

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 4 September 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 4 September 2018.

Apologies: Wayne King; Lorraine King; Neil Sperring; Jenny Mobbs; Peter Watts; Lyndon Langdon.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

Lake Clean Up scheduled for Saturday 23 September, the TCC puts on a free BBQ after the event.

Correspondence:

- In response to the letter to Minister Fitzharris regarding the Light Rail Stage 2 to Woden, we were told the proposed route is likely to stay and no decision has been made about the Blue Rapid bus and how it will interact with Light Rail along the City to Woden corridor. Letter states that people coming from Tuggeranong will have more choice about they move through Canberra through greater frequency of buses and Light Rail.
- The TCC wrote a letter to Government about the proposal that 8% of revenue from poker machines would be taken from clubs and given to an independent group to distribute. The response from Government indicated 8% would be left to the Clubs to distribute but revenue above this percentage may be taken. As clubs often spend more than 8% on the community we also have a problem with this
- A representative from each Community Council and a group of randomly selected community members attended the Better Suburbs Forum. The fourteen areas of responsibility within City Services were ranked in order of priority. In order, the top seven were: Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands/Stormwater and Water Quality; Street and Park Trees; Household Waste and Recycling; Public Spaces, Waste and Recycling; Roads; Public Spaces; and Library Services.

Other items of interest:

- Development Application relating to the Calwell Master Plan is open for discussion until 24 September.
- TCC received feedback on usage of Xpresso buses from Caroline LeCouteur.
- Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services invites submissions to its inquiry into ACT Libraries by 21 September.

Meetings attended:

- Evoenergy deep dive;
- Climate interview;
- Meeting with Principal, Lake Tuggeranong College;
- ACT Government Planning Refresh Meeting;
- Better Suburbs Forum
- Housing Choices Stakeholders Final Meeting;
- Environment and Planning Meeting;

- SouthFest Subcommittee Meetings;
- Climate Change Meeting; and
- Vital Signs – responses provided on first draft on areas related to: Belonging; Education/Employment; Health and Housing.

The next TCC meeting is on 2 October, where we will hear the results of research on Lake Tuggeranong and we will also hear from local member Chris Steele, the new Minister for City Services and Community Services.

Proposed: Did Sommer; Seconded: Geoff Bollard. All in favour.

Previous Minutes:

General Minutes accepted with changes as outlined by members.

Accepted: Didi Sommer; Seconded: Albert Orszaczky; All in favour.

Special Meeting Minutes

Accepted with changes.

Proposed: Mark O'Neil; Seconded: Andrew Eppelstrun. All in favour

MLA Updates:

- Nicole Lawder – (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)

- Better control of dangerous dogs, which is a joint responsibility between owners and Government – community consultation down at Lake Tuggeranong on the weekend.
- Completion of Ashley Drive – one stretch is largely complete; one section is already lifting up. Nicole has been told that it is 'complete' and all that remains is a bit of maintenance.
- ACT drivers more involved in interstate accidents.
- Duplication of roads e.g. Cliff Crescent. If you have traffic lights, why do we also need merging lanes.

- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)

- Clubs Community Contribution debacle, is within Mark's portfolio. Clubs have to give 8% of gaming revenue to community organisations, either in cash or in-kind. Community critical of the ambiguity of the Government Guidelines. Within the Guidelines it is possible for community contributions to go to professional sporting Clubs. The Government has said Clubs can continue to distribute the 8% to community Organisations. However, the Government is going to impose an extra 2% tax that the Government will decide where those monies are distributed to. Clubs give away much more than 8% to the community. Mark is questioning the Governments position on the changes.

Questions from the floor:

- Donations from Clubs, does this include community organisations like the TCC, the Lions Club etc.? Yes indeed, Government is questioning the in-kind donations.
- Homes for Homes - have you investigated this option? Looking into solutions outside of the box. Beverley gave an example of donations towards from the Big Issue going towards Homes for Homes.

- Carolyn Le Couteur (ACT Greens – Murrumbidgee)

- Starting a conversation to make the rates system fairer. The current rates system is rated on the vacant value of your land and the Government can't estimate land value. Proposing that the Government use the market value of land. In South Australia, Victoria and New Zealand they use the Likert Value ratings system which has a number of advantages. Another argument relates to the rate values placed on units and houses. The question is whether the current system is fair?
- Rate Deferral System available to people over the age of 65 years.

