

## MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST, 2003

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**PRESENT:** Barry Dee (President), Roma Hosking, Steve Blume, Peter Coggan, Shirley Goodall, Marilyn Reynolds, John Simsons, Jonathon Reynolds, Fran Antioch, Ian Ruecroft, Bob McMullan, Renee Olsen, Wendy Waggitt (Minutes Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Bob McMullan, Mark Loney and Yvonne Miller

### **GUEST SPEAKER – Steve Blume from Bob McMullan’s office**

Steve Blume encouraged the GCC to continue to lobby the Government as this has proved quite effective to date. He commented that *Gunsmoke* is one of the best Community Council publications and that the website is also very good. Steve suggested that the GCC invite Stephen Byron from Canberra Airport (whose contact details will be provided to Jonathon Reynolds) to address a GCC public meeting, and to express concern at the continuing extensive development of the land surrounding the airport to the detriment of Gungahlin. Aircraft usage will continue to grow as freight links, etc. grow and now is the time to act against airport noise and to lobby for a curfew. Steve suggested looking at the role of the National Capital Authority, who are responsible for the Canberra airport developments and were involved in the Gungahlin Drive Extension.

Peter Coggan, the GCC Aircraft Noise Abatement Group representative, has been following the airport developments and said that with Labour now squashing the 2<sup>nd</sup> airport proposed for Sydney, the overflow could be carried into our region. Labour needs to work with the community to look at issues associated with noise pollution and the associated problems with the expansion of Canberra airport surrounds, which impacts strongly on employment issues. Further discussion continued on this subject.

### **MINUTES FROM MEETING, 9 JULY 2003**

The Minutes from this meeting were circulated for comment. Constitutional changes had been fulfilled within the correct requirements.

**MOTION 1:** That the Minutes from the GCC Public Meeting of 9 July 2003 be accepted.

**Proposed:** Roma Hosking **Seconded:** Ian Ruecroft

### **TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Greg Cornwall’s letter to *The Canberra times* had left out crucial information when discussing traffic reduction along Hibberson Street. He said that traffic numbers had reduced to a manageable level south-bound, but neglected to mention that the traffic numbers north-bound had decreased by only 5%. Discussion followed on what had actually been suggested in the original planning and the following motion was agreed.

**MOTION 2:** That the Gungahlin Community Council initiate discussions with ACTION, other relevant authorities and the ACT Government, re using Hibberson Street as the bus station for the Gungahlin region and that the through traffic be primarily minimised to buses, taxis, emergency and delivery vehicles.

**Proposed:** Jonathon Reynolds **Seconded:** Roma Hosking **CARRIED.**

It was suggested that original signed letters (not copies) to be sent to ACTION, the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Urban Services, Minister for the Cross-benches, and Opposition Members.

**MOTION 3:** Roma Hosking and Jonathon agreed to prepare a letter from the Gungahlin Community Council to the relevant authorities requesting that the original concept for the Town Centre be followed; that Valley Way runs into Flemington Road extension as an arterial, and the current Flemington Road extension returns to being a sub-arterial road, and an explanation to be sought re why there was no public consultation over the changes.

**Proposed:** Roma Hosking **Seconded:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

**MOTION 4:** The GCC Executive will prepare a letter from the GCC to Minister Corbell and Vicky Dunne inviting them to attend a Public mtg of the GCC to provide information related to:

1) How they propose to handle issues related to the development of Big W, Coles and Aldi - in particular, addressing the issues of:

- ◆ interim parking arrangements, pedestrian safety and traffic flow;
- ◆ the development of the town square, as proposed by the Government.

2) How they consider that the reconfiguring of the Gungahlin Town Center road network will impact on traffic flow and community amenity. ie the rerouting of Flemington Rd and The Valley Way.

3) How they propose that the Gungahlin community should be involved in community consultation in relation to the planning and development of the Gungahlin district and town centre areas.

**Proposed:** Ian Ruecroft **Seconded:** Shirley Goodall **CARRIED**

Jonathon Reynolds suggested that an Extraordinary meeting could be called if the scheduled meeting date did not suit Minister Corbell and Vicky Dunne.

**LIGHT RAIL COALITION REQUEST FOR \$200.** Ian Ruecroft explained that the Light Rail Coalition (LRC) has a brochure close to completion, which explains why Light Rail should be considered and urging that the route from Civic to Gungahlin should be the first link. He has requested that the Gungahlin Community Council consider donating \$200 towards the cost of publication.

