

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 4 August 2020
Meeting conducted via Zoom video-conferencing application.

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm 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 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.

COVID 19 – COVID 19 remains a threat to our community. The TCC will continue to follow the advice of the ACT Chief Health Officer – handwashing, social distancing and stay away if unwell.

Be aware of isolation and quarantine requirements when entering the ACT and play by the rules.

A COVID-19 drive-through testing centre has been established at Jenke Circuit, Kambah.

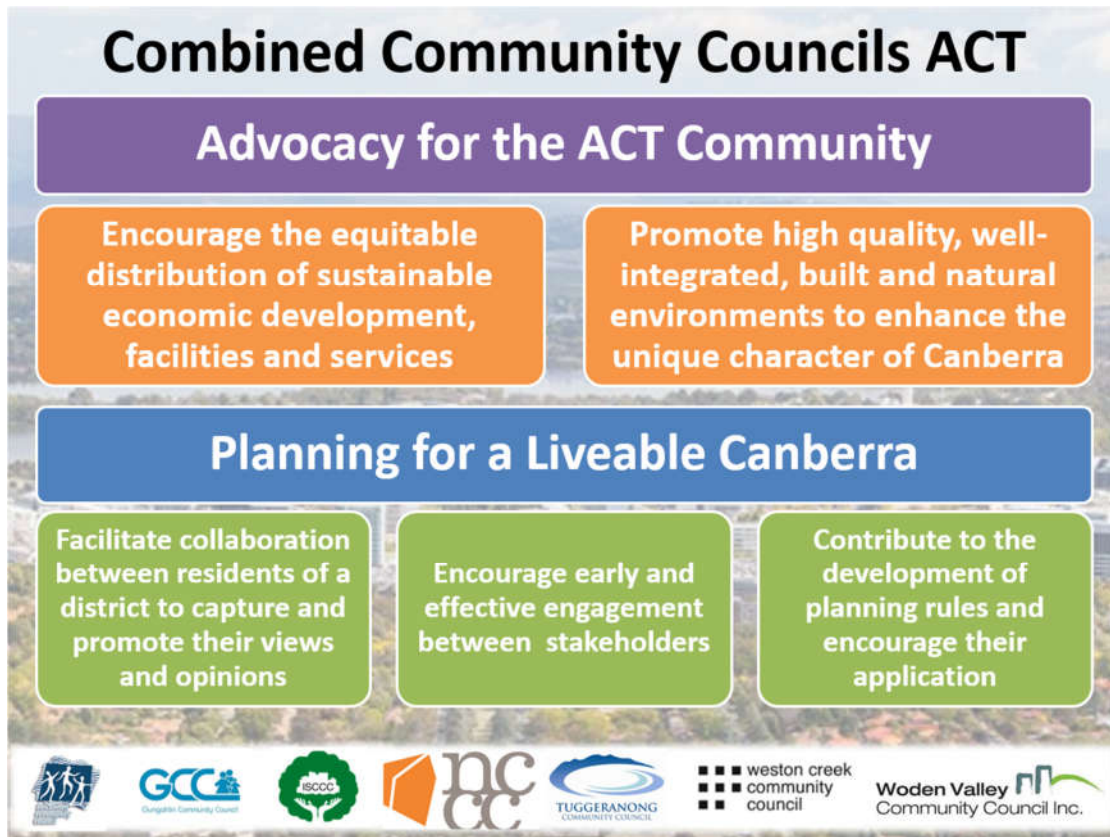
Annual General Meeting - Our AGM is to be held as virtual meeting on 1 September 2020.

Members were thanked for completing renewal forms in order to have a membership register ready the AGM. Members who have not completed a renewal can download a form from our web site or sent an email to the secretary with your contact details and acknowledgement of the code of conduct.

Nominations for the executive and committee position are required to be with the Secretary by Noon on Tuesday 11 August 2020. The nomination form has been circulated to members and is also available on our website.

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 forum will be COVIDSafe and will depend on health guidelines at the time.

Combined Community Councils – The TCC participates in the Combined Community Councils meetings to review items of common interest. The Community Councils have developed a strategy in a page which is:



Erindale Business Park – The TCC has completed a licence for the use of a small office at the Erindale Business Park. The office provides us with accessible space for management of records and other material and address issue with health and safety of volunteers accessing the previous storage locker.

