

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 4 April 2017
Draft Minutes

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened 7.32pm by President Glenys Patulny who welcomed the attendees.

Present:

The Meeting was well attended - refer Attendance Record of 4 April 2017.

Apologies:

Max and Beverley Flint, Dennis O'Connor, Bob Weight (and wife), Jane Hiatt, Alicia Turner, Gai Brodtmann MP.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

Glenys provided a comprehensive Report that included the following matters:

- Recent information re Clean Up Australia Day indicates that more rubbish collected from Lake Tuggeranong than any other collection point in the ACT – well organised effort!
- Several meetings and events attended during the month, including proposed Public Housing project in Monash, CAP Expo at Kingston Markets, special Combined Community Councils meeting addressed by ACT Government officials about the status of various Planning issues and Variation processes, etc.
- Letters and submissions sent re objection to Foy Group Plastics project, as well as Anketell Street improvements as proposed at recent Council meetings.
- Meeting planned with Minister Gordon Ramsay next week to seek possible support for proposed Street Markets project later in the year.
- Likely arrangement for community meeting to discuss suitable alternative options for the West Greenway precinct as Thompson project is now unlikely to go ahead.
- Next meeting on 2nd May with guest speaker from St Vincent De Paul Society in Tuggeranong and students from Trinity Christian School.

Acceptance moved by Wayne King, seconded by Paul Nicholl.

Police Report: Station Sergeant Chris Meagher

Sergeant Meagher, OIC Tuggeranong Station, provided the usual update on local activities over the past month, including the following:

- Slight comparative increase in Assaults, aggravated robberies, stolen motor vehicles and stolen plates, with decrease in home and shop burglaries.
- Ongoing prevalence of on-line scams, including sale of items through Gumtree, involving possible personal safety and home security issues – avoid sites if unsure.
- Focus on push bike safety and overall road safety, including patrols around the Lake.

A query was raised regarding the prevalence of responses by local police for rural incidents involving stolen livestock, vandalism, etc. Sergeant Meagher confirmed that such reports, as well as illegal hunting episodes, receive attention with prompt attendance and regular patrols.

MLA Updates:

- Chris Steel (ALP, Murrumbidgee):

Chris attended the meeting (for the first time) as a recently elected Member, whose Electorate includes Kambah. He provided the following information:

- Update on progress with the planned upgrade of Kambah Village, including proposed expansion of Woolworths as well as cleaning, maintenance and landscaping improvements, etc. - to be completed in mid-2017.
- Green bins now being delivered in Kambah and Weston Creek area (only), with first collection later this month.

- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals, Brindabella):

Mark stated that it had been a busy period in the Assembly over the past month. He mentioned his involvement with the various Public Housing developments being planned, including in Monash for which he had not received any objections to date.

That is not the case for the similar developments being planned in Weston Creek suburbs based on their recent Community Council meeting attended by the Renewal Task Force, which was actually cancelled due to the large numbers that attended to voice their concerns and objections.

Mark also made reference to a motion he presented to the Assembly last week to abandon plans for larger developments, which were based on past statements made by the previous Housing Minister supporting smaller housing projects.

- Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals, Brindabella):

Nicole indicated that she had put forward a Motion in the Assembly related to Heritage matters and the importance and value of retaining certain historical buildings. There is a huge backlog of heritage nominations being considered by a Panel and their funding appears to be inadequate to overcome the delays.

Nicole also mentioned the following matters:

- Two inquiries currently being undertaken by the Planning Committee regarding various related issues, namely:
 - Consideration whether Billboards are to be permitted
 - Policy and regulation on difficult subject of housing affordability.
- public submissions being sought on both above issues.
- Ongoing complaints re smell from Mugga Lane tip – continued delay in receiving a suitable explanation and matter still under investigation.

- Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens, Murrumbidgee):

Caroline also discussed the Public Housing issue and confirmed that further local development was planned to overcome the serious housing affordability problem. She advised that the Task Force is attending the next Woden Valley Community Council meeting and further “Drop-in” Information Sessions would be conducted at Cooleman Court in response to concerns expressed about plans for Weston Creek – prior registration required.

A question was raised regarding the status of action to overcome the dumping situation at the Pop-up Tip facility at Hume, which had been previously regarded as top priority. Caroline was unaware of progress with this project but she offered to follow up and advise the President.

Guest Speakers:

- Matt Kendall and Justin Foley – Catchment Management and Water Policy (ACT Department of Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development)

The ACT Healthy Waterways project is a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and ACT governments to protect and improve long-term water quality in the ACT and further downstream in the Murrumbidgee River system.

