

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 4th February 2020

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.33pm by the President Jeffrey Bollard

Present

See the signed Attendance sheet.

President's Report – Jeffrey Bollard

The President mentioned the following:

- Smoke and fires from December last year. Affecting many suburbs around Canberra. Setting the record of the lowest quality of air safety.
 - Threatening rural leases.
 - Threatening suburbs such as Banks and Conder.
- The president has noted that hailstorms have affected Canberra, but not as much as suburbs around Civic.
- The TCC President acknowledges the efforts of ESA Commissioner Georgina Whelan, ADF and Police bodies.
- At the end of the academic year TCC presents awards to selected graduated students around Tuggeranong's colleges and high schools.
- The TCC have come to conclusion our Youth Survey and will be under analysis by the youth subcommittee and a report will be presented at our March meeting.
- The Community Survey will close at the end of the month so there is still time for residents of Tuggeranong to participate. The survey is important in identifying the issues of importance within Tuggeranong. The plan is to report the outcomes of the survey to the April meeting.
- In our December meeting we had Chris Steel and Peter Steele from Transport Canberra. The President has communicated concerns of the public transport system from Tuggeranong residents in an ABC radio interview.
- TCC is a part of the Combined Community Council (CCC) that are setting priorities for the 2020 year. Issues arose such as: draft variation of the Territory Plan, planning, and trees and living infrastructure.
- Environmental and Sustainability forum – The first meeting of the reformed Environmental Planning Forum will take place on 18 February. The meeting is co-chaired by Ben Ponton and a representative of the community who is yet to be nominated
- The TCC has taken the initiative to work with Oxley NHW as they broaden their scope.
- The president has encouraged volunteer groups to be aware of volunteer grants available for the various members of Federal electorates.

Seconded: Didi Sommer

Accepted: Eva Cawthorne

Police Report –

SGT Chris Bell was unavailable to attend due to recent surgery.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

Mark Parton:

- Consulted with Wanniasa residents affected by the rearrangement of bus routes.
 - An elderly resident was heavily affected by the removal of routes.
- Commended the hard work of ESA commissioner Whelan.
- The fire emergency has been handled excellently by related bodies.

Nicole Lawder:

- Commended related agencies and persons who have protected the community from the dangers of the fires.
- Commended the efforts of ESA Commissioner Whelan and community bodies (local and interstate) providing invaluable work in the Erindale Evacuation Centre.

Mick Gentleman (unavailable but provided comments):

- Successful retardant drops around zones in danger of the fires (Namadgi Park).
- There is monitoring of critical infrastructure.
- Numerous native Tidbinbilla animals are being relocated for their safety.

GUEST SPEAKER – OZHarvest - Dave Burnet, Manager ACT

- Praised the resilience and hard work of ESA Commissioner Whelan.
- World Centre Kitchen, an organization delivering food cooked by chefs in disaster-stricken areas around the world.
 - World Centre Kitchen arrived in Canberra with a significant quantity of meals.
- OZHarvest alongside numerous amounts of charities that provide emergency support and relief.
- 10 Years of operations in the ACT
- Community is a vital and driving element for OZHarvest. Especially, partnerships and collaboration within the community.
- OZHarvest focuses on building stakeholder engagement and stakeholder management.
- A partnered agency that is opened for 2 hours a week every Saturday manages to distribute 48,000 kilograms of food.
- Numerous supermarket stores and food producers donate significant amounts of food to OZHarvest.
- Dave answered the questions from the floor.
 - Involvement of Woolies and Coles depends on education on how to save it and sometimes they do have access to collecting the food baskets.
 - OZHarvest is a middleman that delivers food from distributors to charities; who then distribute it to their members after a process of assessment.

General Business

Apologies

SGT Chris Bell, Mick Gentleman, Jenny Mobbs, Keith Woodman, Martin Devine, Beverley Flint, Lorraine & Wayne King

Minutes of November 2019 General Meeting

The Minutes of December General Meeting were displayed following earlier distribution.
Moved: Murray Lawton
Seconded: Brendan Forde
Accepted: **Yes**

Correspondence

- Redirected towards relevant subcommittees for assessment and advice.

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo

For February 2020:

- Expenditure: \$288.40
- Funds currently stand at: \$23,484.51
Comprising:
 - TCC Members' funds \$91359.40
 - ACT Government Funds \$14,134.10
- The Treasurer noted the key expenditures for the month as:
 - Participation in the ACTCOSS Building Resilient Communities
 - Optus payments (for 2 periods)

Moved: Sed Bustillo

Seconded: Drew Eppelstun

Accepted: **Yes**

Vice-President Report:

- Invited anyone interested to join and get involved in the Community, Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee.

Environment Sub-Committee – Didi Sommer

- Presented a video of a drain/sea bin invention from WA, that filters the drains/waterways.
- Noted that the Evacuation Centre is active.
- Impressed by the available information and facilities provided at the Centre.

Planning – Evan Hawke

- Concerned over the consultation of Woden and Tuggeranong residents over the channel that connects Southern suburbs to the parliamentary triangle and beyond.
- Removal of cyclist and bus lanes.
- Changes in the Adelaide Avenue traffic lanes.

SouthFest - Andrew Eppelstun

- Nothing material to report at this early stage.

Youth – Daisy Matsika

- Youth Employment Forum, 34 students attended with speakers from PKUP (local business), Volunteers ACT, EY (formerly Ernst & Young), Sed and Daisy.

General Business

A suggestion was made from the floor suggesting the TCC write a letter to minister Gentlemen to investigate the usage of sea/drain-bin within the ACT waterways. This has been directed to the Environment Subcommittee.

The Meeting concluded at 9.39pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd March 2020