

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting 6 November 2018

Welcome and Acknowledgment:

The Meeting was opened at 7:30pm by the President, Glenys Patulny, with an Acknowledgment of Country. She thanked everyone for attending, including local MLAs and Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan from Tuggeranong Police.

Present:

Refer to the 6 November 2018 Attendance Sheets.

Apologies

Barry Blight, Rob Lovett, & Albert Orszaczky

President’s Report – Glenys Patulny

- The President stated that volunteers were needed to put out street signs for SOUTHFEST and help at the Tuggeranong Community Council stall.
- The President advised that she had been overseas in October and Vice-President, Beverley Flint, has been Acting President. Glenys handed over to the Vice President to present the remainder of the Report.

Vice President, Beverley Flint, reported as follows:

- The Vice President put forward a vote of thanks to the ACT & Rural Firefighters and SES personnel for their efforts during the very difficult days of working to control the serious bushfires at the rear of Kambah, Tuggeranong. The meeting responded.

- October 10th, the Vice President signed on behalf of the TCC, three (3) contracts for the major sponsors for SOUTHFEST. We now also have Col McIntyre Real Estate as a major sponsor for \$10,000.

- The Vice President had a meeting with Taryn Langdon to check the overall plan for the festival day. A decision was also made to hold a special evening Launch for SOUTHFEST. This function would be TCC sponsored and organised by Beverley for the 22nd November and held at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

- October 10th, the Vice President had an interview with WIN TV at Kambah Village re plans for upgrading the Village.

- On 14 October, the Vice President was advised by Diane Hill from Minister Chris Steel’s office that work to be carried out for the Laneway area of the Town Centre, will be postponed to the New Year, due to the Festival and Christmas holidays.

- On 15 October, the Vice President had an interview with Han Nguyen from The Canberra Times re the bus problems in Tuggeranong.

- The Vice President had had talks with the Over 55 Club about their involvement in SOUTHFEST. Dairy Flat Road Development Proposal (Canberra City Farm) now has their Demonstration & Education Centre.

- George Hibbard of Purdon Planning for Hindmarsh, has held on site consultations at Marigold Gardens for the 4th Development, and there will be another consultation on 22 November. Purdon Planning will attend Tuggeranong Community Council in February for a further consultation.

- On 25 October, the Vice President attended the Director General, Ben Ponton's Department of Environment & Planning forum, on the Future of Canberra, along with representatives from other community councils.

- During October, Beverley advised that a number of calls from new residents about: Termites, Rat Traps, Dogs Barking, Roads, Speed Humps, Sewerage flooding a front garden just a few of the calls that come into Council. Where appropriate, the callers were advised to contact Access Canberra.

President Glenys Patulny: Advised John Feehan will provide a presentation on the work that he has carried out at the CSIRO over the years on the Dung Beetle program to reduce the serious problems of flies and how Dung Beetles assist the land in so many and varied ways etc. A presentation will also be provided on Waste Management. We also will enjoy some Christmas nibbles etc.

Glenys Patulny moved that the President's Report be accepted, Keith Gilbert Seconded it – Carried.

Police Report – Station Sergeant Greg O'Ryan

- Burglaries are down 30% for the month.
- Problems around schools, particularly with people speeding. Also issues with children being approached by strangers. Any suspicious behaviour around the schools should be reported to Police.
- Number plate thefts were on the increase during the month. Anti-theft screws are available from the Police Station.
- There are concerns with the Bush Fire Season starting early. If you see suspicious people, report their description and number plate down to the Police or Crime Stoppers.
- Police are continuing action against drivers breaking the 'Fatal Five' – Speeding, Seat Belts, Drink, Drugs, Distractions (Mobile Phones etc.).

Politician Updates:

Caroline Le Couteur MLA: advised the ACT Government has released its white paper on lower rate of housing strategy. Ms Le Couteur advised the low rate of affordable housing in the ACT is a problem and is concerned about how much of new construction will be public housing. Ms Le Couteur advised that 15% of new construction for affordable housing for people earning less than the average wage will make a huge difference. While the ACT Government has announced it will be spending \$100 million on housing over the next five years, this means about 40 public houses a year, which does not catch up on the present deficit. Ms Le Couteur also touched on a number of bush fire issues during her report.

Nicole Lawder MLA: Advised that Education, Transport and Health were the big ticket items that money was being spent on. Ms Lawder mentioned her upcoming participation in SouthFest and the YWCA work at Richardson for disadvantaged children appears to be a success. Responsible dog ownership has come under scrutiny as a result of recent dog attacks. It appears only 70% of owners are doing the right thing.

