

**MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12 March, 2003**

PRESENT: As per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Lloyd Walker.

Barry Dee welcomed people to the meeting. He advised that Stephen Gray would speak to the meeting about the Nicholls shops development.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2003 were circulated.

MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12/2/03 be accepted.

Proposed: Jonathon Reynolds Seconded: Ian Ruecroft CARRIED

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Due to pressure of work commitments Barry Dee had not completed the outstanding actions but will attend to them as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated.

MOTION 2: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Shirley Goodall Seconded: Maben Douglass CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nicholls shops

Stephen Gray presented plans of the recently commenced development at the Nicholls shopping centre. He outlined details of the mix and location of shops, entrances, parking and the apartments to be included in the development. He agreed to provide the map to Roma Hosking for inclusion in the next issue of *Gunsmoke*.

Stephen told the meeting of problems being encountered at some of the local shopping centres, e.g. fire hoses left running and causing a business to be flooded; graffiti, and vandalism of toilet blocks. He advised that the Ngunnawal and Platypus shopping centres are presently for sale.

Discussion followed regarding the difficulties being encountered in trying to increase the number of postal boxes in the area. It was suggested that an approach be made by Stephen to Gary Humphries or Bob McMullin. Stephen Gray said that people shopping at the Platypus Centre were frustrated by the lack of a postal box.

There was a collective vote of thanks to Stephen Gray for his presentation.

Gold Creek Homestead meeting 7.30pm 10 April, Gold Creek High School

Ian Ruecroft provided an update of the meeting held last week. He advised that there will be a further meeting at 7.30pm on 10 April to provide information regarding developments in regard to the Gold Creek Homestead and to gain an indication of what the public would like to see happen with the site. There will also be a progress report on the book being written about the Homestead. Details of the meeting will be advertised in *Gunsmoke*.

Public transport – Light Rail / Buses

Mark Loney advised that the 27 February issue of the “Hot Topics Mass Urban Public Transport Forum” talks about the Government’s examination of the Light Rail option for the city and although it does not mention Gungahlin in particular, any serious Government examination of Light Rail is something positive to be built upon. Mark provided some information re a brief for the transport futures feasibility study. He said that the Gungahlin Development will shortly commission a consultancy brief concerning buses in the Gungahlin Town Centre. The ACT Light Rail Coalition had submitted a letter to the GDA pointing out that any bus planning should take into account the possibility of a future Light Rail system and asking that the LR Coalition be consulted by the consultants. Anne McGrath advised that Action Buses were involved in the small, brief study which will look at improving the amenity of buses, and bus layover facilities.

The lack of bus shelters in Gungahlin was raised and it was suggested that the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister and/or local representative, or to Action Buses in the first instance, to increase the number of shelters.

MOTION 3: That the GCC writes to Action Buses asking for an increase in the number of bus shelters in the area. Proposed: Maben Douglass Seconded: Ian Ruecroft CARRIED

MOTION 4: That the GCC writes to the Action Buses asking them to consider installing the old-style concrete bus shelters in preference to other designs which fail to give adequate protection and which suffer from frequent vandalism.

Proposed: Maben Douglass Seconded: Ian Ruecroft CARRIED

Gungahlin Drive Extension

The Gungahlin Drive Extension website still does not reflect the recent decision about the Government’s choice of the eastern route. Barry Dee has contacted them and has been advised that they are aware of the situation and the website will shortly be updated.

Spatial Plan Workshop

Ian Ruecroft is unable to attend this workshop and advised the Workshop times in case anyone else was available to attend. There are two information sessions – one from 4.30-6pm on 20 March and another from 10-11.30am on 22 March. These are open to the public but anyone who can represent the GCC should advise Barry Dee.

Gungahlin Town Centre

Anne McGrath advised that there will be a breakfast in the Town Centre on 20 March to which the GCC, community organisations, lessees, owners and tenants in the Town Centre will be invited. The Planning Minister Simon Corbell will be launching a digital model which runs for about 10 minutes showing how the Town Centre will develop.

A community Open Day will be held from 10am-2pm on 29 March with displays and GDA (?) representatives available for question and answer sessions related to the Town Centre. At present there will not be any surveys conducted.

Anne described the location where it is anticipated a formal parkland with tennis courts will be developed. Shirley Goodall suggested that a "Glebe Park" type of park would be ideal (preferably named "Gungahlin Park" and not after a person). The development will involve community input. The historic site next to the Burgmann School will be preserved with assistance from the school.

In reply to Mark Loney's query re a BBQ area in a Palmerston park, Anne suggested that he contact Canberra Urban Parks and Places.

Social Capital – Applications and end of project

At a recent meeting attended by Ian Ruecroft, Urban Services informed him that the GCC shortly would be receiving a letter advising they will be taking back any unspent Social Capital money. A GCC meeting last week looked at applications for Social Capital funding and all money is allocated. With this Social Capital program ceasing, Mark asked that Ian provide details in due course of the replacement program.

Town Square Proposal - Progress

Opposition Spokesperson for Planning, Vicki Dunne, recently called on the Government to recommence consultation with the Gungahlin community in regard to the development of a town square. Minister Corbell apparently advised that whatever the motion, the Government would be ignoring it and the main road option would go ahead regardless of any dissent. *(note: I didn't catch what Jon said following this re "watch this space" – Wendy)*

The President thanked Jonathon Reynolds for this progress report.

Sport and Recreation Survey

A letter had been received from Sue Pym from @leisure asking the GCC for its views in regard to a sport and recreation facility to be developed on the land adjacent to the Raiders Club towards Valley Avenue. Anne McGrath advised that there is a lot of interest in this development given Gungahlin's growing population and the development will be carried out via an expression of interest process followed by select tender. A consultant has been engaged and in consultation with Gungahlin residents will identify recommendations for optimum use of the site.

