

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.
Minutes of the General Meeting on 1 June 2021

Meeting held at the Town Centre Vikings, Greenway and 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

Twenty-three participants were in the room and twelve participated via the Zoom application.

President's Report – Jeffrey Bollard

The President reminded participants of the Code of Conduct and that the meeting was being recorded through the Zoom application.

ABC Radio Canberra came to Tuggeranong on Wednesday 19 May broadcasting programs live from SouthPoint. A variety of local residents and businesses spoke on air about Tuggeranong issues. The TCC spoke in depth with an ABC journalist off air.

Combined Community Councils (CCC) - meeting was held on 20 May.

Tom Anderson – Chair of the Weston Creek Community Council has resigned after 11 years.

The main issues for the CCC were the ACT Planning System Review and Reform, and how there is a lack of integration between Town Centres, and how travel between centres (be it public or private transport) have not been addressed.

ACT Planning System Review and Reform - Stakeholder Working Series - A series of workshops across Canberra on the topic of district planning. Invitation to community members to have a say on the future planning of their district. Participation is either online or in person. The Tuggeranong workshop is Tuesday 22 June 2021; 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club, with registration via the YourSay website.

There is also an **ACT Planning System Review and Reform Stakeholder Working Series** which is consisting of three mid-week workshops focusing on the Planning System at a higher level. An invitation has been extended to the Community Councils and other like-minded groups. Harvey Bell is representing the TCC at these meetings.

Domestic Animals - Annual dog registration is part of the implementation of a new digital dog database providing up to date information on where dogs reside and who owns them.

A Cat Containment Policy has been announced which will apply to new cats after twelve months from commencement date.

NBN Upgrades announced for select ACT suburbs including Banks and Conder.

The ACT Government has passed on notices regarding the ban on **Single Use Plastics and Bin** etiquette.

Acceptance of report – Proposed Didi Sommer, seconded Glenys Patulny

Police Report – Elizabeth Swain, Detective Acting Inspector, Tuggeranong Police Station, ACT Policing.

Inspector Swain apologised for non-attendance due to duty obligations. No report was provided.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly - Updates

Mark Parton

Mark has been door knocking and finding concerns over little suburban issues - e.g., trees overhanging, fire trails etc.

In the Housing Portfolio, concerns of some people regarding program maintenance. Contract maintenance work has been cut back because of budgetary concerns, for example, fencing jobs are not happening.

Build to Rent will add stock to rental market that will be beneficial, but there are concerns that trickle -down effect won't occur and it will only ease the bottom two tiers of rental.

Opposition motion in Assembly to provide certainty of funding for Canberra Community Law.

Responding to progress on Chisholm Tavern - the debate is currently on hold, however, the current Tavern operators are happy to be able to continue trading at the current time.

Nicole Lawder

Concern with developments and adequate parking plan during their construction phase.

Experiment in middle of Lake Tuggeranong to be cleaned up. Currently, it can't be dismantled as water quality too bad for divers.

Some businesses are concerned that people using the lake and laneway do not clean -up due to the lack of bins.

Concerns over parking at Tuggeranong Burns Club. The Burns Club offered to relocate Little Athletics facilities to make way for expanded club parking. Little Athletics are requesting that the Burns Club and Purdon Planning to do all the work to plan and relocate facilities. Little Athletics want to know where it will be and if it will be up to international standards.

Guest Speakers

Southern Memorial Park - Emily Wadwell, A/g Assistant Director Engagement; Anne Breckworcdt - TCCS; Phillip Shelly - CEO Canberra Cemeteries; Anna. Chauvel - Design Consultant (Place Laboratory)

A new cemetery is required as other local cemeteries are almost full, and a new one is needed to meet the demand for the next 100 years.

The cemetery will be progressively delivered over stages:

- It will provide comprehensive and diverse internment, crematorium, and memorial - see website for plans.
- Location - Mugga Lane, Hume – the location is currently horse agistment paddocks— the site was chosen in 2010, it is located near the Solar Farm.
- The site has a more water sensitive design compared with the previous design and allows for geology and Aboriginal concerns.
- Surrounded by Wanniasa Nature reserve with views to the mountains and natural gullies.
- New opportunities to enhance the bushland character – an environmental cemetery that is more welcoming.
- Team of consultants assisting.

Constraints on the site - Anna Chauvel

- Acknowledge site is opposite the Waste Management Centre.
- Looking at utilising the natural assets of the site.
- Threatened ecological communities in the ridge area and have identified archaeological sites.
- View of solar panels.
- Mugga Lane is a busy road.

Developed key design principles:

- It will be a park for the future.
- It will provide a high-quality visitor experience.
- Be responsive to place and cultural history.
- Entry road off Long Gully Road and Mugga Lane has been identified as a problem. The entry point has been moved further down towards the Monaro Highway, so it is separated from Waste Management area.
- Roads in the Park will curve around a memorial hall through to crematorium building.
- Will have traditional burial area and natural burial on ridges plus an ashes memorial.