Questions from the floor:

- Would you say it is a fair deal for the adjustments made based on land allocation? A Freedom of Information (FOI) request on what the Government has done on this issue revealed that the houses would pay the majority of rates when compared to units. The Government's current solution provides an inequitable rating system for units compared to land value.
- Did the Greens vote in favour of the original changes? There was a vote in favour of the changes. It is unknown overall whether it is a better position, however, where rates were before was untenable.
- If you tie rates to improved land value, doesn't that incentivise people not to develop their house? Can you look at other jurisdictions? This is a good point. In Victoria and South Australia they do use the market value of the ratable base.
- Other States do use the Market Value of the total ratable base.

Police Report: Greg O'Ryan (S/Sgt)

- Offences still tracking downwards, slight increase in burglaries. Overall offences are down.
- Have noticed anti-social behaviour occurring at Hungry Jacks in Kambah, patrols will be re-directed.
- Issued first amber alert in ACT last weekend. Lots of coverage quickly and feedback from the public to locate the young boy and his mother.
- Taskforce Nemesis still very busy and remains a continued focus for patrols.
- Road Safety focus this month is on distracted drivers, which includes people using mobile phones, putting on make-up in the car, dealing with kids and pets.

Questions from floor:

- Distractions from tuning the radio? Small distractions can cause accidents.
- Car break-in's in gym car parks? Cars in car parks are soft targets. Suggestion to make the cars less attractive by removing valuable items or by covering them up.
- Are the burglaries occurring during the day or at night? Generally, during the day when people are out. Suggestion to make your house less attractive than the one next door.
- Four tyres stolen off a green commodore in Fyshwick, is there anything to stop this? Can still buy lock nuts.

- Treasurer's Reprt: Sed Bustillo

Westpac Account - Net expenditure for the period ending August 2018 was: \$48.95. Available funds currently stand at: \$18,049.61 comprising of TCC Member's funds of: \$8,392.47 and ACT Government funds of: \$9,657.14. Once an agreement is reached on the figure for TCC Member Funds this will be designated as separate from TCC funds.

- Bendigo Bank account – Net expenditure for August 2018 was: \$1,833.73 paid to the contractor, Interact Collaborations as part of SouthFest. Available funds currently stand at \$10,078.44 (including \$10,000.00 donation from Events ACT).

Questions from floor:

- After a question about an item of Southfest expenditure, it was commented that this process has been outlined in previous TCC Minutes. Suggestion from the floor to summarise content of the contracts and outline as part of TCC Minutes.

Accepted: Barry Blight; Seconded: Perter Badowski. All in favour.

General Business:

Subcommittee Reports:

- Planning:

- Hamish Sinclair is currently overseas, no significant issues or events to report.

- Community, Education and Health: Beverley Flint

- Beverley attended a seminar titled “Canberra and Age Friendly City – Is It?” which was organised by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA). The Seminar was jointly convened by Professorial Fellow Jon Stanhope AO and Adjunct Professor Dr Khalid Ahmed PSM, and co-sponsored by the Council on the Ageing ACT (COTA ACT). Panel members included: Jenny Mobbs, COTA ACT, Frances Crimmins, YWCA Canberra, Elizabeth Samra, Legal Aid ACT and Toni Hussan – Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. The seminar covered transport and homes, and a request for Canberrans to think about how it can be a more livable city for seniors to continue their independence. Is there anyone in attendance that are having difficulties paying their electricity bill? Anyone that would benefit from a \$100 voucher towards their bill should speak with Beverley.

- Events: SouthFest – Taryn Langdon

- Currently have about 50 stalls registered through website, and a number of other parties have indicated they plan to register. Of those registered 13 are local food vendors, 15 community stalls, eight performers registered, and five significant community partners. Two new corporate partners have signed up. LDK Healthcare signed up and will provide rest lounges and will provide a focus on seniors. Independent Property Group also signed up and will provide support.
- There are still opportunities for significant partners.
- The focus at the moment is on working the ACT Government to gain approvals. Access Canberra are providing a central point that are coordinating the range agencies involved.
- Between now and end of September, there will be a push to get stall holders involved. Registration application will close by end of September. The community should check out the SouthFest website. Facebook event created 1,000 people expressing interest in attending the event within the first day.
- By end of September, early October, the Subcommittee will be flicking the switch to actively engage with the community.
- For more information go to the SouthFest website: SouthFest.com.au
- Glenys mentioned wording within previous TCC Minutes regarding the set-up of the SouthFest Subcommittee, members should refer to the TCC Minutes for 3 July 2018 for more information.

Guest Speakers:

- Education Directorate - Kate

- Apologies from the Guest Speaker. Upon followup, it was found there had been a mix up with the location of the venue.

Next meeting: 2 October 2018, at Vikings Town Centre Club.