

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 7 August 2018
Minutes

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened at 7.30pm by President Glenys Patulny who provided an acknowledgement of country and welcomed attendees.

Present: Refer to the Attendance Record of 7 August 2018.

Apologies: Mick Gentleman; Gail Brodtmann; Andrew Eppulstun; Jenny Mobbs; Wayne King; Lorraine King.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

- Thanks to Nicole for support in relation to upgrading the lights for the car park behind CIT Tuggeranong.
- Buses – representatives from Tuggeranong, Woden, Weston Creek and Inner South Community Councils spoke on a panel with 2CC regarding the proposed changes to the new bus timetable.
- LDK – are planning to hold a series of Forums and Events starting on the 29 August at the Vikings Club. Refer to the LDK website for further details.
- Drought Relief planning meeting being held tonight with Minister Gentleman.
- Local Clubs and distribution of funds – This year Vikings are donating funds to Hands Across Canberra. Given Vikings Clubs are only situated in Tuggeranong Valley, Glenys is concerned that funds are being distributed across the ACT at the possible expense of local clubs and groups within the Tuggeranong Valley. Over the past three years 220 community groups (including the TCC) have sought funding from the Club. Glenys intends writing a letter addressing this issue.
- Consultation about the Burns Club, planning for additional space to the car park to cater for high needs.
- Lake Clean Up on Saturday 23 September.
- Recycling Discovery Hub sessions.
- Container Deposit Scheme is in operation across the ACT with drop off points at various locations.
- Better Suburbs Citizen's Forum consultation over five days with 65 community representatives, including representatives from the Community Councils. Better Suburbs is a consultation aimed at setting the vision and priorities for the community over the coming four years. Included a Community Budgeting event specifically looking at the allocation of funds to Playgrounds.

Other meetings attended:

- Climate change meeting.
- Housing Choices Group meeting, which presented options to Minister Gentleman.
- Vital Signs.
- A look at the Riverview development at Ginninderry.
- SouthFest Planning Group meetings.
- Department of Environment and Planning – three sessions: transport and land use; garden city or city in a garden; bush capital and global city – getting the balance right; planning for a compact and efficient city. Additional sessions: Planning for a compact

and efficient city; planning for a diverse and sustainable Canberra; and planning for a livable and accessible Canberra.

Next TCC meeting 4 September – Kate Smith from Education Directorate will provide a presentation on Tuggeranong schools, followed by the TCC AGM.

Proposed: Glenys Patulny; Seconded: Mark O'Neill. All in favour.

Police Report: Greg O’Ryan (S/Sgt)

- Offences in Tuggeranong still trending downwards. Trying to increase Police presence in and around the area. Burglaries are down.
- Missing Persons Week – 14 long term missing persons in the ACT. If you have concerns for someone, community members should contact Police on:131 444.
- Continued focus around schools.
- Suspicious vehicles
- Taskforce Nemesis is continuing to focus on outlaw bikie gangs.

Questions from the floor:

- Do you keep any statistics where you don’t have enough staff to respond? Calls are recorded. Reference Number provided if there is an extended period to wait. Manual process to collate statistics.
- Who should the public contact in relation to burnt out cars? Contact Police in the first instance. If it is a registered vehicle and parked safely then the Police have no powers. A sticker is placed on the vehicle.

- Treasurer’s Report: Sed Bustillo

- Westpac Account - Net expenditure for the period ending July 2018 was: \$298.95. Available funds currently stand at: \$15,043.69 comprising Member’s funds of: \$8,392.40, and ACT Government funds of: \$6,651.29.
- Bendigo Bank account – Net expenditure for July \$140.40. Available funds currently stand at \$10,881.38 (including \$10,000.00 donation from Events ACT). TCC initial outlay remaining: \$860.00.
- A sum of \$140.00 has been spent for Osky Interactive PTY LTD.
- Interest received: 78 cents. Bank transaction fees of 40 cents per month. Suggestion to move funds into a Fixed Term deposit.

Proposed: Sed Bustillo; Seconded: Hamish Sinclair. All in favour.

MLA Updates:

- Nicole Lawder – (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)

- Dog mauling - Biscuit was being walked by his owner and was mauled by a roaming dog. Two students came to the owner’s aid. Two weeks later Biscuit had to be euthanized as a result of his injuries. Nicole believes there should be stronger controls on dangerous dogs. Nicole is looking to undertake community consultation around this issue.
- Streetlight upgrades, including at the back of the Erindale Centre. Relates to safety particularly for women. There is a need to be courteous, there are issues for cyclists who don’t ring their bell and there is also a need for walkers to be mindful that it is a shared path.

Questions from the floor:

- Is there anything happening in the Assembly? Proposed changes to the bus Network is a hot topic, there has been changes to the wording on the Transport Canberra website, wording no longer states to provide your feedback.
- Footpaths around the Lake and dog droppings, is there a law to pick up after your dog? Yes, it is law and it is acknowledged there needs to be more bins.

- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)

- Mark is the Shadow Minister for Housing. Mark provided an update on the homeless couple who have secured St Vincent de Paul accommodation to rent.
- Housing motion to fight rental affordability in the ACT. "Don't pay land tax if you offer to rent the property for reduced rent". Offer to strengthen the motion, amendments were made by the Government.
- Mark has been contacted by Michael Lee - Principal at St. Mary MacKillop College regarding the proposed changes to the bus routes.

