

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 5 May 2020
Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing application.

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the President Jeffrey Bollard with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

Present

See the electronic register of attendance.

President's Report – Jeffrey Bollard

The President reminded participants that the registration process for the meeting recorded names and email addresses, registrations are match to participants logging in and that the meeting was being recorded. Normal meeting protocol would be followed and the TCC code of conduct applies as it does when we meet in person. Participants were asked to remain on mute unless addressing the meeting. The Chair at times may mute all participants to allow the designate speaker to be heard without extraneous background noise. There are text functions available within the application and the ability to 'raise hands' if participants wished to speak. The text and icon features would be monitored throughout the meeting.

The President noted that COVID 19 continues to dominate our lives. The messages to stop the spread of COVID-19 remain as maintain good hand hygiene, stay 1.5 m apart and stay home if unwell.

In the ACT there have been 107 confirmed cases of which 103 have recovered and we have lost 3 people. Of the 107 confirmed cases 23 reported Tuggeranong as their usual place of residence at the time of testing.

There has been some minor relaxation of the social distancing requirements allowing family groups to visit other family groups. The rules in the ACT vary slightly with other States and Territories and you should check with the web site COVID19.ACT.GOV.AU for the correct information.

The ACT Government is delivering an economic survival package in addition to those from the Australian Government. Details of the ACT package are available from the COVID19 website. The ACT fast track program includes;

- A new 470m long and 2.5m wide asphalt path alongside Drakeford Drive between the underpass adjacent to Singleton Crescent to the intersection of Erindale Drive and Soward Way in Oxley.
- A new 520m long and 1.5m wide concrete path along the western verge of Clive Steel Avenue between the Impact Church and Azalea Circuit in Isabella Plains.
- Improving facilities for staff at the Tuggeranong Bus Depot as well as site security and safety.

Planning and Consultation -

The Environment Planning Forum has been rescheduled and will resume as a WebEx meeting on 17 June 2020.

Draft Territory Plan Variation No. 369 Living Infrastructure has been further extended to 8 May 2020.

Canberra Hospital Master Plan consultation has been deferred. An offer to brief the TCC had been extended for tonight's meeting but not accepted.

Indirect advice has been received that Optus is installing 5G network equipment at Kambah Oval.

CPAG forum "Canberra is growing but how should we accommodate this growth? – now scheduled for Monday 7 September 2020 at the Albert Hall.

Brendan Forde moved the acceptance of the President's report and this was seconded by Wayne King.

Police Report –

An apology was received from Station Sergeant Rod Anderson who was unable to join the meeting.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

David Smith MP

The Federal Parliament has sat only for a couple of days during the last two months and is returning next week to commence the session including meetings of committees.

Issues reported from the electoral office were;

- Repatriation of Australians overseas
- Positive aspect of cooperation experienced with parliaments across Australia.
- Job Seeker and Job Keeper programs.
- NDIA disability services and continuing the delivery of safe services.
- Reaching out to older members of the electorate, noting strong support from community organisations and feedback of feeling well supported.
- Medium to long term issues are jobs and the stress on higher education as a major employer in the ACT.
- Childcare providers are under stress noting one case of a large organisation that falls outside the criteria for Job Keeper support.

Advice and support are available from the electorate office for constituents dealing with Australian Government agencies.

A member invited David to return to the next meeting to provide an update.

Another member asked for his appreciation be passed to the Australian Government for repatriating family members to Australia from South America.

Nicole Lawder MLA

A committee has been established consisting of two Labor, two Liberal and one Greens member to scrutinise COVID-19 related spending including the stimulus package. The committee is hearing from government official, industry and community representatives.

The Assembly is meeting only one day per fortnight until the election. When sitting special arrangements including rostering of members in the chamber are being followed to ensure social distancing.

Generally, there is agreement between the parties. The great job being done by Federal and ACT Governments support by respective oppositions was noted. There are some disagreements such as change to hearings by judge alone. Return to school is also being discussed.

The statistics quoted by the President may paint an unfair representation for Tuggeranong and it was noted that the ACT is not mapping COVID-19 hotspots due to the low numbers of infections.

The download of the COVIDSAFE Application was promoted. Feedback provided at the meeting indicated difficulty with using the applications on certain brands of telephones and older telephones.

In responding to questions, the meeting was informed that the ACT budget would be delayed until after the Federal budget and funding for community organisation should continue as for the 2019-20 financial year. Schools would return when safe for teachers and students.

Water Quality - How we will beat blue-green algae.

Plaxy McCulloch, Catchment Programs Officer with Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate addressed the meeting.

