

Tuggeranong Community Council Meeting Minutes – 2 August 2016

Welcome:

Meeting opened 7:35pm and President, Glenys Patulny welcomed the attendees. She took the opportunity to introduce the members of the current Executive Committee for the benefit of newer members.

Glenys indicated that there was a slight change to the Agenda previously circulated as the students from St Mary MacKillop College were unable to attend this evening.

Present:

Refer Attendance Record of 2 August.

President's Report:

Glenys delivered a comprehensive Report on recent activities and the full version will be posted on the TCC website. She made reference to the following items:

- New TCC website now in operation and members are encouraged to access and respond to the Tuggeranong Livability Survey – several responses already received to date.
- Acknowledgement of the involvement and support provided to the Council by retiring MLA, Brendan Smyth, over the past 21 years, being the longest serving member and most regular attendee. Brendan provided a response including some interesting historical recollections, as well as a brief reference to details about his new role as ACT Commissioner for International Engagement.
- A formal Motion thanking Brendan for his lengthy contribution was proposed by Beverley Flint and supported by all present.
- Attendance by Committee members at the recent opening of the new Tuggeranong CIT, also other meetings about the new TCC Deed of Grant with the ACT Government and the first West Greenway Community Panel, which was chaired by Dr David Shorthouse from the ANU.
- The latter Panel agreed on the Terms of Reference and a work plan, with community participants expressing several relevant comments and concerns about the proposal – further information available on the TCC website.
- Next meeting to be held on 6 September will include an address by students from St Mary MacKillop College, as well as the latest plans on East Greenway. It will be followed by the AGM and election of Office Bearers. Nominations are being sought for positions of Secretary and Treasurer in particular.

Moved: Frank Vrins Seconded: Lorraine King

Apologies:

Bill Heins, Peter Lynch.

Police Report:

Sergeant Chris Meagher, OIC Tuggeranong Station, advised that crime reports for Tuggeranong are down about 11% in total for the current year as compared for the same period last year.

Trends in stolen motor vehicles and shop stealing were down, but a slight increase reported in assaults. There has been an increase in bike thefts, which is a concern considering some newer bicycles can be worth up to \$10,000.

Sergeant Meagher made reference to the success of the “Dob in a Dealer” campaign during July, with Tuggeranong Police alone seizing over a kilo of cannabis and two firearms from one location as a result of information from the public.

He mentioned a recent investigation involving Tuggeranong Police Traffic crews and NSW Police across the border that resulted in the arrest of a traffic offender who has been speeding on the Monaro Highway and had accumulated numerous fines totalling over \$22,000. He has been consistently driving at high speeds, with a top speed recorded at 197km/h.

Sergeant Meagher also acknowledged and expressed his gratitude to the local community during a recent house fire near the shops on the corner of Boddington Crescent and Carleton Street in Kambah, as well as to the staff and students at the nearby St Thomas the Apostle School. The assistance and cooperation they provided to Police was certainly helpful during the unfortunate incident. He also commented on how well the students from Lake Tuggeranong College spoke at the last TCC meeting.

MLA Reports:

Nicole Lawder MLA

Ms Lawder was unexpectedly available to attend and she provided a brief update on her activities, including the following:

- Related details of an incident today on an otherwise “crazy day” that involved a phone call with a distressed elderly constituent, which resulted in a heart-warming outcome.
- Vote of thanks to Brendan Smyth in appreciation for his lengthy contribution to the ACT Assembly and the guidance and mentorship provided to her in her first term as a local MLA.
- His replacement, Val Jeffery was sworn in today and his inaugural speech included background details of his lengthy association with the Tuggeranong Valley, particularly the township of Tharwa.

Unfortunately, no other MLAs were available to attend the meeting this month. However, Nicole did acknowledge the presence of several candidates for Brindabella in the upcoming ACT Election.

Guest Speakers:

- Kristi Jorgensen – Purdon Planning

Glenys introduced Ms Kristi Jorgensen to deliver an update on the South Quay development in Greenway, where construction commenced in 2012. Kristi provided a PowerPoint presentation that included the following details of a development application for the project to be lodged by Empire Global with ACTPLA shortly.

- Site Context – Entire Global Proposal
- Strong alignment connection with Anketell Street to the lake foreshore with space provided for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Design Objectives – Stage 1 consisting of 3 buildings of 5 to 8 storeys (15 to 23 metres high) for 226 residential apartments.

- 2 basements with over 750 car parking spaces to accommodate both Stages 1 and 2.
- Separate DA required for later Stage 2 – landscaping components also involved.
- Stage 2 requires Lease Variation – to commence in about 12/18 months with complex consisting of more apartments and town houses of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms.

Questions:

Several queries were raised by members, including the following:

- What current development options are available if DA not approved?
- Extent of the demand for the type of accommodation planned?
Pre-commitment required before construction can commence.
- Number of car spaces to be available?
Not a strict requirement for residential development in the Town Centre area but 750 planned over 2 basement floors.
- Will solar panels and rooftop gardens be included? **Yes**
- Are bicycle as well as pedestrian paths to be installed around the lake? **Yes**
- Likelihood of contribution by the developer to upgrade of the lake?
Subject to discussions and yet to be determined.

