

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc

General Meeting – 6 December 2011

Minutes

Present:

See attendance record.

Apologies:

Beverley and Max Flint, Rusty Woodward, Bill Heins, Joy Burch MLA, Dug Holmes, Eric and Carole Traise, John Armstead, Martin Devine.

Confirmation of Minutes of November 2011 Meeting:

Accepted: Albert Orszaczky

Seconded: Colin Petrie

Matters Arising from Minutes of November 2011 Meeting:

Following on from the outstanding motion on “P” plate driver safety, Gary MacDonald and David Quinlan from the ACT Government’s Justice and Community Safety Directorate gave a short presentation on the ACT Government’s [Road Safety Action Plan 2011-13](#) and the [Road Safety Strategy 2011-20](#).

It was suggested that the TCC put forward a submission to the Review of the Road Safety Action Plan highlighting the differences and discrepancies in road regulations pertaining to “P” plate drivers travelling between the ACT and NSW. As a result of the presentation members voted to for the outstanding motion to go back to the Transport and Community Services Sub-committee for reconsideration.

President’s Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

President Darryl Johnston provided the following report.

“Thank you for joining us for the final meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council for 2011. As you would be aware from the TCC Newsletter and the press we have stepped up our campaign against plans to build homes at Tralee. I have written to the New South Wales Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, calling on him to reject the development and I am seeking an urgent meeting with Federal Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese. In the letter to Mr. Hazzard, I said, ‘on behalf of the Tuggeranong Valley community, the TCC calls on you and your government to reject plans to build homes at Tralee.’ I said that the TCC believes the objections of future Tralee residents will lead to aircraft noise sharing and flight paths being relocated over areas of Canberra and Queanbeyan that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise.’ The TCC letter also reminded Mr. Hazzard that the Federal Government’s Aviation White Paper has recommended against building homes near airports and under flight paths where homes do not already exist. It said this is consistent with an earlier inquiry by an independent review panel in August 2006. May I remind members that in January 2010 the TCC conducted a survey of residents on the proposed Tralee residential development.

Residents were invited to participate in the survey by visiting the TCC website and answering a series of questions about the development. The results of the survey showed that a majority of residents believe it is a bad idea to allow homes to be built at Tralee. They believe residents at Tralee will be subjected to aircraft noise and a majority of respondents were concerned that, as a result of complaints by future Tralee residents, flight paths will be relocated over Tuggeranong. The TCC is awaiting a response.

Meanwhile, the issue of Tralee was raised at the weekend meeting of the Combined Community Councils of Canberra and the Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA). While the JRA representative and one member of the Inner South Canberra Community Council, whose family had an interest in the land, spoke in favour of the proposed development, I was surprised by the lack of awareness of members of the other Community Councils.

The TCC was the only Council to speak out against the project. The combined Community Councils decided to remain informed on the issue. It is expected the NSW Government will make a decision on

Tralee by February. The TCC is not the only one opposed to Tralee. You will note that the Chief Minister made it quite clear to the NSW Premier last week when signing a MOU that her Government objected to homes being built at Tralee.

On other matters, I attended the official opening of the new Tuggeranong Senior Citizens Centre by Community Services Minister and Member for Brindabella, Joy Burch. The Centre will be home to the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club, a new focal point for older Tuggeranong residents and a welcome addition to public facilities in the Valley. I wish to congratulate the ACT Government, the 55 Plus Club and Communities@Work. I especially thank tireless campaigner, Rusty Woodward, and the many other people who worked for many years to achieve the new premises.

I was pleased to participate in World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day in Canberra recently with a walk along the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. I was joined by COPD sufferers and their supporters. World COPD Day is organised in an effort to boost understanding of COPD and advocate for better patient care.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) predicts that COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2030. Despite their disability, many COPD sufferers helped us to reach a walk totaling 84kms on the day.

Unfortunately the rain meant the TCC did not have a stall at this year's Tuggeranong Festival. All stalls were cancelled after heavy rain turned the Park into a bog. Hopefully we will have better luck next year.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2012."

Accepted: Ross McConnell

Seconded: Glenys Patulny

Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):

As at 1 Nov11, the bank balance was	\$7,442.03
As at 4 Dec 11, the bank balance is	\$6,753.63
comprising Operating account	\$1,003.26
and Investment account	\$5,750.37

Expenditure since 1 Nov 11

The main items of expenditure have been on web site development (\$600) and phone/internet (\$100.10).