Questions from the floor:

- Can't teachers walk around the corner? The issues relate to students catching off-site buses.

Guest Speakers:

- StandBy Support Program – Amelia Ishikawa

- StandBy provides support after suicide.
- For every person that dies by suicide there are a 100-people affected as a result.
- People experience loss in different ways.
- Anyone impacted by suicide or loss can self-refer or be referred by another organisation. Contact can be made via phone, email or text.
- The Program offers face to face support at the Erindale location or outreach to people in their homes.
- Support is tailored to individual needs and there is no time limit on accessing support.
- The Program undertakes community development and education in relation to supporting someone who has been affected by suicide.
- Building confidence and capacity in the community. Community workshops are available to community members as well as tailored workshops for community groups or organisations.
- Written information is available in hard and soft copy.
- The Program is funded by the Department of Health.

Questions from the floor:

- Do you undertake sessions for young people? The Program works closely with Headspace in Schools to help provide sessions and assistance to schools.

- SEE-Change - Edwina Robinson (CEO)

- The organisation is supported by volunteers and a Parliament of Youth Officer.
- The organisations main role is to help Canberrans to reduce environmental impact and reduce their ecological footprint.
- Local Groups operate at Belconnen, Gungahlin, Inner South.
- Made up of Cooperatives and Commons Groups who receive support.

Some of their Projects include:

- Co-housing Canberra - a group of individuals decide to live together, a development in the Inner North to be a demonstration housing project.
- Birdscaping Canberra - \$43,000 to work along Solomon's Creek.
- Canberra Magic Kitchen.
- Canberra City Farm.
- Parliament of Youth.
- Cohousing Canberra – held a workshop and engaged with a range of architects. Proposal was a hypothetical site, north facing receiving northern light, solar passive building, recycling and shared facilities e.g. bike spaces and shared community garden.
- Birdscaping CBR – given grant by Environment and Planning Directorate. Need to liaise with Transport and City Services. Scarlet Robin is an example of a threatened bird and to think about pollinators.
- CBR – Magic Kitchen (born from Transition Streets) approached SEE-Change to share and sell produce. Vegan Catering Business selling directly to Ainslie IGA.
- Evatt Street Bike Path Transition Street has created a food forest on a bike path in Evatt.
- Canberra City Farm – Woden Group is involved in the Super Shed which has converted a metal garage into a passive design. Passive design can maintain temperature at a constant 20 degrees.
- Parliament of Youth on Sustainability reaches over 200 students from kindergarten to year 12. Students focus on a key question, research, and present a proposal to members of the Assembly.
- Tiny houses – Edwina undertook a shipping container conversion with her son which cost \$40,000. Later her son returned from overseas and built a second tiny house with structural insulated panels, which cost approx. \$10,000.
- Suggested that we all try to buy natural fibres and Australian Made clothing.
- Gungahlin Library – retro fitting for climate change.
- Planning for climate change in our gardens.
- Dr Sophie Lewis – think carefully about tree selection and materials, using light colours, and reducing concrete.
- Become a member of SEE-Change - \$25 for a wage earner, or \$10 for unwaged.

Questions from the floor:

- Where did the name SEE-Change come from? SEE-Change stands for Society Environment and Economy started by Bob Douglas at the ANU.
- Are you trying to get rid of the larger birds? Trying to provide habitat for the smaller birds, places for them to nest and to scavenge on the ground.
- City Farm is now located at Jerrabomberra, trying to incubate business.

General Business:

- Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes accepted.

Accepted: Hamish Sinclair; Seconded: Did Sommers. All in favour.

Matters Arising:

- Possibility of providing information on the buses back to the Assembly?
- Why didn't Transport Canberra consult with the community? Submissions regarding proposed changes close on the 10 August.

- Events Subcommittee - Funding approval for SouthFest 2018: Rachel Allen

- South Fest will be held on Saturday 24 November from 11am until 6pm.
 - The main development is that the Event is live and currently taking registrations from community organisations, performers, businesses etc.
 - The Committee is driving registrations for the community to participate. Six weeks prior the Committee will refocus on the community itself. For as little as \$150 businesses can get a 3x3 space and bring interesting activations. Community organisations get a free 3x3 space. Charging a small fee for larger spaces.
 - Looking for local food vendors and performers – pop up spaces for performers and buskers, groups just need to register on the website.
 - Approach Stuart Thompson for his list of sponsors.
 - Infrastructure is going to be kept low with performances to the immediate crowd.
 - SouthFest website – 250 followers on Facebook with an organic reach of 9,000.
- Proposed: Rachel Allen; Seconded: Glenys Patulny. All in favour.

- Planning Subcommittee: Hamish Sinclair

- 23 September Clean Up
- Recycling Discovery Hub - 15 August between 5-6pm

Other Business:

- LDK – Bev met with Chief Operating Officer and they were concerned about the Department of Social Services leaving all the furniture behind. Furniture has been distributed to the Over 55 Club, Libraries and the Super Schools. However, there are still items remaining.

Next meeting: 4 September 2018, at Vikings Town Centre Club.

Meeting closed at 9.14pm.