

Combined Community Councils of the ACT

Meeting: Saturday 6 July 2013 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Uniting Church Hall Parkinson Street Weston.

Minutes

Present: Dr Jenny Stewart WVCC (Chair), Leon Arundell NCCC, Pat McGinn WCCC, Ewan Brown GCC, Robyn Coghlan BCC, Damien Haas BCC, Gary Kent ISCCC, Bill Heins TCC.

Apologies: Tom Anderson WCCC, Russell Morison.

1. Draft Minutes from previous meeting held on 18 May 2013:
accepted.

2. Matters Arising/Issues Identified at last meeting.

- Jenny still to talk to Gai Brodtmann re a new community centre for Woden.
- PDF to be advised that Jenny will present a paper on reusing buildings at the next meeting.
- Jenny still to write to Minister Barr re the imbalance between town centres and the city centre.
- Need to act politically and get involved with bills going through Assembly. CCs could have a Meet-the-local-member session at which issues can be discussed.
- Agreed to support the 25 members for the ACT Legislative Assembly and push for equal electorates with a focus on electors not total population and a longer-term push for an apolitical government.
- Possible combined public forum with John Warhurst to discuss electoral boundaries, to be held in Pilgrim House, Civic.
- Each Council to send positions to Ewan within a week.
- Pat to present an overview of the Quinlan Review of ACT taxation and non-land revenue at the next CCC meeting.

3. Report on meeting with Simon Corbell 1 July.

Jenny and Leon spoke to Minister Corbell about town centres and precinct codes created in TA 2012-06. There is a need for proper community consultation. EDD's role through LDA is leading planning by the nose.

- Gary to circulate the press release on the pre-election planning forum.

- Jenny to draft letter to the Chief Minister re the planning split between LDA and ACTPLA and preserving future options in the town centres.
- Leon to draft letter to Corbell re precinct codes and the use of Technical Amendments.
- Gary to follow up with the President of the ACT branch of the Institute of Engineers Australia re his proposal to set up a working group on private certifiers.

4. Identification of possible community buildings.

- Jenny to draft something re insurance for general hire of community buildings.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

Bill gave an overview of the transport plan devised by Russ Morison, which involves a rapid bus service from nodes with smaller buses running through the suburbs to the node. A major problem identified in the current system is that planning is undertaken by ESDD and operations are within TAMS.

- Transport survey to be sent to all CCs.

6. Round Table Discussion on Sharing Information

A proposal to relocate the Woden CIT to Tuggeranong highlights the potential for opposition between Councils. Tuggeranong is vulnerable politically.

- Bill to raise this matter with Nick at TCC - trying to get Joy Burch to discuss – there has been no community consultation.

7. Appointment of CCC Chair/Convenor - no action.

8. Next Meetings and Plans/Schedule for 2013.

Robyn Coghlan and BCC are to host the next meeting on Saturday 7 September. Pat offered to do the minutes.

9. Other Business

Gary referred to the proposed heritage-listing of all of Canberra on the National Estate. Minister Bourke decided against this. The ACT National Trust has been defunded.