

MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST, 2002

MINUTES OF THE LAST PUBLIC MEETING (10/7/02)

Minutes of the last Public Meeting were circulated and accepted.

Follow-up actions:

- Speed limits along Mirrabai Drive and Gundaroo Road. Mary Smith had reported this problem to Urban Services and was informed that the signs had been vandalised. She was led to believe that the new signs might read 60kph rather than 80kph. Elsie Sparks thanked those who supported her in her bid to have the bus stop relocated from outside her home and said that this had now happened.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN GUNGAHLIN

Ian Ruecroft circulated a paper, written by Julie Brodrick and himself, containing a summary report of issues for consideration in relation to secondary and vocational education in Gungahlin. The paper has been developed in an effort to promote thought and discussion in relation to these issues, as the ACT Legislative Assembly (Education Committee) was preparing to consider matters related to vocational education in the ACT. Questions were raised re the validity of the figures quoted in the paper and its direction. Following a brief discussion the following motion was passed.

MOTION: That members take the paper away from the meeting for further consideration and provide timely feedback to the Ian Ruecroft, so that the issue can be revisited at the next Council meeting.

Proposed: Dudley Horscroft

Seconded: Shirley Goodall

CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mark Grayson, Manager of Spatial Planning, PALM, and John Larcombe, Transport Economist with Dept of Urban services

Mark Grayson provided a presentation on a strategic project the ACT Government has commissioned, referred to as the "Canberra Spatial Plan", which is essentially a framework for land uses across the city. This is a whole of Government initiative and consists of three parts: a spatial plan by PALM; a social plan, and an economic white paper. The consultation process has to be relevant to the wider community, how we do our business, and to residents, and is a key challenge. This is an ongoing process of monitoring change and how well Canberra responds at different times. Mark described the structure of the 1967 "Y" plan, which has largely been adhered to. Support from the Gungahlin community is being sought, workshops are being held as are focus groups and a telephone survey, which provide for input and feedback at each stage. Members are urged to attend the Workshop at 6.30pm on 15 August and an Industry and Community Seminar from 10.30am-6.30pm on Wednesday 4 September.

John Larcombe then addressed the meeting on sustainable transport planning. He gave an overview of the background, objectives, components of the plan, the consultation process, timing and issues. They are based on ACT Government objectives, economic, environmental and social. It covers public and private transport, pricing, parking costs and looks at ways of influencing the demand for transport. The consideration of a light rail system is also included. The consultation

process is integrated with the Spatial Plan consultation, with a final plan due around June 2003. John also encouraged people to participate and attend the public meetings being held.

Mark and John then answered questions from the floor. For people who would like a copy of the presentation, John provided his email address: John.Larcombe@act.gov.au

Ian thanked Mark and John for their informative presentations.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Town Centre Survey:** During the survey conducted last weekend, 82 people supported the Light Rail and 31 were against. 118 supported the Town Square plan and 12 supported the existing plan with through-traffic in the Town Centre.
- **Gungahlin Development Authority survey:** A question from the floor asked what the GDA survey had shown re the Town Square option. Anne McGrath was not present but Ian said that the GDA survey had not canvassed the option of a Town Square and that the GDA have not yet reported back on the results of their survey.
- **Gungahlin Drive Extension:** Ian Ruecroft said he and Barry Dee had attended several workshops about the GDE. At this time it is premature to believe that the GDE will in fact be constructed. There are several vocally strong environmental and residential groups (whereas the Gungahlin residents are fairly quiet). There was an election commitment from ACT Labor that there will be a full Environmental Impact Study. This EIS could produce further issues related to the construction of the GDE.
- **PACTT Membership:** This issue has been discussed at previous meetings. The PACTT now has a Constitution which the GCC finds acceptable as they have moved to make changes to accommodate community councils. The PACTT is an overarching group which the Government is recognising. They are holding a meeting tomorrow called "Planning for the ACT Together". Although the GCC previously resigned from this group, Julie Brodrick has been attending their meetings, and it could now be time to consider rejoining this group.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council become a Foundation Member of PACTT.
Proposed: Dudley Horscroft **Seconded:** Maben Douglass **CARRIED**

The meeting was over time at this point.

MOTION: That the meeting be extended to cover the rest of the Agenda.
Proposed: Lloyd Walker **Seconded:** Barry Dee **CARRIED**

- **Transport Forum – 17th Aug 2002 :** Helen Cross, MLA, welcomed the new President, Barry Dee, and congratulated the outgoing President, Ian Ruecroft on a job well done. She said that she has had experience in many different positions, including that of President of the Phillip Traders' Association, and she did not believe that planning should be done on an election to election cycle. She is proposing a long-term plan and encouraged people to attend a forthcoming Transport forum she is holding, at which many groups, including the Conservation Council, will be represented. An open and frank discussion is required and Helen looks forward to seeing everyone there on 17 August. Ian Ruecroft also encouraged members to participate in this forum and to be vocal.
- **Community Garden:**
There has been a positive response from the community, including the Gungahlin Lakes Club. It is proposed that a sub-committee be formed to try and get this project off the

ground quickly. This garden is only for one year at present as the area may be developed after this time. Anyone who is interested in helping out should contact Julie Brodrick.

- **Amaroo School:**

Ian Ruecroft attended a recent workshop and provided input. There is another meeting on Monday 19 August from 12-12.30pm and Peter Coggan kindly agreed to attend this on behalf of the GCC.

- **Consultation Committee for the ACT Bill of Rights**

Mark Loney asked if there was any interest in having representatives from the above group address the next GCC meeting, but due to time constraints and commitments already made for the next two GCC meetings, it was reluctantly decided this was not possible.

- **Boarding House Project**

Tanya Parkes Consulting briefed the Executive Committee on this proposed project at their meeting on 7 August. Some concerns were raised in regard to the location of these 20 units; their design, especially with regard to car parking; and who would be monitoring tenancies. It is understood Community Regional Services have not been consulted. The GCC Executive was under the impression that the briefing was to consult and obtain feedback, however, the process is under way and the tender document for the project has already been submitted with the tender closing 22/8/02.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council writes to the ACT Government and tells them of its dissatisfaction with the process, and seeks to have the process deferred until there has been proper community consultation.

Proposed: Jonathon Reynolds

Seconded: Peter Coggan **CARRIED**

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 October when John Stanhope will be addressing the meeting on the ACT Government's commitment to development in Gungahlin.

MOTIONS

Motion	Proposer	Secunder
That the President's report be accepted.	Lloyd Walker	Julie Brodrick
That the Treasurer's report be accepted.	Shirley Goodall	Mary Smith
That the meeting note that the Minutes from the last AGM of 8/8/2001 were not available and that those Minutes be presented to the next monthly meeting of the GCC and subsequently considered for acceptance by the next AGM or Special General Meeting of the GCC.	Mark Loney	Jonathon Reynolds
That the nominated Officers be accepted as above.	Lloyd Walker	Ian Ruecroft
That members take the paper away from the meeting for further consideration and provide timely feedback to the Ian Ruecroft, so that the issue can be revisited at the next Council meeting.	Dudley Horscroft	Shirley Goodall
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That the meeting be extended to cover the rest of the Agenda.	Lloyd Walker	Barry Dee
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