Ms Lauder advised that she has been busily involved with the RSPCA & other organisations. The ACT Government is looking at up-grading legislation relating to dog ownership and control.

Report by Mark Parton MLA: Advised that Kids had taken over Parliament for a day and how much he was impressed by the standard of the debate. Mr Parton also advised that he has had discussions with residents of Bonython who are very concerned about the drones over the suburb. We were also advised that the ACT Government would now look at holding an inquiry into the drone operations.

Minister Meegan FitzHarris MLA – Update on her Portfolios

Minister FitzHarris provided an overview of her portfolios, as a result of the recent reshuffle in the ACT Assembly. Her responsibilities include:

- Health and Well Being - provision of hospital and other health services, including current delivery.
- Medical and Health Research – a newly created portfolio co-ordinating medical developments between the hospitals, other ACT Health Service facilities, the Universities and CIT.
- Training and Research – a higher education portfolio, largely responsible for the collaboration between the universities, TAFE sector and vocational training.
- Transport – which includes a public transport component involving our buses and light rail.

Minister FitzHarris also advised the meeting that it had been a tough year for ACT Health, but splitting it into two separate organisations, improved its functionality, had brought it into line with the health facilities in other Australian jurisdictions. Canberra Health Services has just been granted full accreditation for all its facilities for the next three years.

Minister FitzHarris concluded her presentation, answering a number of questions from the floor.

Bus Changes Update – Deputy Director General of Canberra Transport - Duncan Edghill and staff members; Judith Sturman and Ian McGlenn.

The presentation produced several maps showing upgrades to Tuggeranong services as a result of the consultations and responses received from the public. Overall, there has been 13,000 letters and submissions and this has resulted in a number of significant changes.

- There are now to be 10 Rapid Buses services, as well as the light rail, and Tuggeranong is to have three peak express services (formerly known as expresso services), plus a new rapid service from Tuggeranong to Belconnen.
- 80 new buses worth \$43 million are being brought into play to upgrade services to meet proposed standards.
- A new bus depot is being built at Woden.
- Re-numbering of bus routes so that a bus route will have the same number seven days a week and more services are to be provided on the suburban routes after hours and on weekends.
- 38 suburban service routes are to be changed from what was originally intended, as a result of submissions received.

- Over 200 changes to what was first proposed, have been made to school services some talks are still on-going.
 - A summary of the proposed changes to the Bus Network can be found on the Canberra Transport website.
- The presentation concluded with a number of general questions on Tuggeranong services being answered.

East Greenway Private Housing Development –

Peter van der Walt gave a presentation on proposed 150 town house development to be built in Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway. A map advised the site location and proposed layout for the dwellings with 20 affordable dwellings as required by the ACT Government. All buildings will be two stories and include garages.

The presentation was concluded by answering a number of questions from the floor.

General Business

Youth Engagement Committee

Daisy Matsika gave a brief report on the youth forum, environment actions involving youth and the proposed involvement with SouthFest. Special T-Shirts will be provided by the TCC for the Youth Group Committee for SouthFest and future events.

Minutes of 2 October 2018 General Meeting: Minutes from 2 October 2018 General Meeting were presented.

Moved Didi Sommer Seconded Bill Hayden – Carried.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

Sed Bustillo presented his report advising that the Westpac account as at 31 October 2018, had a balance of \$14,535.94 comprising Tuggeranong Community Council funds of \$8,392.60 and \$6,143.34 ACT Government funds.

There had been nothing eventful for the Westpac account. Due to changes of how the debit card is handled, a few payments have been deferred to the start of the November period. This results in the zero expense for this period.

The Bendigo account (SouthFest), which includes some corporate sponsorship, now stands at \$13,908.25.

Moved, Peter Lynch, seconded Beverley Flint- that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – Carried.

SouthFest Sub Committee

Taryn Langdon gave an update on SouthFest advising that 180 stall holders and performers had registered. Taryn provided an outline of the site, general update, and advised on facilities being provided for the festival day.

Environment Sub Committee

Didi Sommer advised that National Recycling Week was next week, that a pamphlet on rain gardens and waterways had been left at the table for those wanting to take

one, and that there was an information paper out about waste energy and the reduction of waste.

Other Business

Mount Taylor Car Park & Sulwood Drive/Mannheim Street Intersection Upgrade
It was reported that a bull dozer had arrived at the base of Mount Taylor to commence work on the car park, and Sulwood Drive/Mannheim Street Intersection.

Next Meeting

The next Tuggeranong Community Council General Meeting is set down for Tuesday, 4 December 2018, to commence at 7.30pm at the Tuggeranong Vikings Town Centre Club.

The Meeting closed at 9:47pm.