

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 3 October 2017
Minutes

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened 7.30pm by President Glenys Patulny who welcomed attendees.

Present: Refer to the Attendance Record of 3 October 2017.

Apologies: Michael Crozier, Mick Gentleman, Bill Heins, Taryn Langdon, Max and Beverley Flint, Mark O’Neil, Gai Brodtmann, Karl Maftoum, Denis O’Connor, Paul Nichol, Nicole Lawder.

President’s Report: Glenys Patulny

Glenys acknowledged that as of 3 October 2017 Sed Bustillo will become the official Treasurer of the TCC.

In relation to the TCC Bus Re-routing petition, Glenys acknowledged the support from the local traders and also management of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome. Glenys, Wayne and Lorraine King operated a stall within the Hyperdome to collect written signatures in support of the re-routing of the buses from Anketell Street, to date 475 written signatures, over 124 people have logged on to the TCC website to sign the e-petition. Community members are encouraged to sign the written petition or access the e-petition from the TCC website.

Tuggeranong Lake Carers with support of the TCC and the Southern Area Catchment Group are organising a Lake Clean-Up of Lake Tuggeranong on Sunday 15 October from 10am – 1pm from the Sea Scout Hall on Mortimer Lewis Drive, East Greenway. The Clean-Up will include a free BBQ provided by the TCC.

The TCC is considering waiving fees this year, the only other Community Council that charge fees is Inner South and they are also considering waiving fees. TCC Public Officer, Mark O’Neil has assured the Committee that a Constitutional change is not required as the collection of fees is only mentioned in Policy 8. The TCC would like to update the Constitution and this will be raised at a later meeting. Looking to trial simplified Minutes with placement on the TCC website and perhaps place the Presidents Report as a separate document.

Suggestions for Chief Minister’s invitation to share our priorities for the 2018-19 Budget. The TCC budget submission will incorporate ideas that came out of the recent Tuggeranong Youth Forum as well as other suggestions raised by community members.

The next meeting of the TCC will include a presentation by the Southern ACT Catchment Group and the December TCC meeting will include a presentation from Management of the Hyperdome; and how to prepare for the Bushfire Season.

Report accepted: Wayne King. Seconded: Frank Vrins.

TCC Youth Engagement Sub-Committee Report:

The TCC Youth Engagement Sub-Committee gained support from the TCC to plan a youth engagement event. Support from the TCC, Communities at Work and the YWCA Canberra was provided to run a Youth Engagement Forum. Students from Tuggeranong High Schools and Colleges were invited to participate. The event was set up so students could take part across 9 different topic areas which included: climate change; housing; job seekers; nightlife and activities; safety and surveillance; transport; sport; and education. See the TCC website for the full details as outlined within the Forum Executive Report.

Some of the main concerns that arose included: transport; safety and lighting; education aspects in relation to budgeting and managing post school.

Police Report: Sgt Chris Meagher

There is an Armed Robberies taskforce which is targeting known offenders in the armed robbery space. This resulted in two males facing court after an armed robbery at Conder McDonalds. Taskforce Nemesis has resulted in 12 warrants, 4-5 known offenders who are facing significant charges in relation to firearms, possession and supply of cannabis, methamphetamines, cocaine and ammunition. A good news story involves the recovery of some stolen war medals, the owners have been identified. A member of the public provided information to Crime Stoppers, this action ultimately led to the medals being returned to their rightful owners.

Chris also mentioned the following:

- Fire season, there is a high fuel load, report any instances to Police and the Fire Brigade as soon as possible.
- Counterfeit money of \$50 notes, the notes include Chinese characters/symbols on notes.
- Emergency app on mobile phones, which can provide the latitude and longitude details regardless of coverage, more details to come.
- Neighbourhood Watch Week, Police and Neighbourhood Watch representatives will be adjacent to the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Tuggeranong on Saturday 7th talking about home safety and security.

MLA Updates:

Caroline Le Couteur – (Greens) - Murrumbidgee

Discussion about ACT Government support for Marriage Equality, Caroline provided some of the promotional materials that the ACT Government is doing to support i.e. CBR rainbow stickers. Historically, the rainbow is seen as a symbol of hope and diversity, a symbolic way of celebrating diversity.

