

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 1 September 2020
Meeting conducted via Zoom video-conferencing application.

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm by 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 matched to participants logging in and that the session 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.

Agenda – The agenda for the meeting was abbreviated to allow for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting. An additional change was that no police report was to be received.

COVID 19 – COVID 19 remains a threat to our community, and TCC will continue to follow prescribed precautions.

ACT Election Forum – The TCC is scheduling a candidates' forum for the October 2020 ACT Election. The forum will be on the evening of 23 September 2020. The event will be COVIDSafe and dependent on health guidelines at the time. Invitations will be sent to all candidates in the Brindabella Electorate. The President asked for members pass the information to minor parties and independent candidates that have not yet been identified. Other Community Council are hosting fora for different electorates.

Acceptance of report was moved by Didi Sommer, seconded by Glenys Patulny.

Police Report – Detective Acting Inspector Simon Coady, OIC Tuggeranong Police Station apologised for being unable to attend.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

Nicole Lawder MLA

The last sitting day of the Ninth Assembly has been completed before 17 October election. Early voting open from 28 September with three voting locations in Tuggeranong. Early voting is a response to COVID.

A local issue is parking in Greenway near the learn-to-ride and Scout Hall. Parking is being used by construction workers and denying locals and less mobile visitors parking. Developments should have a traffic plan in place.

In response to a question, the development of temporary parking and restoration afterwards was described for constructions sites.

On a question on light rail responded that contracts would not be signed before the election and the Liberals are waiting on the business case before taking a position.

**ACT Council of Social Service Inc. (ACTCOSS) Dr Emma Campbell
Chief Executive Officer**

Emma introduced herself as the CEO of ACTCOSS since January and expressed interest in understanding issues in Tuggeranong.

The primary purpose of ACTCOSS is to advocate on behalf of community services organisations with around 200 members in the ACT. The other function is advocacy for social justice and the reduction of inequality.

ACTCOSS is advocating twelve platforms for the upcoming elections.

- More support for the community service sector through local organisations.
- Poverty, equality and cost of living – permanent increase in federal job seeker allowance.
- Supporting women, children, young people and families – child protection, legal services, domestic violence and inclusive education.
- Better health – frontline health services, disability health structure
- Housing – shortage of 3000 public housing, ACT high rent rates for apartments and houses
- Human rights – not to support anti consorting law
- Criminal justice – raising criminal responsibility from 10 to 14 years
- Self-determination for aboriginal control organisations,
- Just climate and energy transition,
- Community infrastructure and transport – lack of data on infrastructure to guide investment.
- Better consultation with the community around planning and investment
- Disability and carers – disability health structure for equal care, seniors’ hub, new properties to meet universal design standards

ACTCOSS is hosting a debate between leaders of major parties.

Responding to questions;

- Confirmed ACTCOSS' opposition to anti-consorting laws on the grounds of ineffectiveness and effect on highly vulnerable people. Preference is to pursue an actual crime.
- Men’s’ sheds – equality for retaining ownership – ACTCOSS member organisations active in men’s issue. Invited future discussion.
- Seniors’ Hub – to provide the opportunity to access a range of services for older Canberrans in Tuggeranong. COTA has opened an office in Greenway.
- Invited offline discussion of a service provider, aged care services and violence protections.
- Mental services are equally poor as other jurisdictions – lack of sub-acute care. An example of community gardens benefits of mental health and the ACT wellbeing framework was noted.

Emma noted the value she has had from attending the meeting. An open invitation was extended for her to join future meetings of the TCC.

General Business

Apologies

Beverly Flint, Rob Lovett, Simon Coady

Minutes

Minutes were circulated in advance of the meeting.

The minutes were moved for acceptance by Glenys Patulny and seconded by Didi Sommer.

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo

Expenditure for August 2020 was \$191.50. Funds are Operating Fund \$9,729.27 and Members' Fund \$10,199.50.

Expenditure was items for office and telephone.

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

The President sought approval for the expenditure of \$1,200 to stage the election forum. The expenditure was forecast on the hire of the Erindale College theatre. The theatre can accommodate 85 persons in a COVID safe environment. Options are also being discussed with the Vikings Group for the use of a club facility.

Motion – The Committee is authorised to spend to the limit of \$1,200 to stage the Brindabella Electorate Candidates' Forum.

Moved by Jim Thornton and seconded by Rachel Allen. Carried.

Other Business

It was clarified that the link to the Zoom meeting was distributed.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

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