Appropriate responses were provided by Ms Jorgensen, who indicated that further update(s) would be delivered at a later stage.

Meeting was adjourned at this stage for a short Coffee Break.

- Anthony Hill, CEO of the Vikings Group

Glenys proceeded to introduce Mr Anthony Hill, CEO of the Vikings Group, who commenced by welcoming the Council's return to the Town Centre Club for their monthly meetings.

Mr Hill provided a video presentation regarding the proposal for expansion of the organisation, which is in its early stages of planning and consultation. The following information was included:

- Our History in the Tuggeranong Valley
 - Erindale Club opened in 1979 and now 4 licensed premises in the Valley, 51 affiliated clubs with membership in excess of 50,000, staff numbering over 200, grants of \$41+ million to the local community since inception.
- Our Sporting Commitment
 - Affiliated clubs consist of 41 different sports and activities.
- Our Community Commitment within the Valley
 - Dividend from activities passed on to the local community.
- Our Strategic Approach – engagement with community
 - Proposed relocation of Rugby Park (Erindale) to Greenway – no further opportunities exist for increasing infrastructure and facilities at Erindale.
- Erindale Planning – Revitalisation
 - Develop site as an Urban Village with various facilities on current site, including accommodation and aged care.
- Community support sought for concept plans – input and feedback required on ways to better our local services and infrastructure.
- Consultation with stakeholders at Greenway and Erindale over coming months.

Mr Hill confirmed that changes to Territory Plan will be required for the proposed developments. He also provided suitable responses to several general questions and concerns raised by members, although clearly the full extent of the planned project is not yet defined.

Beverley Flint expressed the Council's gratitude to Mr Hill for the opportunity to return to the Club for its meetings and avail of the facilities offered. Glenys thanked Mr Hill for his presentation and supported Beverley's comments.

General Business:

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting

Moved: Frank Vrins Seconded: Nicole Lawder

- Matters arising from the Minutes

Glenys reminded attendees about the TCC's "Meet the Brindabella Candidates Forum" to be held on 14 September at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre and to be hosted by ABC Radio's Genevieve Jacobs.

- Correspondence Nil to report.

In her capacity as Public Officer, Beverley Flint addressed the meeting to propose two Motions to update the TCC's Constitution regarding the following items:

1. Outdated Policy to be reviewed and revised: Policy No. 9 Rule (10) Banking and Finance – reference at (10.4) states "no payment of a sum exceeding fifty dollars shall be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Association's bank account." This amount may be increased to keep up with inflation, providing the members vote on the change as stated in the guidelines of the Policies.

MOTION (1):

Policy No. 9 Rule (10) Banking and Finance – reference at (10.4) states "no payment exceeding fifty dollars shall be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque or bank debit card drawn on the Association's bank account(s)." This amount may be increased to keep up with inflation, providing the members vote on the change as stated in the guidelines of the Policies.

2. Outdated Policy to be reviewed and revised: Policy No. 10. General Meetings will be held monthly from February to November inclusive, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 at Canberra Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong.

MOTION (2):

General Meetings will be held monthly from February to November inclusive, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Vikings (Town Centre) Club, Tuggeranong.

Some queries were raised by members and, suggestion that matter be deferred to next month's AGM. After some deliberation, minor changes to the wording of the first Motion were proposed by Tom Lindenmayer and seconded by Karl Maftoum. The second Motion was moved by Beverley Flint and seconded by Annalise Betts.

Beverley also informed members that the relevant forms were available on the front table in relation to nominations to the Committee at the AGM and the eligibility rules applicable. Positions to be filled are for Public Officer, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone interested should inform the President, particularly if eligibility requirements are not fully met and secondment may be required.

- Treasurer's Report

Max Flint presented his Report showing bank balance of \$19,555, which consists of Members' funds of \$8,707 and ACT Government funds of \$10,848. Expenditure during the past month totalled \$1,428.62, with main item being for payment of \$975 for storage facility at Kambah until July 2017.

The current Deed of Grant offers an amount of \$12,821, but reservations by the Combined Community Councils regarding certain clauses, particularly Insurance, are yet to be resolved with the Government.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Frank Vrins

- Sub-Committee Reports

Health, Community and Education: – Beverley Flint

Beverley mentioned the recent opening of the local CIT Office in Anketell Street (opposite the Hyperdome) and recommended that members visit to inspect the excellent facilities available. She had suggested to them that perhaps it might be worthwhile at some stage to introduce courses for seniors on IT and related topics.

She also advised that arrangements had been made for a representative from Roads ACT to attend the November meeting to provide an update in relation to previous concerns in Greenway and other matters.

Youth and Activity Group – Annalise Betts

Annalise reported that a meeting of the new group was held last week with 17 interested members present. They have managed to identify and define the goals that they perceive for the group.

A photoshoot of the group has been arranged for inclusion on their Facebook page and the TCC website to promote their planned activities. They will then proceed to plan the various events and activities to be held.

Any Other Business:

Glenys advised that the responses received to date to the TCC Livability Survey are quite interesting and cover varied age groups. She provided a brief summary of the wide-ranging comments that have already been submitted.

The next meeting is scheduled for **6 September**, with guest speakers as advised in the President's Report, with the Annual General Meeting to follow. Meeting closed at 9.20pm.