Caroline also mentioned:

- The Assembly is currently quiet as a result of the school holiday period. Last Assembly period it was a double sitting, rates were discussed at length. A motion was passed that the Government will do some work on the impact of rates on different groups.
- Come January, Canberra will have container deposit legislation of 10 cents per bottles and cans.
- Mr Steele put forward a motion about the growth of Canberra, that continual population growth is not sustainable and that we have a finite world. The Greens did vote in favour.

Questions from the floor – Dick Smith’s Fair Go websites views in relation to immigration and housing. Caroline mentioned Australia is a part of the global population and there are inhabitants of the Pacific Islands where sea levels are only a metre below where they are living. There is the view that Australia and New Zealand have a moral obligation to provide assistance.

Question on Rates – deferred rates for people when they have passed on. Caroline discussed the deferred rates schemes, stating one scheme has only had two people apply for it and there is another scheme that is lesser known. Interest rates on the schemes are very low. There is a need to do some work on rates relief and equitable options for people experiencing hardship.

Chris Steele – (ACT Labor) - Murrumbidgee

A range of new projects have been finalised over the last month. Chris, in conjunction with Minister Fitzharris opened Stage 1 of the Kambah Village upgrades to the courtyard and continuing to Stage 2,, which is funded up to \$2 million in the budget down to the south east of the Centre. The developer who owns Woolworths Building is consulting with the other business owners and looking to expand Woolworths and increase the number of shops.

On Athllon Drive a new bus stop has been opened, a new Blue Rapid Service and a new Park N Ride service at Wanniasa shops which should result in improved services and future Rapid services which go along Athllon Drive and to the airport.

As Caroline mentioned there is the new Container Deposit Scheme motion currently before the Assembly and hope to debate in the sittings in October and consistent with the NSW scheme.

There is a current community Consultation on better City Services. Feedback is requested from community members as this consultation will inform a statement of priorities for city services.

Chris acknowledged the TCC Tuggeranong Bus Petition. There is another petition on the Assembly website which currently has tri-partisan support which is dealing with traffic issues near Mannheim Street, near Mt Taylor car park, there is often up to 80 cars parked along this area. Taryn Langdon has been involved as the principal petitioner, there are currently 583 signatures online to date. The Minister has committed to some short-term measures to improve safety and access to the mountain.

Questions from floor –

- Long grass makes it difficult to see and speeding cars make it a dangerous intersection. Adopt a speed van initiative where community members can suggest where speed vans should be placed.
- Question about building a new stadium, suggestion that more money could go towards public housing instead. There is a current enquiry in relation to a future Convention Centre and Stadium for the ACT. The Chief Minister has stated that sort of decision would need to have an electoral mandate. Stated priorities included building better public transport network; better health system; education and housing.

There is work on a new housing strategy and a Housing Summit which is coming up. Currently, there is the largest renewal of public housing stock ever in the ACT, over 1,000 new dwellings in total, many of which are on the south side including in Monash and Weston Creek. Acknowledgement that people are struggling with housing, the

focus of the housing strategy is on the bottom 2 quintiles of people who are struggling and also on affordable rental.

Mark Parton – (Canberra Liberals) - Brindabella

Mark acknowledged that he has been swamped with emails by people placed under duress in relation to rate increases, especially within the Tuggeranong region. Acknowledged why people might be upset by the fact that the region isn't getting the large infrastructure projects. Mark applauds the intention to examine impacts on residents.

He also commented on the following:

- A new stadium for Canberra has been discussed for some time, the current proposed site is the Olympic Pool in Civic. From the Committee hearing there could be the possibility of upgrading Bruce Stadium, suggestion to watch this space.
- Parking at Mt Taylor, Mark acknowledged the bipartisan support and commended Mr Steele's and also Taryn Langdon's efforts.
- Response to a motion that Tara Cheyne (Labor member - Ginninderra) had put up in relation to inclusion of sections of the community. There are large sections of majority groups who feel they are being left behind. Feedback from Tuggeranong residents has been in support of Mark's comments.
- Regarding the petition to reroute the buses in Anketell St, Mark is looking forward to putting it forward in the Assembly.