Total expenditure was \$726.80

Income since 1 Nov 11

Bank interest \$23.40
Membership Subs \$15.00

Total Income \$38.40

Accepted: Albert Orszaczky

Seconded: Colin Petrie

Sub Committee and other reports

Beverly Flint forwarded advice that a report on a survey of traffic movement has been completed in East Greenway. She reports that a public meeting will be called soon to study the survey results. Anyone who is interested please contact her.

Bill Heins submitted a report stating that the consultation period for the Erindale Master Plan has been extended from 9 December to 3 February. Contact Bill Heins for further information.

Glenys Patulny reported that she had attended another city-farm meeting with a view to establishing farms in neighbourhoods. She reported the organisers are looking at holding a meeting in the South of Tuggeranong shortly.

Police Report (Sergeant Rod Anderson):

Officer in Charge of Tuggeranong Police Station reported the following:

- November saw an increase in most crime in Tuggeranong compared to October.
- There was an increase in property related crime, mostly involving cars.
- November saw a total of 38 arrests in Tuggeranong, mostly for property and vehicle related crimes.
- Over the last two months Tuggeranong has recorded a higher than usual number of burglaries, in fact higher than the rest of the ACT.
- On 14 November 3 juveniles were apprehended following a burglary in Kambah. As a result of search warrants a further three arrests were made.
- The number of burglaries has reduced significantly.
- Police believe that a small number of people are responsible for the majority of property crime in Tuggeranong.
- Police are aware of the anti-social behaviour in the Tuggeranong Town Centre and regularly patrol the area.
- Met with the TCC President to discuss the problem and working with the Youth Centre to rectify the problem.

Update from Local Members

Amanda Bresnan reported on the following:

- Last sitting week for the year.
- At the moment we are busy looking at Anti-Bullying Legislation issues and best practice procedures.
- A paper in draft on transport legislation including a motion around the paying of outstanding fines.
- Attended the opening of the 55 Plus Club. Good to see old and new friends. Rusty Woodward was recognised for all her hard work.
- Very disappointed at having to cancel the Tuggeranong Festival due to heavy rain.
- Attended the Lanyon Valley Community Forum held at the Argyle Units in Lanyon Valley going well. Tony Gill to look at the traffic situation around the units.
- Question raised about a gas fired power station going at Williamsdale? Amanada said that the Greens will have to look into it.
- Question raised about the possibility of brothels being allowed to move into local ACT suburbs? Amanda said this issue is being considered by a Government standing committee and the period for consideration has been extended. She suggested that the TCC get in contact with committee secretariat.

Brendan Smyth mentioned the following:

Mr Smyth wished everyone a Merry Christmas and then took questions.

- Question raised about plans for the land on the corner of Heagney Cres and Deamer Cres in Chisholm and the possibility of Goodsir Place being turned into a street? Mr Smyth said he is aware of concerns by local residents and he has written to the Minister seeking information on future development of the land and he is awaiting a reply.
- Question raised about compulsory third party insurance in the ACT and why it is so expensive in the ACT? Mr Smyth explained there is currently a Bill before the Assembly for reforms into Third Party Insurance. A three year review is coming up. The problem is the ACT is a small market.

Guest Speaker: Collette Torrance, Program Manager - Community Engagement Centenary of Canberra

Ms Torrance outlined plans and preparations for Canberra's Centenary Celebrations in 2013. There will be various activities and celebrations throughout the year. More so around March, being the centenary month. A number of projects have been launched with consultation from Ministers and the

community. A fund has been made available which local and national groups can apply for to enhance celebrations.

Canberra Diaspora is an online digital storytelling facility that we want people to post their stories on of growing up here and momentous occasions etc.

Capithetical is a competition that is running with the Australian Institute of Architects as to what Canberra would look like in 100 years had it been designed now.

It has been decided the fundraising project for the year will be Dollars for Dili (East Timor) , Australia's closest neighbour. 50% of the population is under the age of 15 and the schools do not have proper sanitation facilities. The Government there has also given land to build an Activity Centre for a Scouts Facility.

Portrait of a Nation is another project to get involved with - many Streets and Suburbs are named after famous people and we want people to research them and look at holding street parties etc as a social inclusion of friends and neighbours.

Further information can be found on the website: www.canberra100.com.au .

Other Business:

Mr Russell Morrison reported he is in the process of setting up a South East Tuggeranong Residents' Group which includes Calwell, Theodore, Isabella Plains and Richardson to deal with issues like park n ride, childcare, crime prevention and aged care sites. He said the new group will work closely with the TCC and local MLA's.

President Darryl Johnston said he welcomed the establishment of the new residents group and looked forward to welcoming a representative to regular TCC meetings.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2012.