

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 2 April 2024

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The meeting was opened at 7:35 pm by President, Glenys Patulny, with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since last meeting I have been involved in:

- Youth Engagement Surveys– so far 298 responses from high schools and 85 from colleges.
- Sent out invites to TCC Youth Engagement Forum on the 15th April.
- Next Youth Meeting to refine Forum next Monday the 8th April.
- Attended sod turn for new Hydrotherapy Pool at the Tuggeranong Leisure Centre.
- Submission provided re ACT Regional Drought Resilience Plan.
- Completed draft of TCC Community Survey – based on 2019 Community and Youth Survey.
- Attended ICRC (Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission) meeting (Wed 27/3.)

POLICE REPORT

Unfortunately, due to the demands of the job, we were not able to receive a Police Report.

MP/MLA UPDATES

Laura Nuttal:

- As spokesperson for the ACT Greens, she mentioned the need for more funding.
- Also spoke about vaping and need to decriminalise the dangerous practice.
- Spoke about the need for more federal funding for public schools.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

City Service Update – Bruce FitzGerald, Deputy Director General

Bruce gave an overview of services that ACT City Services is responsible for including:

- A range of essential services Canberrans rely on every day.
 - Public libraries
 - Recycling and waste
 - Management of urban trees, public open spaces and city places, e.g. graffiti removal, grass mowing, public toilets, playgrounds, skateparks and sportsgrounds
 - Domestic Animal Services including animal welfare and pet registration
 - Licensing and compliance, e.g. Ranger services, public land use permits
 - Management of roads, footpaths, streetlights and cycle paths
 - Yarralumla Nursery, Capital Linen Service, Canberra Memorial Parks

Bruce then provided relevant details on various programs we had recently enquired about including:

- Mowing program
- Park maintenance program

- Storm damage update
- Urban Forest Act 2023
- Community paths program
- Local shops
- Sportsgrounds
- Skateparks and dog parks

Constitution Change Update

A poll was recently taken to change the Tuggeranong Community Council Constitution to keep it in line with the New Model Rules, with 95% of the cast votes voting YES.

The modified By-Laws were also voted on to keep in line with changes to the Constitution and again 95% voted YES.

Thus, our new Constitution and Model Rules have been approved, and the result will now be submitted to the ACT Government for confirmation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies: Nicole Lawder, Inspector Rod Anderson, Rob Lovett

Minutes:

Previous meeting Minutes were accepted - proposed by Robyn Rofe and seconded by Didi Sommer.

Treasurer's Report:

Report displayed, with hard copies also provided on request – proposed Robyn Rofe, seconded Wayne King. Approved.

Sub Committee Reports:

Environment and Sustainability - Didi Sommer

- Heritage Festival – 13th to 28th April

SouthFest - Glenys Patulny

- Spoke to Beyond Bank – indicated they would be able to donate.
- Will be submitting Sponsorship/Grant Applications to Icon Water and Bendigo Bank.
- Liz Stephens and I will be meeting with potential SouthFest Coordinator on Friday.
- Three new Community members/organisations joined the SouthFest Committee.
- Karen Jesson from Communities at Work will be SouthFest Secretary.
- Robyn Rofe working on budget.

Planning and Transport - Harvey Bell

- Chisholm Shops supposedly been approved subject to details.

Meeting closed by the President at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 7 May 2024.