of a protocol for handling requests received for TCC support for other groups and organisations and their activities. The Report was endorsed by Donna Smail and Brendan Smyth.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Planning and Environment Committee

Dug Holmes reported on developments regarding the Eastern Broadacre Study – input from community sought by 17 November. TCC submission to be finalised shortly and any further contributions from members are welcome. Also, submission to the Queanbeyan City Council regarding our objections to the South Tralee residential development was lodged today, in line with the survey conducted on the TCC website earlier this year. The current submission will also be posted on the website for information.

Two recent Territory Plan variations 301 and 303 regarding urban densification in Canberra are currently up for consultation. Also, the proposed Master Plan document for the Tuggeranong and Erindale Town Centres has just been released for discussion and consideration. This Report was supported by Paul Armstead and Glenys Patulny.

Community Services and Transport Committee

Alison Ryan reported on the following items of interest and involvement:

- Introduction of zero alcohol level for L and P Plate drivers;
- Engine capacity and passenger restrictions;
- Planned expansion of Redex bus service to Tuggeranong – Blue X express service to operate from Tuggeranong to Belconnen via Erindale/Woden/Civic;
- Renewed interest in introduction of light rail – further information to be sought;
- Implications of the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to be investigated.

Alison's Report was endorsed by Franca Redden and Susan Penn-Turrall.

Other Reports – Police:

Sergeant Rod Anderson, OIC Tuggeranong Police Station, presented the usual report on crime statistics and information on other local Police activities during the past month. He indicated an overall decrease in crime types since September, which was consistent across the ACT, and he provided the following details:

- Burglaries have decreased in October with 12 less than September.
- Reported incidents of property damage have decreased with 28 fewer made in October than the previous month.
- Confirmed incidents of assault have increased in October, with 11 more incidents reported than in September.
- Stolen motor vehicles decreased by 6 in October.
- A total of 49 arrests were affected by Police in the Tuggeranong Zone during October 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, as well as traffic offences including drink driving and speeding.
- Police conducted 584 Suburban Policing Strategy patrols within the Tuggeranong patrol zone during October 2010;
- Erindale ACT TAB outlet in Wanniasa was subject to an aggravated robbery on 23rd October, which saw two males enter the premises armed with a sawn off shot gun. The offenders threatened a security officer, staff members and patrons and left the location with a quantity of cash. Businesses are encouraged to review their security procedures especially during late night trading. In particular, TAB facility operators are requested to remain vigilant during the Spring Racing Carnival. Police are performing increased high visibility patrols of TAB locations during this active period.
- Over the past month there has been an increase in burglaries and thefts from building/construction sites, including newly built homes nearing completion. Offenders are targeting these sites and stealing tools, copper, cabling and building fittings. Businesses are asked to adopt adequate security practices and report any suspicious behaviour to Police.

- Police apprehended two males in Gordon last week following a call from a member of the public reporting that the males were acting suspiciously. A search of the males revealed property from a burglary that had just been committed. The property was returned to its owner and the offenders were remanded in custody.

Questions from the floor:

The following issues were raised by members and briefly discussed:

- Update sought on introduction of drug driving testing.
- Details of RAPID project sought
- Enquiry about outcome of recent assault of elderly gentleman in Chisholm
- Report on unusual arrest for use of mobile phone in stationary vehicle – court action was unsuccessful
- Problem identified with safety of students using IPODs while crossing road – any law applicable?

Sergeant Anderson provided suitable responses to each of the queries.

Assembly Update:

Darryl invited our local MLAs, Amanda Bresnan (Greens), Steve Doszpot and Brendan Smyth (Liberals) to provide a brief report on current issues and activities in the ACT Assembly.

Ms Bresnan provided the following information:

- Process for DV301 and 303 submissions is quite slow – Greens have lodged a submission currently available on ATPLA website.
- Community Health Centre Motion passed.
- Privacy Bill introduced.
- Submission to be lodged by Greens on the contentious Eastern Broadacre Study.

Mr Doszpot mentioned the following matters:

- Special Needs children in schools being seriously disadvantaged by efficiency dividend cuts introduced at various levels without adequate consultation with parents. Consultation recently held with a group of affected parents and a common purpose and concerns identified. Motion introduced in Assembly to quarantine the proposed cuts and defeated due to lack of support from ACT Government and Greens. Subsequent turnaround announced by the Minister on two of the planned cuts and further efforts to be maintained to overcome the situation.

