

MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2002

The President, Ian Rucroft, opened the meeting at 7.00pm by welcoming everyone (see Attendance Sheet). He said he anticipated that the formal part of the meeting would be short as a public presentation on Light Rail was scheduled to follow at 7.30pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were circulated.

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2001 be accepted.

PROPOSED: Roma Hosking **SECONDED:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- **Meetings:** Ian Rucroft and Julie Broderick had met recently with Bill Wood and Tony Gill (Urban Services – Roads ACT) to discuss issues related to roads and transport infrastructure. They are scheduled to meet with Ted Quinlan tomorrow concerning the Gungahlin Town Centre sporting complex and budgetary matters. Ian has written to and telephoned Simon Corbell to raise many issues for which Simon has responsibility. Unfortunately Simon has a huge portfolio and is very busy.
- **PACTT membership:** The GCC would encourage Planning the ACT together (PACTT) to form a sub-committee to look at traffic and related issues in north Canberra. It is hoped that the GCC may find ways to work with PACTT in the future, once they are properly constituted. Council will be kept informed about developments.
- **Gungahlin Drive:** The Conservation Council has coordinated a campaign to protest against the road completely. They want to stop it from the Caswell Drive end. At the previous meetings of the GCC, information to hand was that the road would take the eastern route. With the change of Government the western route now seems to be preferred. It is important that the GCC tables a motion calling for the building of this road to be commenced now – by whichever route.

MOTION:

"The Gungahlin Community Council supports the extension of Gungahlin Drive to the Glenloch Interchange. The Council would support the construction of the road on either of the identified routes (known as the eastern and western routes) but would prefer the alignment that has the least impact on the surrounding environment.

Council members believe that there is a need for Gungahlin Drive to be extended as a matter of urgency due to the transport problems that already exist and the rate at which the problems are escalating".

PROPOSED: Roma Hosking **SECONDED:** Barry Dee **CARRIED**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sally Rucroft tabled a report showing the current financial situation of the GCC. There is \$19,700.25 remaining from the ACT Social Capital Grant. The Public Liability insurance cover is presently \$10M and when this is renewed it will be increased to \$20M which will entail higher insurance costs.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

PROPOSED: Roma Hosking **SECONDED:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

GUEST SPEAKER

Ian Ruecroft introduced Leigh Palmer, Manager of ACT NOWaste. Mr Palmer informed the meeting that the new Resource Management Centre at Mitchell is scheduled to open on 14th March and he encouraged people to use it. West Belconnen Landfill will close for general waste acceptance in April, but will still operate some facilities such as Revolve, recycling and special waste acceptance. Roma Hosking requested that Mr Palmer contact her in about four months' time with another article for insertion in *Gunsmoke*. Ian thanked Mr Palmer for his informative presentation.

NEXT MEETING

The next public meeting of the Gungahlin Community Council will be held on 13th March 2002.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

LIGHT RAIL MEETING

Immediately following the above public meeting, the MBA Group distributed an information leaflet and showed short information videos in relation to a proposed Light Rail system for Canberra. This was followed by a talk on the proposed Light Rail by each of the following:

Five minutes each person

Simon Corbell (MLA)
Helen Cross (MLA)
Anne McGrath (GDA)
Ken Ineson (MBA Land)

Three minutes each person

Dale Budd (Transport consultant),
Guy Thurston (Action Buses)
Kathryn Maxwell (Conservation Council)
Robin Brown (PACTT)
Tony Sattler (EPIC)
Simon Corbell (this time representing PALM)

A general question and answer session followed on from the above talks. The following suggestions arose from this:

- That the GCC accept Simon Corbell's offer to review the Terms of Reference draft for a further meeting, making sure that the views put forward tonight are included.
- That there be a general public debate (possibly on 10th April) attended by officers from PALM and also Simon Corbell, if available, utilizing a larger venue. Simon Corbell to contact Ian as to the most suitable time to coincide with a Council meeting
- Feedback / suggestions should be provided to Ian Ruecroft at the GCC. .
- Email addresses were collected so that interested people can be kept updated re a general debate. Details will also be published in the next issue of *Gunsmoke*.

Ian Ruecroft thanked all of the speakers and everyone else present for their attendance.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.