- Will maintain all trails e.g., Centennial Trail and equestrian trails through the site.
- Nature play area will be developed.
- A number of outdoor chapels will be situated throughout the bush land.
- Will be environmentally sensitive design.
- Will allow for all groups to practise their traditions.
- Focus on natural plants and water sensitivity.
- Contain grassland areas and private gardens. Located in a sort of botanical gardens setting.
- Both a large and minor memorial hall.
- Storage tanks for water will be kept on site to water area.

Development will be staged over time –

- Stage 1 in the northeast - will take about 5 years for design and construction – it will include signalised entry, a main access road, and 2,500 burial plots;
- Stage 2 - crematorium, memorial hall, function hall;
- Stage 3 to the south; and
- Stage 4 to the north.

Natural burials are to a depth of 1500 mm with no monument. Sites will have a large rock and people can put plaques on the entrance rock. Also buried with radio frequency device so people can identify where the deceased person is located.

Unable to pre-sell sites unless people are buying 2 allotments located together.

Choice of being buried in a coffin or can be taken out of coffin if desired.

Tradition burials – with headstone and 1800 mm deep.

Members' Concerns

Members expressed concern over air pollution - e.g. funeral fires, proximity and smell from the tip are regularly reported from Macarthur residents - so what will air pollution be like? – will it be monitored?

To date, 150 responses have been received from survey, emails, and five pop ups - 60% from Tuggeranong. Features will be named after species of cultural significance and people of local/cultural significance.

The ACT government has legislation to have zero emissions. How does a gas crematorium fire fit in with this? - but what about ultra-fine particles? In response, most emissions come from caskets not people and pollution will be looked at by the EPA.

Current Cemeteries:

- Hall – full,
- Woden - 300 available allotments – many in dedicated areas,.
- Gungahlin - will last for 30 years.

Suburban Land Agency - Southquay Open Space - Mark Overton, Stakeholder Engagement.

Sold 2 blocks of land on Drakeford Drive. Last block resold.

Community facilities site in Calwell went to auction in April. Zoned for community use for a retirement home, childcare centre, or other community facility. No development applications as yet, so actual use not determined.

Final space to be preserved as open space and not sold for development.

Bridge to provide southern link across Tuggeranong Pond to be constructed. Approval process needs to address flooding issues as site is in a flood plain.

A question on four industrial blocks up for auction at Hume and if they can be used for resource recovery. Question taken on notice.

When sold off, what allowance do you permit for community facilities? Planning for use is completed before land is passed to the SLA.

General Business

Apologies

Robyn Rofe, Elizabeth Swain (AFP)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes for May meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Moved Albert Orszaczky, seconded Jim Thornton.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Bollard for Robyn Rofe

There have been limited transactions for the month. Total expenditure was \$1092.96 with the main items being \$660.00 for web services as approved last month, and \$300 for the Youth Forum expenses.

Acceptance of report was moved by Beverley Flint, seconded by Harvey Bell.

Sub Committees Reports

Youth Engagement – Daisy Matsika

Youth Engagement Forum was held in April. Topics covered were climate change, employment, environment, mental health, wellbeing, places and activities, safety, transport, and future opportunities. Particular issues identified included:

- Lake improvements,
- Access to more work experience opportunities,
- Mental health,
- Electric cars subsidisation,
- more lighting and CCTV around Tuggeranong for safety at bus stops and in town areas at night,
- buses - more frequent buses - increase frequency, better timetables, improved apps needed.

Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

Subcommittee will work with SouthFest on planned activities.

Working on submission to ACT Government from input at TCC Committee meetings and surveys.

Attended ANU Covid vaccines public forum.

Mental health concerns from Youth Subcommittee have been acknowledged.

Environment and Sustainability – Glenys Patulny for Didi Sommer

Working on submission to Natural Resource Discussion Paper for the ACT 2020 - 2040.

Met with Southern ACT Catchment Group regarding the plan - will collaborate to get a broader view.

‘Our Canberra’ newsletter - article about keeping homes safe in winter.

Intention to collaborate with Planning Subcommittee re Southern Memorial Park.

Leaf litter pilot scheme operating in May – hopefully the scheme will continue next year and there is more notice so Tuggeranong residents can participate.

Planning, Transport and Communications – Harvey Bell

Southern Memorial Park – concerns about transport, access and environmental issues.

Planning Review - attended one workshop - two more to come. This is a big review which is looking at a totally new Legislative Act that drives the planning. Will be performance based rather than a regulatory plan. Rules will be outcomes based and could result in innovation, although could give developers more wriggle room. For more information look at YourSay website.

District Plan will be a significant new review. On 22 June at Southern Cross Club, ACT Planning Strategy 2018 will be the foundation for District Plan. Some areas in Tuggeranong have been identified for intensification - Calwell, Kambah, Erindale.

SouthFest – Catherine Jones

Survey out and on the website - 8 quick questions, so far there has been 106 responses.

Liked: Themed events.

Least favourite: Some favorite – some community members wanted big name bands, activities at night.

COVID will be managed with separated and ticketed events. SouthFest activities and events will need to have a COVID Plan.

Current thinking includes: a range of events over multiple days and locations.

From the community survey, 29 community members have offered to help plan activities/events.

Other Business

No other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 6 July 2021.

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