Acceptance of report was moved by Didi Sommer, seconded by Wayne King.

Police Report – Detective Acting Inspector Chris Ball

Statistics for year-on- year ending July 2020:

- Overall incidents are down 7%
- Offences against the person down 2%
- Offences against property increase by 1%

Comparing July to June:

- 1198 incidents recorded in July compared with 1216 in June 2020.
- 9 burglaries which is a reduction of 10 compared with June 2020
- 145 property damage incidents a decrease of 55
- 26 assault offences
- 20 motor vehicle theft increased by 3 compared with June.
- 18 number plate thefts increased by 7
- 65 theft offences, a decrease by 22.

It was summarised as good result.

Focus during June was a focus on dangerous driving and speeding. Nine hundred infringements issued including 3 for exceeding 70km in a school zone. In August focus will be on dangerous driving close to bikes and near responding emergency vehicles.

Responding to questions:

- Acknowledged high speeds on Majura Parkway observing the speeds were above the ability of drivers. Traffic offences have increased during COVID hence concentration on dangerous driving.
- Thief of number plates is not associated with a particular make of vehicle. Tamper-proof screws are available from Bunnings and it will be checked if any remain available at the Tuggeranong Police Station.
- Not aware of flashing lights in school zones suggesting contact with ACT Roads to obtain more information. Shane Rattenbury indicated the approach in the ACT was crossing monitors and speed humps. Noting in NSW school zones are speed restricted during separate morning and afternoon session, and in the ACT the restrictions are in one block between 8 am and 4 pm.
- Shooting in the early morning near Kambah was possibly related to a farmer conducting a kangaroo cull. Additional information could be obtained by contacting the Tuggeranong Station.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

Nicole Lawder MLA

It was commented that it is Liberal policy to introduce flashing lights in school zones based on NSW experience.

Parking issues have been experienced on Mortimer Lewis Drive in Greenway between the dog park and the Scout Hall due to trades parking near construction sites. The lack of parking is limiting access to the area by locals and visitors, including some vulnerable groups. The parking is seen as a planning issue rather than just a parking problem. Parking is not considered in the development approval process.

An intervention identified parking around developments in South Greenway was causing problems after building was complete and inadequate parking was being included in approved developments.

Mental health services in Tuggeranong with focus on youth services.

Tracy Boomer, Youth Care and Community Engagement Officer, Headspace

Tracy provided an overview of her 28 years career in youth services, and the satisfaction working in this area has brought her.

Headspace is a national initiative and has around 110 centres with local centres at Braddon and Queanbeyan. A new centre is scheduled to open in Tuggeranong. Whilst operating under a national brand, each centre is conducted by a separate lead agency with a variation in services offered.

Headspace Canberra provides four streams of mental health, physical health, alcohol and other drug services and vocational, educational and employment support. Entry point for young people, aged 12 to 25 years. Free or low-cost services. Welcoming environment with a design influenced by a youth reference group. Professionals supporting are psychologist, social workers, wellbeing coaches, youth workers and alcohol and drug workers.

Headspace does not provide crisis support with the support being offered by ambulance and police. Can escalate to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and if older to Adult Mental Health. Headspace works with other specialist and community programs.

Confidentially of service unless a risk of harm to self or others.

Warning signs are new, noticeable and persistent changes in the young person lasting a few weeks.

About a quarter of clients at Canberra and Queanbeyan service are from Tuggeranong. Issues are anxiety, depression, study concerns, drug and alcohol, lack of employment opportunities and couch surfing/rough sleeping.

To help young people keep communications open, encourage supporting behaviour, be available, encourage activities that promote mental health and spend time with them.

Tips for a healthy headspace are get informed, exercise, sleep well, be self-reflective, seek help, eat well, build strategies, positive self talk, set goals and stay connected.

Other services available are e-headspace, lifeline, Kids Helpline, Menslink and Canberra Rape Crisis Centre.

The general discussion touched on issues within schools, helping parents help young people, co-parenting, bullying and cyberbullying.

Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Mental Health, spoke of the pressure COVID is placing on mental health, particularly for young people losing jobs, missing gap years and difficulties getting into university. COVID was described as a long-haul problem.

The Office of Mental Health and Wellbeing has recently completed a research program which is now being used to inform policy.

An adolescent mental health unit is being developed and should be open by 2022.

In-hospital treatment is considered with preference being providing care at home.

Early intervention can prevent conditions from continuing in later life

The ACT has reached a level of psychiatrists and psychologists for its population above the national average.

There is a mental health unit for adults based in Tuggeranong.

The Tuggeranong Headspace is expected to be open by the end of the year with the location yet to be determined.

The President thanked Tracy and Shane for leading the discussion on mental health services.

General Business

Apologies

David Smith MP, Mark Parton MLA.

Minutes

Minutes were circulated in advance of meeting. It was clarified that a question on kangaroo culls was recorded as a response from Ms Lawder.

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

Correspondence

Correspondence for the period has largely been concerned with the licence for accommodation at the Erindale Business Park.

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo

Expenditure for June 2020 was \$331.00. Funds are Operating Fund \$9,920.24 and Members' Fund \$10,199.50.

Expenditure was Volunteering ACT membership, Kings Storage and web service fee.

Needham (Tuggeranong) have accepted an appointment as pro bono auditor.

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

Environment Sub-Committee - Didi Sommer

Bulky waste collections are limited to one per household and this is not additional to the service provided to concession cardholders.

A joint announcement made by the Federal and ACT Governments of \$21m to upgrade the materials recycling facility at Hume. This upgrade will include technology to remove contamination and wash crushed glass sand. Glass sand is being reused in road construction and has eliminated the need to mine new sand. Reduction of contamination at source is best practised by residents.

There are currently three proposals to develop industry waste treatment facilities in Fyshwick. The facilities will accept material from NSW. The Inner South Community Council is seeking support to respond to the development applications and to extend the comment period from 15 to 45 days.

Planning, Transport and Communications Sub-Committee

Purdon Planning had been invited to speak on developments at Greenway but declined the invitation. Purdon had previously asked to speak at our meeting but have undertaken a separate consultation and are now proceeding with submission of development applications.

Bernard Rohan advised of development at Chisholm shops to construct a McDonald's restaurant. A similar proposal had been rejected in the past. The proposal will replace the tavern and public toilets blocks. The number of fast-food outlets in the area already was discussed. Bernard encouraged those interested to make a submission on the development application.

Canberra Airport Consultative Committee has met by Zoom. People are returning to the airport and business are reopening. It was also noted that the farewell flight of Qantas' B747 occurred in Canberra with a flyover of Lake Burley Griffin.

SouthFest - Andrew Eppelstun

SouthFest is in a holding pattern waiting to hold other events when COVID condition allow.

Youth – Glenys Patulny

Youth forum is on hold; however the plan is to conduct a face-to-face forum when conditions permit.

Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

Looking at opportunities to develop engagement with a broader range of community members through social media and newsletters. A flyer has been drafted with the idea to print and distribute throughout Tuggeranong to encourage engagement and transfer the new contacts to our social media and email list. Costing, sponsorship and distribution were discussed.

The Sub committee was invited to investigate running a program with a group called 'It's OK to be Blue'. Dead trees are painted blue as a symbol to seek help.

Other Business

The difficulty in obtaining proposers and seconders to committee nominations in time of social isolation was described. Nominations forms were distributed early and in addition to wet ink signatures, fax and electronic signatures are being accepted. Privacy prevents the distribution of the membership email address list. A suggestion to conduct a Zoom meeting to allow members to canvas nominations. This can be conducted or this evening's meeting can remain live after closure to allow discussion between interest members. Without a rule change, a nomination requires the signature of the nominee, proposer and seconder. A delay in the AGM will not occur.

Members interest in nominating were invited to share their contact details via the chat function so that other members who are willing to support the nomination can get in touch.

Returning to the Chisholm develop, the web link to the DA application was shared on the chat function. Submission of representations close on the 17 August 2020.

COTA is setting up a presence at the LDK building.

The Meeting ended abruptly d at 9.35pm with a technical problem with the Zoom account.

Next meeting is Tuesday 1 September 2020 via Zoom. This will be the September General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.

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