

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2002**

PRESENT: As per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Lloyd Walker

The President, Barry Dee, opened the meeting at 7.30pm

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8/8/01

As per a motion passed at the Public Meeting on 14 August 2002, the Minutes of the AGM held on 8 August 2001 were circulated for viewing. As these were accepted at the 12 September 2001 meeting, there was no need for further acceptance at this meeting.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING 14 AUGUST 2002

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2002 were circulated. Two minor amendments will be made, and these Minutes were accepted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 14 August 2002 be accepted.

PROPOSED: Jonathon Reynolds **SECONDED:** Brian Lord **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

- Peter Coggan reported on the Industry and Community Seminar he attended on 4 September. This was a springboard for the community to look at a pot-pouri of community development proposals and where they will take Gungahlin in the future. A further opportunity for ACT-wide input is provided at the Community Congress being held on Thursday 12 and Saturday 14 September. Everyone is welcome to attend but a booking is necessary and can be made by contacting the Canberra Spatial Plan (details provided to meeting). The text of the reports will be made available via the Internet.
- Peter Coggan also reported back on the forum presentation from the Director of ACTCOSS, Mr. Daniel Stubbs, Peter felt that the Gungahlin Community Council was miss-represented at this meeting. It was accused of being a reactionary Council and was said to be against low-cost housing in the community (e.g. the proposed boarding house project). Audrey Guy was also present at this meeting and thanked Peter for speaking up for the Council and for trying to present the correct information. The President read a letter the GCC has written to Mr. Bill Wood, in general supporting the boarding house proposal but asking for clarification on some issues, such as the minimal amount of parking allowed for. It was agreed that a copy of this letter should be sent to Mr. Stubbs, with a covering note.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council send a copy of the letter it has written to Mr. Bill Wood regarding its views on the boarding house project, with a covering note, to Mr. Stubbs to give the true representation of the GCC's views.

PROPOSED: Peter Coggan **SECONDED:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

- A meeting to discuss plans for the Amaroo School was reported on by Peter Coggan who had attended, together with Audrey Guy, GCC representatives at previous Amaroo school workshops were Ian Ruecroft and Fiona Garrick. This was not a public meeting,

but by invitation. The contractors for this school were in attendance and issued three detailed sketches. Concern was expressed that the plans seem to have been decided prior to the consultation process. A deadline of this Friday was given for any input, which was an impossibly short timeframe. The attendees had many concerns about the numbers of staff and students for this school, which could provide problems with traffic control and social welfare issues. It may not be possible to alter the structure but it was agreed a small sub-committee should convene to discuss the plans, made up of Peter Coggan, Audrey Guy, Ian Ruecroft, Fiona Garrick and anyone else the sub-committee finds who is able to provide help. Peter Coggan is happy to answer questions on this subject.

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MOTION: That a sub-committee be formed to explore the plans for the proposed Amaroo School and to provide feedback to the contractors.

PROPOSED: Peter Coggan **SECONDED:** Shirley Goodall **CARRIED**

GUEST SPEAKERS

ANN McGRATH & CHRIS WEBB, GUNGAHLIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Ann McGrath (Chief Executive Officer) introduced herself to the meeting and also introduced Chris Webb (the Deputy CEO), along with Guna Seelan . Ann reported on the concept for the future progress of the Gungahlin Town Centre. She provided slides of the plans which were agreed after exhaustive consultation with the community between 1993 and 1995, and explained how the Town Centre will be built with an environmentally friendly, mixed use main street village concept, rather than a mall, and will include an elongated town square. This will provide for a convenient, safe and accessible environment, with slower traffic allowing pedestrians time to cross. Ann said that businesses usually prefer enclosed town centres. An Expression of Interest has been called for select tender for all three available blocks. The Town Centre has been very successful to date with a recent survey indicating that around 72% of people using it are from Gungahlin, with the rest mainly coming from East Belconnen, North Canberra and rural NSW. The GDA will be conducting a series of fora early in the new year and a digital model will be prepared. It is anticipated that the Town Centre will be a valuable and special place for Gungahlin people.

JONATHON REYNOLDS, GUNGAHLIN EQUALITY PARTY

Jonathon introduced himself to the meeting. He expressed concern regarding the volume of traffic that will eventually be using the main street through the middle of the Town Centre and presented some sketches showing a proposal for closing off the main street to provide a safer environment. A recent survey undertaken by the GEP showed that 90% of people canvassed preferred a Town Centre concept with no through traffic. Jonathon explained his proposal, including stepped back building and three-tiered multi-storey parking.

CRITIQUE OF THE GUNGAHLIN EQUALITY PARTY PROPOSAL

Ann McGrath explained that the present plans for the Town Centre were not done unilaterally. Consultation was undertaken, passed by the Legislative Assembly and the Variation to the Territory Plan now will be implemented. A town square is included in this plan, similar to Garema Place in size but not in shape. It has been shown that town centres with enclosed spaces become unsafe areas with crime and graffiti, due to the fact that there is no night-time activity. Ian Ruecroft suggested that with the proposed GEP plan, there could be a closed town square during the day, with through traffic after hours. Ann suggested the GEP would turn the Town Centre into a transport hub to the north. The location of the main bus stop, which was designed to be at the front of the

Town Centre, is now dangerous and a pedestrian crossing, preferably with lights, is necessary. The issue has been raised with Tony Gill from Roads ACT D.U.S. .

Peter Coggan asked about the projected volume of traffic flow when the town grows. He agreed that traffic into the area is desirable but not at the present risk. Ann replied that the current situation has proved to be quite safe, with no reported incidents, because of the slowness of the traffic. She agreed Flemington Road is busy, and explained that it was opened ahead of schedule due to the pressure from the Gungahlin Community Council and Mitchell traders. Once the Barton Highway upgrade is completed and the construction of Horsepark Drive completed, people will have options other than Flemington Road.

Peter Coggan suggested that some timelines for the development be provided by the GDA so that the community can provide input at the right time. Ann explained that she has regularly attended GCC meetings to brief the community on progress; that there is a website and a noticeboard available with this information. The GDA winds up in June 2003 and will be subsumed into the new Land Authority. The Minister wants a continuing focus on the Gungahlin Town Centre.

The GDA undertook a community survey on how people would like the Town Centre to grow, and the results will be published next week. The feedback was that people want it to happen and for the GDA to "just get on with it".

The Gungahlin Community Council has prepared a survey and it was agreed that this should be published in the next issue of *Gunsmoke* asking residents to complete it, with no multiple votes.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council include the current GCC survey in the next issue of *Gunsmoke*.

MOVED: Peter Coggan **SECONDED:** Renée Olsen **CARRIED**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Audrey Guy asked whether the audited Treasurer's Report tabled at the AGM, had been accepted. Ian Ruecroft said that they are presently with the Auditor but that once the Treasurer's Report has been accepted by the AGM, there is no further necessity for acceptance unless the Auditor identifies a problem with the accounts. Audrey agreed to obtain a copy of exactly what are the requirements.
 - Renée Olsen commented on the illegal dumping items around charity bins and it was agreed that this is an eyesore. Anything left outside of the bins does not go to charity.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

MOTIONS

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That a sub-committee be formed to explore the plans for the proposed Amaroo School and to provide feedback to the contractors.	Peter Coggan	Shirley Goodall
That the Gungahlin Community Council include the current GCC survey in the next issue of <i>Gunsmoke</i> .	Peter Coggan	Renée Olsen