Mr Smyth raised the following issues:

- Motion previously passed to establish a Master Plan for Kambah shops - urgent upgrade required.
- Motion proposed to introduce plans for local Events Calendar, Attractions, Accommodation, etc.
- Variations to Territory Plan – proposed “technical” changes to new Gungahlin suburbs
 - increase size of Crace by 50% at the expense of a sporting oval and other facilities
 - increase to Casey development also not appropriate

Darryl also afforded the opportunity for Gai Brodtmann to address members regarding her activities since taking up her position and other relevant information. Gai commenced by thanking members for their support and made reference to her recent maiden speech in Parliament, which emphasised her strong commitment to public education, the development of Canberra and a strong Public Service, as well as the state of the local economy. She invited residents to visit her office in Tuggeranong to voice any concerns or seek official support for any important issues.

Gai mentioned her recent attendance at various functions and visits to local schools, as well as her role as Patron of the upcoming Festival of Tuggeranong. She also made reference to her interest in the GP Super Clinics issue, which is currently open for consultation.

An enquiry was made on behalf of the KROAK group in Kambah in relation to concerns about the design of the new Kambah School. Ms Brodtmann undertook to investigate the matter as appropriate.

A short break was taken at this stage prior to the presentations by our guest speakers.

Guest Speaker (1): Mr James Head and Ms Jane Nolan:

Darryl introduced our guest presenters from the Uniting Care in Wollongong, James Head and Jane Nolan to inform members of their planned development of an Aged Care facility in Gordon. They displayed the plan of the site, situated next door to the Primary School in Knoke Avenue, and provided the following information about the features of the new care model facility:

- Focus groups conducted and community input now being sought;
- 86 Independent Living units of 2/3 bedrooms;
- Environmental and sustainable design features, including solar panels, geothermal technology, etc;
- Apartments provided for high care residents – “care houses” with small communities of 12 people;
- Community Centre facility with therapy services and various social activity programs available;
- Pedestrian crossing to be provided to nearby Lanyon Shops;
- Cost involved is yet to be determined.

Questions from the floor:

The following queries and concerns were raised by members:

- Why limited age groups being housed together?
- Suggestions on type of access – crossing/underpass options, health and safety considerations involved;
- Type of transport facilities/arrangements to be considered;
- Likely traffic flow problems in the area;
- Electrical regeneration considerations – solar and photo voltaic options;
- Timeframe involved – 2½-3 years estimated for completion and operation;
- Cost structure and nature of title/ownership to be determined.

All matters were suitably addressed by the presenters although some items are yet to be finalised.

Guest Speaker (2): Ms Jodie Etherington

Darryl introduced our next guest speaker, Jodie Etherington, Centre Manager of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome and her colleague Jeremy to provide information on the future plans for the Hyperdome. She provided the following details:

- Background of the Hyperdome – established in 1987, new vision;
- Management passed over from Centro Holding to Colonial First State in November 2009;
- 6 major retailers in tenancy, including Limelight Cinemas;
- Serious challenges faced during global financial crisis with strong competition from nearby Centres – over saturation of retail facilities has created a difficult local market;
- Several new outlets recently opened as well as some relocation/refurbishment or rebranding;
- 24 hour gym facility to open around Christmas, also other new outlets planned to open early next year;
- Anketell business operations are fully leased;
- Evidence of steady growth in trading and parking activity in recent months.

Steve Doszpot MLA took the opportunity to thank Jodie for the many improvements introduced at the Hyperdome and acknowledge the achievements of the current owners and management team.

Questions from the floor:

Members raised some pertinent issues, including the following:

- Fate of the Myer department store in the Hyperdome was queried.
Their opening in Woden Plaza confirmed, but still unaware of the decision regarding their ongoing status in the Hyperdome.
- Likelihood of Hyperdome expanding into the bus Interchange like at Woden and Belconnen was mentioned.
Not aware of any such plans at this stage.

All matters were suitably addressed by Jodie, who invited members to contact her regarding any relevant issues or further matters of concern.

Other Business:

Darryl reminded members about the Festival of Tuggeranong on 26-27 November and the extent of TCC's involvement. An Information booth will be set up with our new banner(s) on display and the new information brochures with membership application and Code of Conduct information will be available for distribution. Members will be invited to assist in manning the booth on the Saturday and a roster will be prepared.

It is also planned to issue a TCC Newsletter in the New Year with contributions to be sought from members, and ideally to arrange its circulation to any other local organisations they may be involved with.

General Announcements:

The next General Meeting is to be held on **Tuesday, 7 December**, with ACTPLA to attend to outline details of the proposed Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans, which should be of interest to all local residents.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9.10pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and casual chat.