Matt and Justin provided a broad overview on the progress with the current project involving the Lake Tuggeranong Catchment. They delivered a PowerPoint presentation that included the following details:

- Up to \$85 million of Commonwealth funds plus a further 10% ACT Government contribution – total of \$93 million overall.
- Phase 1 (Investigation) is now complete - 25 projects submitted with 9 in Tuggeranong.
- Phase 2 involves the construction stage with completion scheduled for June 2019.
- 8 Priority Projects in the Lake Tuggeranong Catchment and plans outlining the location, infrastructure and DA status involved for each project.
- In-Lake research undertaken to determine best intervention options, including the Lake's bathymetry (depth).
- Isabella Pond wetlands is 1st project and is well underway with ACT Government funding. Both Isabella and Upper Stranger Ponds to be drained to also allow for the removal of carp – estimated as 6-8 tons.
- Isabella Weir to be upgraded and nearby Tuggeranong Pond to be lowered by up to 2 metres.
- Procurement and Contracts Schedule showing various construction stages through to mid-2019, with planning priorities to be determined in consultation with the selected contractor.

Various questions were raised about the impact of the project and satisfactory responses were provided by the presenters. Additional details are included on various website links via <http://www.environment.act.gov.au>, as well as the TCC website.

- Kathryn Rook – H20K Stormwater Education Program

Kate addressed the meeting about the above program recently launched in Tuggeranong, which is part of the Government funded ACT Healthy Waterways Project across the nearby area, and will run until June 2019. Her PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following objectives and elements targeted by the program:

- Community engagement and strong media campaign
- Urban Residents – key education messages
- Urban Audience – “Don’t be a Tosser” message
- Rural Residential Audience
- Autumn message – problem with leaves and recommended usage
- Engagement with Construction industry – awareness of waste pollutants
- Other industry engagement opportunities – workshops planned
- Cleaning and Maintenance industry campaign
- DrainART project (ACT Region) – invitation for local artists to paint 10 stormwater drains that lead straight from Civic to Lake Burley Griffin
- Involvement of Ambassadors / Advocates through local youth and schools
- Following community messages being promoted:
- **'Only rain down the stormwater drain' and 'Be a Drain Defender'.**

- Richard Nash – Purdon Planning

Following a short tea/coffee break, Richard addressed the meeting to provide an update on the South Quay development. His presentation delivered the following information:

- Stage 1 from March 2017 with completion in 2019.
- Stage 2 – last piece of the puzzle to front of Anketell Street
- 340 residential units planned – buildings of 10 storeys and Point Tower to 13 storeys
- Territory Plan height controls applicable
- Perspectives displayed, including easement landscaping and rooftop amenities
- Benefits – active and sustainable living, etc.
- Impacts – construction period, visual impact, wind impact
- Process timeframes – approval expected by August 2017.

Various questions were raised by attendees, including serious concerns about traffic congestion in the area and availability of adequate parking for occupants likely to own two vehicles.

General Business:

- Minutes of March 2017 Meeting

No issues arising. Accepted Mark O’Neill and seconded Ross McConnell.

- Correspondence

Glenys indicated that some relevant matters will be addressed later in Planning Sub-Committee Report. She also mentioned the recent notification received from Communities@Work regarding an Information Session titled “Community Pathways to a Better Future” being held at Tuggeranong Community Centre on 10 May – further details appear on the TCC website.

- Treasurer’s Report: Max Flint

In the absence of the Treasurer, Glenys made brief reference to the following details in the Report, which was displayed on the screen:

Expenditure over the period was **\$949.21**

Available funds currently stand at **\$24,176** comprising:

- Members’ funds : \$ 8,901
- ACT Government Funds : \$ 15,275

Acceptance of the Report moved by Michael Knight, seconded Frank Vrins.

- Sub-Committee Reports:

Environment: Nothing further to report following information provided in the earlier President’s Report.

Planning: Hamish Sinclair mentioned the following matters:

- No response regarding recent submissions to ACT Government re Anketell Street improvements and redirection of buses.
- Local Master Plans – ongoing concerns re building heights and parking facilities. Review/renewal of Plans may need consideration.
- Reference to proposed expansion of mountain bike track in Bonython (Pine Island) without any formal notification or community consultation. Apparently, the original Plan for the Murrumbidgee Corridor includes areas for multi-use

recreation, but objections being expressed by local residents. Matter to be investigated through ACT Planning and/or Environment authorities.

- Glenys confirmed that she regularly follows up delays in responses from Government to recent TCC submissions – local MLAs also receive copies for information/reference.

Community, Health and Education: No report in the absence of Beverley Flint.

Youth Engagement: Matthew Torrens reported the following information:

- Membership of the Youth group is increasing with new contacts via local College students, other schools and YWCA.
- Purchase of banner sponsored by Vikings Club is being arranged, with the design to be completed shortly.
- Recent BBQ event at Lake Tuggeranong College was most successful – TCC banner on display.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm. Next meeting **2nd May** at Vikings Town Centre Club.