

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 3rd March 2020

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the President Jeffrey Bollard

Present:

See the signed attendance sheet.

Apologies: Mark Parton MLA, Eva Cawthorne, Taryn Langdon, Minister Gentleman, Didi Sommer, Senator Zed Seselja, Brandon Forde, Jonathan Davis, Jane Hiatt

President's Report – Jeffrey Bollard

The President mentioned the following:

- Lake Clean-up – Completed on Sunday supporting Lake Carers Group and working with Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts.
- The ACT Government is seeking feedback through the Your Say web portal on the Draft Urban Lakes and Ponds Land Management Plan. Feedback closes 6 April.
- School Presentation – Final presentation completed at St Mary McKillop College.
- SPIRE at Canberra Hospital – The Combined Community Council have made a submission on the development of SPIRE which is supportive of the development however expressing concern campus layout and integration of the campus within the neighbour. TCC was one of the supporting Community Councils.
- Environment Planning Forum – Met on 18 February and was chair by Ben Ponton. A community nominated co-chair is to be selected for the next meeting.
- The priorities are;
 - Planning review
 - Building reforms
 - Managing building better
 - Climate change
 - Bushfire recovery
- Special meeting to consider Draft Territory Plan Variation No. 369 Living Infrastructure was held. The variation was described and is part of a larger package. The consultation time for this variation has been extended to 3 April 2020.
- Inquiry into Youth Mental Health in the ACT - being consider by Community, Health & Wellbeing and Youth SCs.

Report accepted by Murray Lawton and Seconded by Glenys Patulny

Police Report – by Station Sergeant Anderson-

- Common assaults increased by 11%

- Robbery and burglary increased by 27% - 58 additional in last 12 months
- Concerns over house-break ins to obtain keys to high value cars
- Car thefts have decreased, and people are encouraged to not keep important belongings in a car.
- Amber alert was activated for the second time ever in Tuggeranong region over an abduction of a 14-month old child from domestic incident. Child was recovered safely, and charges laid.
- Drive by shooting and fires have occurred in Kambah and Gordon associated with persons known to the police and associated with Outlawed Motorcycle Gangs.
- Commented in response to a question that Tuggeranong statistics are similar to other regions.
- February road safety target is speeding particularly around schools. Police are interested in feedback of the effectiveness of 40 kph zones in shopping centres in protecting vulnerable road users.
- No reports of theft from property or cars during evacuation alerts. Two males were apprehended suspected of looting in NSW. Reports of non-uniformed persons going doors tell people to evacuate, no adverse outcomes resulted.
- Police and working with Transport Canberra and City Services to promptly remove abandoned and burnt out vehicles.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

Nicole Lawder-

- Appropriation bills being considered with \$63M additional being sought for health.
- Sitting weeks focused on the fires and everyone expressed their gratitude for our emergency services and volunteers.
- Canberra citizens of the year has been awarded to the Emergency Services and Parks teams as a whole.
- Health system needs to be fixed- e.g. as junior doctors are experiencing bullying in the industry.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bush Fire Response to Recovery - Joe Murphy (SES) and Ian Walker (ACT Conservator) spoke on behalf of Minister Mick Gentleman.

- Joe Murphy acknowledged the praise expressed in the Assembly and indicated that something for volunteers and staff who helped in the bush fires would be held.
- Describing the fire history this season the first in August in Queensland, moved to NSW and then south coast. Fires in the region included Dunns Road, Adaminaby Complex, Kosciuszko National Park linking to the Victoria Gippsland fires. The bush was drier that it was in 2003. ACT resource were deployed in support of these interstate fires.
- Local fires were the Redwood which became the Beard fire and Hospital Creek fire. A rapid response to the Hospital Creek fire had 30 units engaged into the response. Australian Defence Force (ADF) resource were assisting with moving personnel, dozers and other logistics. An ADF helicopter sparked the Orroral Valley fire.

- Smoke inundated the ACT from fires around Canberra causing public health concerns.
- The volunteers were exhausted and overworked but then came rain, which meant the Emergency Services Agency (ESA) team went to supporting the community over any problems
- Question- availability of masks P2 and N95 masks shortage was covered by the Australian Government by sending out some masks to put them at pharmacies to make them available to the community.
- Orroral Valley fire was started by a helicopter light in a trial run but now they have changed their practice and now the light does not come on.
- Appropriate protection is in place for the recycling facility at Beard.
- Joe is retiring after 33 years working with the emergency services and most recently in the Rural Fire Service. He will continue his involvement with ESA on some projects in Canberra.
- Special projection for heritage buildings was discussed.

