

**TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting 7 July 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 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 and the TCC will continue to follow the advice of the ACT Chief Health Officer – handwashing, social distancing and stay away if unwell.

At the last meeting we heard from the business and club sectors about the pathway from the strict health protections measures. The TCC is ready to commence a discussion about returning to face-to-face meeting however attendance at our meeting cannot be at the exclusion of club members accessing facilities and services of the club. Also, there is doubt about when the majority of TCC members are comfortable about coming to physical meetings. Members were invited to provide feedback on the appropriate time to resume face-to-face meetings.

The August meeting will be another Zoom event.

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM is programmed for September. The Associations Incorporation Act has an amendment to provide flexibility in the conduct of AGMs including the use of virtual conferencing such as Zoom.

The AGM is planned to be held as virtual meeting on 1 September 2020.

The election of officer bearers and the committee will be conducted by an online process.

Members are invited to renew their membership by 4<sup>th</sup> August to ensure correct contact details are available for the election. There is no subscription payable. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee are now being accepted and should be with the Secretary by 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

On 18 August distribution of voting instructions to eligible members will be undertaken. The poll closes noon 1 September. Returning officer will announce results at the AGM.

Membership renewals and nominations will be accepted in electronics format. Provision can be made for a paper ballot paper for those eligible voters unable to complete an online vote.

**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. We are investigating a hybrid meeting of in-person attendance at a venue allowing social distancing and a Zoom meeting for those not able to attend. Numbers participating in-person will be limited. Invitations will be extended to all registered candidates in the Brindabella Electorate.

### **Redress**

The TCC has been advised that it has been named in claim submitted under the National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. We have also received a direct claim. We are seeking legal advice and are notifying our insurer. The abuse occurred in 1976 and the TCC did not come into existence until 1983 so we believe, we have been misidentified.

Acceptance of report was moved by Didi Sommer, seconded by Albert Orszaczky.

### **Police Report – A/Inspector Chris Ball**

Statistics for year on year ending June 2020:

Overall incidents are down 9% 13021

Offences against the person down 17% 132

Offences against property increase by 6% 178

Comparing June to May:

1216 incidents recorded in June compared with 1359 in May 2020.

16 burglaries which is a 2% increase from May

53 Property damage incidents an increase of 20 compared with May

19 Assault offences

Motor vehicle theft remained the same as May.

11 Number plate thefts down by one compared with May

61 Theft offences, an increase of 3 compared with May.

Female approached at Erindale Shopping Centre by two males with intent to rob. Males were carrying a knife and piece of pipe. Three people are scheduled with court appearances regarding the incident.

Month long focus on speeding drivers. Dirt bike rider arrested after failing to stop for police. The rider was travelling on footpaths and nature reserves.

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

#### **Nicole Lawder MLA**

Reminded everyone to remain vigilant with COVID 19 precautions to avoid situation developing in Victoria.

It was recalled at the last meeting a question was asked on the compatibility of the COVIDSafe application on all models of phones. The federal minister confirmed in answer to a question that the application was not working with all models of phones however action is being taken to extend compatibility.

Nicole relayed a response from Minister Steel on 'drain socks' which indicated that the devices were not efficient. Instead rain gardens are being used.

Letters containing the response to both questions are available from the President.

Sitting days continue once a fortnight dealing with emergency and normal legislation and question without notice. Concern about a health official not being promptly removed after a charge of child pornography.

The start to the election campaign was slow due to the COVID precautions. Candidates are not able to door knock. Other activities have restarted such as mobile offices at shopping centres.

Responding to a question on kangaroo management there is no change to legislation envisaged as the Government supports the current legislation based on scientific advice provided by the Directorate.

Removal of buses from Anketell Street had been delayed due to network changes being pushed back as part of the COVID response. The network changes including removal of Anketell Street buses will occur in July.

### **Transport Canberra Network Changes – Peter Steele**

Peter Steele, Senior Director with Transport Canberra introduced the network changes by reviewing the history which commenced with the April 2019 once-in-a-generation change to Canberra's public transport system. This was followed by consultation with passengers and ticket data review to develop a network change for April 2020. The April 2020 change was delayed by COVID changes and is now to be implemented on 18 July.

COVID impacted the network from March 2020 resulting in 3.9 million fewer journeys than predicted for the 2019-20 financial year.

The 18 July changes will include:

- Changes to some Rapid and local bus routes, seven days a week.
- Extra services for many routes on weekdays, especially during off-peak times; and
- Targeted improvements for schools and students.

Key changes for Tuggeranong are:

- Faster buses through more direct routes.
- More frequent services.
- Simpler with less routes changes with routes extended to Woden and all Rapid 4's going to Tuggeranong.
- Easier to use.
- Better connection.
- Bus removed from Anketell Street.
- Increased parking at Wanniasa Park and Ride.

School services will improve with;

- Additional school services.
- More services to meet high demand.
- Extended and faster school specials.
- Adjusted timetables to match bell times.
- Changes to bus stops.

The July changes will include improvements to the light rail.