**MOTION 5:** That the GCC contribute \$200 towards the cost of publication of the Light Rail Coalition brochure, conditional upon the executive being satisfied with the document.

**Proposed:** Ian Ruecroft **Seconded:** Barry Dee **CARRIED** with one objection noted.

**AAT ISSUES.** Jonathon Reynolds provided a brief outline of meetings he has attended re cases 339 and 0354 before the AAT regarding parking issues at the proposed boarding house to be built in the Gungahlin Town Centre.

**GOLD CREEK HOMESTEAD:** Shirley Goodall apologised for Yvonne Miller being unable to attend the meeting. Shirley voiced concerns about the decaying state of the Gold Creek Homestead and urged a group of members of the GCC to arrange inspect the property as soon as possible. Several members agreed to do an inspection if this was organised for them. Shirley agreed to arrange for Yvonne to email the GCC a list of the new Gold Creek Committee members and the subject of the Homestead will be discussed at the next Public Meeting.

**PALMERSTON HALL:** Ian Ruecroft advised that the Palmerston Hall is due for maintenance but this would be superfluous if the hall is to be pulled down.

**The meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

## MOTIONS CARRIED FORWARD

Motion No.	Motion	Proposer	Seconded	Status
1-13/8/03	That the Minutes from the GCC Public Meeting of 9 July 2003 be accepted.	Roma Hosking	Ian Ruecroft	
2-13/8/03	That the Gungahlin Community Council initiate discussions with ACTION, other relevant authorities and the ACT Government, re using Hibberson Street as the bus station for the Gungahlin region and that the through traffic be primarily minimised to buses, taxis, emergency and delivery vehicles.	Jonathon Reynolds	Roma Hosking	
3-13/8/03	That the Gungahlin Community Council write to the relevant authorities requesting that the original concept for the Town Centre be followed; that Valley Way runs into Flemington Road extension as an arterial, and the current Flemington Road extension returns to being a sub-arterial road, and an explanation to be sought re why there was no public consultation over the changes.	Roma Hosking	Jonathon Reynolds	
4-13/8/03	<b>MOTION 4:</b> The GCC Executive will prepare a letter from the GCC to Minister Corbell and Vicky Dunne inviting them to attend a Public mtg of the GCC to provide information related to: 1) How they propose to handle issues related to the development of Big W, Coles and Aldi - in particular, addressing the issues of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ interim parking arrangements, pedestrian safety and traffic flow;</li> <li>◆ the development of the town square, as proposed by the Government;</li> </ul> 2) How they consider that the reconfiguring of the Gungahlin Town Center road network will impact on traffic flow and community amenity. ie the rerouting of Flemington Rd and The Valley Way. 3) How they propose that the Gungahlin community should be involved in community consultation in relation to the development of Gungahlin.	Ian Ruecroft	Shirley Goodall	
5-13/8/03	That the GCC contribute \$200 towards the cost of publication of the Light Rail Coalition brochure, conditional upon sighting the finalised brochure.	Ian Ruecroft	Barry Dee	
1-9/7/03	That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of 14 May, 2003, be accepted.	Barry Dee	Roma Hosking	
1-9/7/03	That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of 11 June, 2003, be accepted.	Barry Dee	Jonathon Reynolds	
1-9/7/03	That the amended Constitution (prior to amendments listed in the Minutes of 9/7/03) be accepted.	Lloyd Walker	Roma Hosking	
1-9/7/03	That the Gungahlin community has concerns about future development issues within the Gungahlin town Centre and requests the GCC Executive to take action to highlight the issue of parking within the area bounded by Gundaroo Rd (to the North and West); the Gungahlin grasslands (to the south) and the Flemington Rd alignment (to the east). This area should be considered as being within walking distance of the Town Centre and any development (commercial and/or domestic) should have adequate parking, recreation and public facilities.	Renee Olsen	Ian Ruecroft	
Nil motions passed at 11/6/03 meeting due to insufficient numbers to constitute a quorum.				
Incomplete motion actions brought forward				
2-12/2/03	Barry Dee will prepare letter of support to be sent on behalf of the Gungahlin Community Council to the Weston, Tuggeranong and Woden Community Councils. The content will be discussed with the Gungahlin Community Council	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	In train

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## ACTIONS CARRIED FORWARD

No.	Action	Actionee
1-9/7/03	Roma Hosking agreed to check whether the re-constituted PALM still have this position.	