Plaxy is a Kambah resident with an interest in water quality since the age of eight.

Information was provided on the flow of nutrients into the lake and from lake sediment and conditions for algae growth and blooms. Transition from natural grass land to a built urban environment has removed the natural filter preventing direct flow of water to the lake and instead water is channelled through pipes and lined drains direct to the lake. The effect is that everyone is effectively living on the lake edge. Five times the nutrient load comes from urban runoff compared with that released from lake sediment.

To solve the problem requires community change, research, infrastructure and in-lake treatment.

Government actions;

- \$1.1 million for new gross pollution trap, continuation of research and investigation of swale feasibility and designs.
- Partnerships with catchment groups supporting and growing community stewardship and continuing community education.
- Behaviour change program.
- Building and construction industry program.
- Refining government's own operations.

What householders can do;

- Keep leaves off nature strips and away from drains.
- Don't park on nature strips and tell neighbour why you stopped
- Don't over fertilise. Same for pesticides.
- Avoid organics getting on to the road
- Keep water on your block
- Pickup after pets

In responding to questions, the following points were discussed.

- There is good interchange between community, University of Canberra and government departments.
- ACT Health is aware of a media reported link between blue-green algae and motor neurone disease and is evaluating available evidence.

- Increased cleaning of gross pollution trap comes as trade-off against other programs.
- Use of a drain sock, a pollution net was mentioned as being used in other places.
- Hydrogen peroxide has not been found to be an effective treatment.
- Future grants programs have not yet been announced.

General Business

Apologies

Sed Bustillo, Station Sergeant Rod Anderson

Minutes

Minutes of the March 2020 and April 2020 minutes were circulated with the notice of meeting. Drafting correction have been received for the April meeting.

Acceptance of the March meeting was moved by Albert Orszaczky and seconded by Wayne King.

Clarification was provided that the minutes are not verbatim transcripts of the meeting and the primary purpose is to record resolutions of the meeting. A synopsis is provided of other matters. Previous minutes are published on the TCC's website. Light rail was not discussed as an issue only mention in the context of the community survey results.

The acceptance of the April minutes was moved Brendan Forde and seconded by Glenys Patulny.

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo by written report

Expenditure for April 2020 was \$369.80 with income of \$400. Funds are Operating Fund \$13,340.35 and Members fund \$9550.55.

Expenditure was travel expenses, badges and PO Box renewal. Income was honorariums for meeting attendance.

A motion for retrospective approval of payment to Gaffer Design for website maintenance amounting to \$600.00 was moved by Sed Bustillo and seconded by Glenys Patulny.

The acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Sed Bustillo and seconded by Wayne King.

Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

Sub Committee held a Zoom meeting on the 1May and discussed the terms of reference. Glenys has been appointed as chairperson. Mini surveys to be held to clarify concerns on issues identified such as crime and safety.

A proposal was discussed to publish a monthly newsletter possibly including survey questions.

Also discussed was the idea to a quarterly pop-up event by the TCC in the suburbs.

Environment Sub-Committee

Didi Sommer was unable to speak to the meeting due to technical issues.

A submission is to be made on DV369 Living Infrastructure.

Work has commenced on the Laneway Project.

Southfest – Drew Eppelstun

Southfest 2020 will not go ahead. Decision taken at joint meeting of the Southfest sub-committee and the TCC Committee.

Smaller activations as we come out of COVID-19 will be considered.

Youth – Daisy Matsika

Youth Sub-Committee meeting is planned for next week.

Planning, Transport and Communications Sub-Committee

No report.

Need to reenergise this Sub-Committee.

Other Business

Catherine Jones on behalf of community organisation identified support available to people suffering from hardship and mental wellbeing resulting from COVID-19. Despite the lockdown service are still available. Catherine's organisation is YWCA. Information from organisation can be published through the TCC social media channels.

There is a public consultation on with NCA National Capital Authority regarding Block 23 Section 33 Acton (Acton Waterfront) Phase 2 Boardwalk and Land Reclamation. This consultation closes on 22 May, 16 days remaining. More information from the NCA website. Information about potential future development for the Acton Waterfront can be found at the City Renewal Authority website: <https://www.act.gov.au/city-renewal/places/Acton-Waterfront>. There was a short discussion on public opinion development.

The Meeting concluded at 9.25pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday the 2 June 2020 via Zoom.

Please note: TCC is not a local government. If you have enquiries relating to government issues, we may be able to help point you in the right direction. The main contact for ACT Government enquiries is Access Canberra at <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/> or phone 13 22 81