Information on changes is available from the web site, packs for each school and paper timetables.

The frequency of local buses on Saturdays will increase at the beginning of Term 4, or earlier subject to driver training.

Responding to questions:

- No plan to introduce direct services from Tuggeranong to Majura Park. Options are available through Civic. The area currently is more suited for private transport.
- Government is supporting moving ahead with light rail expansion. Clarification was provided by the President that support for light rail in the recent TCC Community Survey was based on if light rail was selected as the rapid link between town centre then Tuggeranong did not want to be left behind. People are interested in performance-based travel represented by total door-to-door travel time.
- Information on the route and terminus of a light rail service south of Woden was not available.
- It has not yet been determined if Tuggeranong rapid bus services to Civic will continue after stage 2 light rail is operational.
- Bus schedules and types are being managed to space out congestion at Albert Hall and flow on traffic disruption.
- Lack of bus shelter in Calwell will be taken on notice.
- Driver numbers are being increased to meet the network needs.

A question on bus services for east Greenway and in particular to take students to the Wanniasa School was missed by the Chair and will be followed up.

## **General Business**

### **Apologies**

Senator Zed Seselja, Inspector Andersen

### **Minutes**

Minutes were circulated in advance of meeting. An editorial error was identified and corrected.

The minutes were moved for acceptance by Brendan Forde and seconded by Simon Hearder.

Arising from the minutes, there was a question if an offer for assistance with social media was taken up. The meeting was informed that the assistance has not been received. An alternative offer of assistance was made.

## **Correspondence**

Letters from Ms Lawder concerning the COVIDSafe application and drain sock were received.

The President indicated that inward correspondence would not be generally distributed however it can be made available to members on request.

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

Expenditure for June 2020 was \$2,359.53. Funds are Operating Fund \$12,609.71 and Members' fund \$9,950.73.

Expenditure was laptop computer, software subscription, Zoom account for four months, Survey Monkey annual subscription, Kings Storage and printer ink.

The purchase of the computer was approved out of session by correspondence with members.

The acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Didi Sommer and seconded by Brendan Forde.

## **Planning, Transport and Communications Sub-Committee**

The issue of public housing has been raised relating to placement of public housing developments that provide access to shops, healthcare, and schools by walking or public transport without the need for personal transport.

The TCC has submitted a freedom of information request on the distribution of public housing by suburb and the room count of public housing units.

There was an agreement that the Sub-Committee should investigate the issue and report to a future meeting.

It was suggested by a member based on media reports that completed public housing units have been left vacant for 12 months.

Ms Lawder spoke of a Territory and Federal Government program to sell off assets, the 'salt and pepper' approach to integrate public house to avoid concentrations. Northbourne Avenue was cited as an example of redistribution of public housing to outer suburbs.

It was confirmed that the normal DA process is followed by developers contracted to construct public housing.

There is a process for retired public houses to be replaced by an equal number of new units and these new units were first developed on land held by developers and later community facility zones. Not all suburbs have public housing. People should not be afraid of public housing.

## **SouthFest**

Suggestion of pop-up SouthFest event to coincide with the laneway reopening.

## **Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny**

Attention was draw to the clarification survey currently open to explore safety and security.

Request for support for community garden grants. The request was not able to be dealt with by the TCC due to the need to have it considered by a General Meeting. A member involved with the garden group confirmed that a submission had been made and they were awaiting the result of their application.

## **Youth**

Term 4 Week 2 has been suggested as a next date for next youth forum. This is to be coordinated with schools. Preference is face-to-face meeting rather than a Zoom meeting.

## **Environment Sub-Committee - Didi Sommer**

Bulky waste collections to commence in Tuggeranong however available collections slots have been booked out. Collection is for 2 cubic metres. Clarification was sought if this collection is separate from the concession card holders' collection.

Reminder to avoid plastics and to recycle single use plastics through the Redcycle collections bins at supermarkets.

## **Other Business**

Concern about the TCC website was expressed. The minutes from the May meeting have not been published and there is still reference to the meetings being conducted at the Vikings Club when this has not been the situation for months. The website is maintained by a professional service however it is reliant on input from the TCC for content.

Advice was provided that the Conservation Council is having an online fund-raising auction.

ACT Health Care Consumers Association seeking support for survey on health care system.

COTA (Council on the Ageing) have a senior grants program with round 1 opening on 1 July to 30 October for innovated programs to promote seniors as valuable community members.  
<http://communityservices.act.gov.au/wac/seniors/grants>

The Neighbourhood Canberra Survey -A group in Canberra have formed an association which aims to gain the support to build a dementia village in the Canberra Region to be named “The Neighbourhood Canberra”. It will be designed specifically for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia who need 24 hours supportive care and provide a residential dementia care option not currently available in the Canberra region. The group is conducting a survey to gauge people’s views about there being such an option for dementia care in the Canberra region. You can complete a short survey (5-10) minutes, access via link –<http://form.jotform.com/200897575456873>

The Meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 4 August 2020 via Zoom.

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