Mark Loney asked Anne McGrath to ensure the GDA keeps space available for a public swimming pool. Anne advised that this won't happen in the foreseeable future but that it is hoped that the new sports and recreation facility will include a swimming pool.

ACTION 1: Barry Dee agreed to telephone Sue Pym to find out if the Melbourne consultants' visit will coincide with a GCC public meeting and whether they would be able to provide a presentation.

Fitness weight management

Sue Hathaway, who spoke at the February meeting in regard to a free fitness weight management program (funded by the Gungahlin Community Council through the Social Capital fund), has apparently so far received a very small response from the community.

GCC Membership

Barry Dee asked for suggestions to encourage more people to attend the GCC public meetings. A schedule of meetings will be published in *Gunsmoke*. Barry has sent a schedule of meetings to local political representatives in the hope of obtaining guest speakers. At present there are no speakers scheduled for future meetings, although it is hoped that the Mulanggari Community Association will give a presentation at the May meeting. The GCC Annual General Meeting will be held in August.

ACTION 2: Ian Ruecroft to contact Tony Sadler from Epic to see if he is available to speak at the April meeting.

Employment

An article in *The Chronicle* last week asked why the Government isn't trying to open employment opportunities in Gungahlin in light of the recent review of Government Departments. ACTAB are no longer sending the amount of people originally anticipated. In view of the amount of vacant office space available in the Town Centre it was agreed that the GCC should contact the Government to make them aware of this space.

MOTION 5: That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to request that the Government considers the vacant office space available in Gungahlin when considering future relocation of ACT Public Servants.

Proposed: Ian Ruecroft Seconded: Maben Douglass CARRIED

MOTION 6: That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to express dissatisfaction with the decreased number of ACTAB staff now moving to Gungahlin.

Proposed: Ian Ruecroft Seconded: Maben Douglass CARRIED

Telephones

As suggested at the February meeting, Jonathon Reynolds has contacted Senator Humphries with regard to the type of infrastructure items that are required to better Gungahlin's facilities.

Anne McGrath reported that an Optus mobile phone antenna is being installed on the light tower at the Mirrabai Drive / Gundaroo Road roundabout. Discussion followed re the installation of mobile phone towers in Gungahlin and Robert Rose suggested that the GCC keeps putting pressure on the telephone companies.

Other Business

- Jonathon Reynolds had inspected the plans for the low-cost affordable housing near the Emergency Services centre and mentioned concerns with lack of visitor parking and possible problems with waste collection.
- Ian Ruecroft attended a recent PACTT meeting and approached a representative from the Bushfire Task Force to ask if the GCC could assist in any particular area. It seems there is very little now that the GCC can do apart from asking people not to drive around the area and ascertain whether people have insurance.
- It is hoped that the Gungahlin Drive extension will be completed by 2006 but there was a recent indication by Bill Wood that if Mt Stromlo is developed it will be to the detriment of the GDE.
- Mark Loney and Barry Dee tendered apologies for next month's meeting, which will be chaired by Ian Ruecroft.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Treasurer's Report for GCC meeting 12th March, 2003

Urban Services – Community Renewal Program

No changes to this grant since report on 14th August 2002 – balance of grant remaining = \$16,479.18.

Gold Creek Homestead

No changes to this grant since report on 14th August 2002 – balance of grant remaining = \$3,636.36. This project is due for completion.

Palmerston Hall

Income received February 2003 = \$826.10

Expenditure February 2003 = \$552.09 + bank charges of \$2.20

Bank statement @ 28/02/03 = \$4,062.55

Community Council

Income received February 2003 = \$336.92

Expenditure February 2003 = \$2,590.07 + bank charges of \$4.20

Cost of printing *Gunsmoke* #71 = \$2,405.00 (6th December 2002). Advertising revenue from this issue still to be received.

Cost of printing *Gunsmoke* #72 = \$2,255.00 – no advertising received for this issue as yet.

Bank statement @ 28/02/03 = \$20,424.93 – (less 2 unpresented cheques totalling \$2,310.00) (includes gold Creek Homestead Grant & Community Renewal Grant).

Sally Ruecroft
Treasurer
12th March 2003

ACTIONS

Action No.	Action	Actionee	Status
1-12/3/03	Telephone Sue Pym to find out if the Melbourne consultants' visit will coincide with a GCC public meeting and whether they would be able to provide a presentation.	Barry Dee	
2-12/3/03	Contact Tony Sadler from Epic to see if he is available to speak at the April meeting.	Ian Ruecroft	

MOTIONS

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2-12/3/03	That the Treasurer's report be accepted.	Shirley Goodall	Maben Douglass	
3-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to Action Buses asking for an increase in the number of bus shelters in the area.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
4-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the Action Buses asking them to consider installing the old-style concrete bus shelters in preference to other designs which fail to give adequate protection and which suffer from frequent vandalism.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
5-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to request that the Government considers the vacant office space available in Gungahlin when considering future relocation of ACT Public Servants.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	
6-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to express dissatisfaction with the decreased number of ACTAB staff now moving to Gungahlin.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	
<i>Incomplete motion actions brought forward</i>				
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 Executive prior to sending.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	In train
5-12/2/03	That the Gungahlin Community Council write to the ACT Treasurer and Minister for Business, Ted Quinlan, and ask that Gungahlin be looked at for the next allocation of offices from Civic to this area provided the Govt revises its focus around the airport precinct which at present is to the detriment of Gungahlin.	Jonathon Reynolds	Peter Coggan	In train