Ian Walker - Recovery Plan-

- In introducing the fires Ian noted that the Australian environment has adapted to fire and our indigenous people are aware of the fire cycle as part of their culture. Fire enables regeneration and germination of plants.
- Climate Change, we know it is going to be hotter and there might be more rain than usual and we need to prepare for this.
- 80% of Namadgi National Park was burnt, 20% Tidbinbilla Reserve and 3 hectares of rural land were impacted. A series of graphics were displayed to show the impact of the fire.
- RRATS (Rapid Risk Assessment Teams) team to come together and assess the areas of the fire, the future predictions of where it could go depending on weather, wind and original cause of the fire.
- RRATS identified 27 risks included biodiversity, erosion, fauna, flora and park infrastructure.
- Immediate plans focus on invasive plants and animals as they can affect new emerging vegetation.
- ACT Government website has all the risks assessed and how they plan to recover.
- Ian responded to a series of questions covering loss of native animals; repetitious fires; and safety of road from dead trees.

Motion proposal by Beverly Flint: paying tribute to the efforts of ESA and community collaboration.

Gas Network 5 Year Plan Consultation – Evoenergy – Chris Bell and Giuliana Baggoley

- Chris introduced the Evoenergy Five Year Gas Plan which will be submitted to the Australian Energy Regulator at the end of June 2020. The draft of the plan was released on the 27th February. The plan details the revenue Evoenergy obtains from its gas network and the charge to be made to gas retailers.
- EvoEnergy is separate from ACTewAGL, which is the retail section of the energy market in ACT and some parts of New South Wales.
- Evoenergy distributes gas and power – is responsible for poles and wires
- Climate change plan to go along with the ACT government on the zero emissions.

- There are some important issues that need to be considered in the plans to reduce gas emissions, currently about 43% of the total energy consumption by ACT is all gas, in winter these numbers can increase because of heating and increase use of hot water. Additional considerations for the ACT environment policy were identified.
- Consultation has been conducted through communities and the feedback is they support environmental sustainability; Evoenergy want to understand the full impact and costs of future energy consumption before final plans are made.
- Stable network prices for the 2021-26.
- Feedback is sought by 2 April on the draft plan.
- There will be a formal review process by the AER commencing after 30 June 2020.
- Questions addressed price of gas, lack of alternative energy in new suburbs and performance of gas versus electrical air conditioning.

General Business

Youth Survey Results – TCC Youth Engagement Sub-committee

- The TCC Youth Survey was conducted at the end of 2019 with the purpose of understanding the issues of importance to the youth of Tuggeranong and to set the basis for advocacy for these issues.
- Key findings were: improved water quality; crime and community safety; and public transport. Other issues were more affordable housing and hangout spaces. The interest in the establishment of a youth centre was lower than expected.
- Crime and safety focused on walking at night, lighting and safety at specific areas.
- Increased frequency of buses was sought.
- Greater youth engagement with the TCC was suggested by social media and more meetings.
- Question on lake quality as top issue.
- Upcoming youth forum was discussed.
- The TCC input to the Youth Mental Health Inquiry was also discussed.

Minutes of February 2020 General Meeting

The Minutes of February General Meeting were presented and accepted with the appropriate changes incorporated.

Moved: Glenys Patulny, Seconded: Wayne King.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Request for inclusion of name in circulation of correspondence from TCC Secretary.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo

- Expenditure of February was \$288.
- The current funds are at \$ 23,484.
- Including Members funds of \$9,350.

Moved: Sed Bustillo, Seconded: Nora Preston.

Suggestion that the TCC consider investment in Exchange Traded Funds in place of term deposits. The risk to capital amount was identified by stock market movement. There was no support for this to be pursued further.

Community Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

- Five members joined the newly reformed committee, comments included:
 - Discussed avenues to become more proactive and market ourselves better
 - Use results of Community Survey to help develop TCC policies
- Launch of the ACT Wellbeing Framework

Environment Sub-Committee – Glenys Patulny

- Approximately 50 people attended the Lake Tuggeranong Clean-up day, collecting rubbish – see TCC website for further details.

General Business

Clarification was provided that the approved minutes are published on the website.

The Meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday the 7 April 2020

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