

MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 2002

PRESENT: As per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: None provided.

Due to the absence overseas of the President, Barry Dee, Ian Ruecroft opened the meeting at 7.30pm although the number of people present did not constitute a quorum. (A quorum existed shortly thereafter).

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING 9 OCTOBER 2002

The Minutes of the public meeting held on 13 November were circulated for acceptance.

MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the public meeting held on 13 November 2002 be accepted.

PROPOSED: Lloyd Walker **SECONDED:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

A request was made that the motions be numbered in future, to more easily identify them, e.g. xx/month/year.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Following on from a motion at the last meeting, a letter regarding outcomes from the GCC survey and requesting a halt to any further development that might compromise the opportunity to develop a town square, had been sent to the Chief Minister and copied to the GDA, Simon Corbell and Brendan Smyth.
- A meeting regarding the Amaroo school was held on 26 November. Ian Ruecroft was the only invitee from the GCC and he undertook to contact Phil Adam to find out why this was the case. The same concerns as before (size of school, traffic problems, etc.) still exist. The only real outcome was an undertaking to monitor the problem as the school grows. A letter has been sent re unresolved issues.
- A small meeting of about 20 participants was held on 27 November re the transport study in Gungahlin. Little seems to have happened recently, although a "Light Rail Coalition" has been formed (see website: actlightrail.org). A meeting on 12 December will discuss the formalisation of the group, to which anyone is welcome to join, and which will push the cause of light rail. PALM held a meeting of around 100 people at Albert Hall on 21 November and again Ian Ruecroft was the only GCC attendee. A further meeting will be held from 4-7pm at the Ainslie Football Club on 17 December.
- PALM will be holding a meeting from 4-8pm on 12 December to display plans of the planned Ford Estate and to answer questions from the public. Audrey Guy asked if women's names would be given to some of the streets but was advised this was not part of the study.

GUEST SPEAKER

Alison Stringer, Project Manager for the north Gungahlin structure work, and Allan Caughley, Manager of the Estates Unit (both from PALM) thanked the meeting for inviting them. They outlined the background to the planning of Gungahlin, which commenced in the 1970s followed by a review which was required in response to changing trends in urban management, and other (unnamed) reasons. They outlined the plans for the six new suburbs, including schools, shopping and community centers, with a final number of around 34,500 residents. The total district of Gungahlin will eventually contain 80-90,000 residents. Alison stressed that this is a "structure plan" and not a "detailed plan" and is a framework to set in place principles and policies to guide the development and that there is some flexibility. Alison and Allen answered questions relating to landbanks (infill); building block sizes and the higher density of buildings; public transport issues; street widths; the development of Horsepark Drive; the recycling of grey water; provision of rainwater tanks; verges and swales; Aboriginal issues; Light Rail and IPT routes.

Copies were provided of the Draft Variation along with information sheets on each of the proposed suburbs. The consultation process closes on Friday 13 December.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ian reported that after considering the results from the GCC survey, in particular, the town square vs main road option, the GCC had written letters to Jon Stanhope and the GDA. There has been no response to date. A special edition of *Gunsmoke* will be circulated shortly, which will include a letter residents can complete and forward to the Chief Minister re their thoughts on the Town Centre issue. There will also be a box in the Town Centre for people to place these letters for onforwarding. Jonathon Reynolds advised that Helen Cross will be asking a 'question in Parliament without notice' re the Gungahlin Town Square issue, tomorrow (12/12/02). Shirley Goodall volunteered to person a stand in the Town Centre, providing information (posters) on the issue and with a petition for people to sign, if the GCC felt it desirable. Letters to the editor on the issue were also encouraged.
- Please advise Roma Hosking if you are not receiving your copies of *Gunsmoke*.

Close of business

Ian Ruecroft closed the meeting at 9.05pm and wished everyone a good Christmas and new year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 12 February, 2003.

MOTIONS

Motion		Proposer	Secunder	Action