Guest Speakers:

Purdon Planning – Guilfoyle House Stage 2

Kristi Jorgenson from Purdon Planning was unable to attend. Hamish Sinclair (TCC Executive) provided an update on Guilfoyle House Block 2, Section 57 Greenway, which has been purchased by Empire Global. Hamish stated they are interested in hearing views from the community on the redevelopment and how this could improve the town centre. Currently the building is approved for 7 storeys in height.

Empire Global are interested in hearing views on the maximum or minimum height. Two stage consultation/planning process for Empire Global.

Stage 1 – what is the vision of the site, jump on the website (Facebook) community views are being accepted.

Stage 2 – community views will be used in the planning phase.

- **Icon Water:**

Icon Water representatives Lisa Quinn, Manager Customer and Community Affairs and Bronwen Butterfield, Acting Manager Corporate Affairs presented on two topics; the water price submission and water stewardship across Canberra.

Icon Water provides essential sewerage and water services to the Canberra community and it is important that we have the right water and sewerage infrastructure for match the expectations of the needs of a growing city.

Icon Water has submitted the 2018-23 Price Proposal to the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC). They explained how they have worked closely with the community for almost two years through the Talking Icon Water engagement program to ensure they get the balance right for the 2018-23 Price Proposal to the ICRC.

The proposal will keep water and sewerage bills steady while still meeting customers' needs and business responsibilities. It is proposed that most water and sewerage bills will increase by 2.3% per year, which is lower than the expected inflation rate. The key outcome of the proposal is the continued provision of safe, reliable and quality water and sewerage services with fair and affordable pricing.

Icon Water has prepared an interactive and engaging customer portal to help customers and the community understand the cost to deliver water and sewerages services. This can be accessed at www.ourprices.iconwater.com.au. Copies of the Proposal Review document were made available to members.

General Business

- Minutes of previous meeting

Confirmation of minutes for September meeting. Accepted: Wayne King. Seconded: Didi Sommer. Carried by members.

Revision of September meeting minutes required to include acceptance of August minutes.

- Treasurer's Report (Sed Bustillo):

Balinese of fund held of \$16,231.

Spent \$818 in the last month, next month replacing toner in printer of \$135.

Proposed: Wayne King. Accepted: Frank Vrins. Carried by members.

Deed of Grant and related attachments (8 documents) included proposed activities and recommendations for next grant period, including: street festival, community member award recognition.

Sub Committee Reports:

- Community:

Brief discussion covering the TCC Community Member Awards and the Tuggeranong Community Festival.

- Environment (Glenys Patulny):

Lake Tuggeranong Clean Up Day will take place on 15 October 2017.

- Planning (Hamish Sinclair):

- Construction has started on East Quay, traffic disruption on Drakeford Drive.
- Bus re-routing on Anketell Street (close to 600 submissions) and the Kambah's Mt Taylor issue has generated more interest than did Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan.
- Priorities for the ACT budget, request to provide input on Budget submission.

Other Business:

- Motion to reduce TCC membership fees to zero dollars.

On the recommendation of the former TCC Treasurer Max Flint and the advice of the Public Officer - Mark O'Neil, the Committee has unanimously voted to change Constitutional Policy 8 to the following:

Membership fees are zero dollars (\$0).

Motion moved by Glenys Patulny; Seconded by Andrew Eppulstun.

Wayne King – queried why the TCC has fees and whether the collection of fees was needed? Discussion amongst members specifically around voting rights. People are required to be members of the TCC by completing a membership form to register and attend at least 4 meetings to be allowed to vote at the AGM.

Acknowledgment that there is a need for an appropriate record of renewed TCC membership. No change required to the Constitution.

All those in favour, motion carried. For the record: 2 members were opposed.

Andrew Eppulstun provided advice that Gai Brodtmann – Member for Canberra will be hosting a Pensioners Forum on Friday 11 October.

Meeting Closed: at 9.40pm. Next meeting 7 November at Vikings Town Centre Club.