

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 6 September 2016
Minutes

Welcome:

Meeting opened 7:40pm and President, Glenys Patulny welcomed the attendees and advised that the General Meeting would be followed by the Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers.

Present:

The Meeting was well attended - refer Attendance Record of 6 September.

Apologies:

Paul Nicholl, Bob Wright, Gai Brodtmann MP, Kit and Carol Vincent.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the August 2016 Meeting:

Moved: Frank Vrins Seconded: Lorraine King

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Nil

President's Report:

Glenys advised attendees that this would be the final meeting for this Committee before the AGM, which will be held later this evening. She delivered a Report on various activities during another eventful month for Tuggeranong and made mention of the following items:

- The 'Tuggeranong Livability Survey' is available on the TCC website and is designed to find out what people want for Tuggeranong. 216 responses received to date with more needed and members are encouraged to complete it. Thanks to Lorraine and Wayne King for their efforts in setting up this survey via Survey Monkey.
- Recently addressed Tuggeranong Rotary Club about the TCC and its activities.
- Attended the second meeting of the Icon Water Consultative Forum to hear about the process for future water pricing in the ACT.
- Two meetings attended with Beverley Flint for the West Greenway Stakeholders Forum and heard about their environmental concerns re the development of the site.
- Attended a community meeting at Rose Cottage about a proposal to build a "Plastics to Liquid Fuel" facility at Hume – a lot of public concern as indicated by some heated questions.
- Viewed plans for a partial upgrade of Kambah Village, also plans to improve Anketell Street – concerns that there seems to be no understanding or provision to ensure no adverse impact on the lake.
- Also attended (with Beverley) the official Sod Turning event for the Marigal Gardens Retirement Village at the old Urambi School site (in Kambah).
- A Forum organised for all candidates standing for the local Brindabella electorate will be held 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday 14th September at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. Genevieve Jacobs, the ABC Radio morning presenter, will be the Master of Ceremonies and all are encouraged to come along to listen and ask any relevant questions.
- The next meeting of the TCC will be held on the 4th October at the Tuggeranong Town Centre Club. Guest speakers to be advised on the TCC website when confirmed.

Moved: Beverley Flint Seconded: Jane Hiatt

He mentioned he had also inspected the proposed update to Anketell Street, and that the consultants were apparently enthusiastic about his concerns as to the width of the road once laneways are placed on the road surface for vulnerable road users, such as cyclists who need to be given a clear metre of space by motorists travelling past them.

Sergeant Meagher indicated his support for Beverley Flint's campaign to secure lighting around the nearby Lake foreshore. He also made reference to road safety concerns following two unfortunate deaths on ACT roads during the past week.

He concluded by reminding attendees of the upcoming Police Remembrance Day event on 29th of September at the National Police Memorial on Lake Burley Griffin, opposite the Carillion. Other police cycle ceremonies will take place leading up to the latter event.

A concern was expressed in relation to an early morning phone call to the 131 444 number going through to NSW Police, resulting in unnecessary delay in response time. This matter will be investigated to enable a suitable explanation to be provided at the next meeting.

Some questions were raised in relation to the new legislation regarding penalties for people driving whilst using mobile phones for accessing social media, as distinct from making phone calls. It was acknowledged that the use of phones for GPS purposes could cause driver distraction. The issue was suitably addressed to indicate the serious consideration and priority being given to this matter by ACT Policing.

Guest Speaker:

- Mark Overton – ACT Land Development Agency

Glenys introduced Mr Mark Overton to provide an update on further developments in the South East Greenway and South Quay area. She also took the opportunity to remind members of the TCC Code of Conduct in relation to respect for visitors.

Mark delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the five blocks are being developed in South East Greenway, the various stages of the project, which includes apartment type dwellings. All 8 blocks in South Quay have been sold, construction is underway and a sample walk-through site inspection is available.

Works also involve a new intersection on Drakeford Drive with another set of traffic lights and the upgrade and widening of the Isabella Weir, to commence in April. Mark indicated that various environmental restrictions need to be assessed to determine if development is actually viable in the proposed area, or otherwise elsewhere nearby.

Indications are that sections of the lake will need to be drained as part of the construction process. Traffic disruptions are also expected in the area over the next few months, so it is suggested that consideration be given to using alternative routes.

Questions:

Several queries were raised by members, including concerns about the lack of full community consultation about various aspects of the planning process for the project. A comment was also made about the environmental aspects of the development and the overall impact on the aesthetic nature of that part of the lake foreshore. Also, it was unclear how the activation of the surrounding area would be achieved with the high rise residential development underway that would clearly result in considerable traffic congestion in the precinct, particularly in peak periods.

Appropriate responses were provided by Mr Overton, who indicated that the development being undertaken is in accordance with the original Master Plan outlined for the area over recent years. He indicated that further opportunity for community input would be available shortly.

Sub-Committee Reports

Health, Community and Education: – Beverley Flint

Beverley provided details about her recent activities on behalf of the Council, including the following matters:

- Further investigation has revealed that the TCC actually has two time capsules that were positioned in 2002 beneath a small brass plaque located on the floor (in front of a new food section being erected) just inside the main ground floor entrance of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome.
- They contain the following items:
 - “An Email to the Future”
 - An award winning essay by a Year 10 student of MacKillop College, Terry Roberts, titled ‘Discovering Australia’.
 - Other articles gathered from all areas of Tuggeranong, including newspapers, the last edition of ‘Valley View’, the first edition of ‘Valley Voice’, a Tidy Town T-shirt and various other items, photographs and letters.
- First Aid boxes and Defibrillators- Beverley checking our major shopping centres (Erindale, Chisholm and Lanyon) in Tuggeranong re providing a defibrillator on site. Inquiries made with the major Sydney Centre Management Company who have advised that they will look into the request. The HYPERDOME has a defibrillator on each floor (one at the information desk and one opposite Gloria Jeans Coffee shop).
- Availability of free Seniors First Aid Courses by St Johns Ambulance and participation encouraged. Approach made to address a future Council meeting and relevant information displayed.
- Canberra Liberals proposal for new small local hospital facilities is welcome in view of lengthy traffic delays and cost involved in emergency travel by taxi to major hospitals.

No other Reports were presented due to the absence of the relevant parties.

Any Other Business:

Concerns were raised by attendees regarding the short notice provided to the local community regarding the recent public meeting about the proposed “Plastics to Liquid Fuel” facility, as mentioned earlier in the President’s Report.

It is situated in the New West Industry Park, Hume (near Rose Cottage) and local residents are most concerned about the safety and environmental aspects of the facility outlined at the meeting held at Rose Cottage. The proposed facility will utilise end-of-life, non-recyclable, low quality plastics that would normally be landfilled, with the end products being road ready diesel and petrol.

Further information about the project is available on the TCC website and community concerns regarding the large size and impact of the facility, as well as the poor level of community engagement, will be followed up and updates provided to members.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 4 October**, with guest speakers to be advised after their confirmation. Meeting was adjourned at this stage for a short Coffee Break, followed by the Annual General Meeting.