

**TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting 6 October 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 registration details and the meeting are being recorded. Protocol for the meeting was explained.

**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 we need to be cautious.

**Annual General Meeting.** The AGM was conducted on 1 September, and tonight we welcome new members of the Committee Eva Cawthorne as Secretary and Robyn Rofe. The contributions of Evan Hawke and Hamish Sinclair who retired from the Committee were acknowledged.

An important part of the AGM which was not completed was the acceptance of the financial report and auditor's statement. After speaking with the auditor, it is now expected to present the financial statements and report to the Committee next week and circulate to members shortly after that. The submission of the accounts for audit could have been managed better, and there was a failure to appreciate the demands on time of our auditor by their commercial clients resulting from fiscal stimulus packages. The President apologised to Members for failing to present the accounts in accordance with expectations.

**ACT Election Forum** – The Brindabella Candidates forum was held on 23 September. Ten of the twenty-three candidates for the electorate accepted and participated. All candidates were invited to take part. There was difficulty in identifying all candidates as nominations did close until the day of the forum.

The forum was conducted at the Town Centre Vikings club at Greenway. The Vikings Group and the team at the Town Centre provided a COVID safe venue. Physical attendance reached the allowed capacity of the room, another 31 registered to participate through our Zoom facility.

Genevieve Jacobs was the moderator and did so with skill engaging all candidates with questions relevant to the electorate.

**Announcements** – The President noted the following information:

- David Smith, Member for Bean, is collating a list of grants from all levels of government and private sponsors,
- Announcement of road funding from the Federal government including Tuggeranong Parkway
- Increasing travel opportunities through Canberra Airport, which provide some exciting travel options.

Acceptance of report was moved by Wayne King, seconded by Mike Crozier

**Police Report** – No report presented.

## **Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates**

### **Nicole Lawder MLA**

Attempted to participate but was unable to connect.

## **Darlene Cox, Executive Director, Health Care Consumers Association (HCCA)**

HCCA is a community organisation representing the consumer perspective across all health services to ensure our health system is patient-centred. They are seeking to improve the quality, affordability and availability of health services.

Promotion of consumer participation in the health care system modelled as health policy, research, planning and design, health service governance and our own care.

Charter of healthcare rights – access, safety, respect, partnership, information, privacy and give feedback.

What the HCCA does – workshops, policy submission, development of consumer representatives and smooth expectations with reality.

Attention was drawn to the ACT Health smartphone application, which provides waiting time for health facilities and the screening application.

Healthdirect is a national services and available at [www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services).

Overview of Walk-in Centres

Digital health records are to be implemented in the ACT.

In responding to questions:

- Telehealth services are working well, not suited for all situations, have jumped healthcare ten years ahead and hopefully, the services will continue after COVID times.
- Mental health has been deteriorating, and the GP is best point to start.
- Health representative training will continue in the future as arrangements can be made.
- Completion of E-health records is at the discretion of the practitioner but keep asking
- Health services in Tuggeranong are generally improving with cooperatives being established.
- COVID has increased waiting for elective surgery and out-patients. Funding is being provided to address backlogs.
- HCCA are not staff by medical personnel.

## **General Business**

### **Apologies**

Beverly Flint, Nora Preston, Didi Sommer, Drew Eppelstun, Nicole Lawder

### **Minutes**

Minutes were circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was noted that the expenditure for the election forum was not necessary.

The minutes were moved for acceptance by Glenys Patulny and seconded by Wayne King.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo**

Expenditure for September 2020 was \$114.81. Funds are Operating Fund \$9,614.25 and Members' Fund \$10,199.71.

Expenditure was items for office and telephone.

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

#### **Sub Committees**

##### **Planning, Transport and Community**

Advice received on public housing distribution. Tuggeranong has 24% of public housing. Public housing is an item of interest to the TCC.

##### **Southfest**

Presented as part of Community, Health and Wellbeing

##### **Youth**

Youth forum still on hold.

TCC awards are to be progressed with schools and colleges

##### **Community, Health and Wellbeing**

Springfest was held at Erindale. TCC provided sponsorship and an information table on the TCC, which resulted in interest being expressed in the TCC.

Other events are being considered in conjunction with the Southfest committee.

##### **Environment and Sustainability**

Lake clean-up day to be held on 1 November 2020.

#### **Other Business**

Requested a follow up with Tuggeranong Police to attend meetings.

Question on when to resume face-to-face. Can try hybrid meetings. Need to consider the wishes of members.

Proposal for a cloud-based accounting system was made. General support was expressed, and the proposal referred to the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

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