

MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
12 May 2004-05-29

The President Barry Dee opened the meeting at 7.30 pm. Peter Coggan took the minutes for the meeting.

1) Attendance: Those present are registered on the attendance sheet.

2) Feb Minutes: No quorum available at the start of the meeting so acceptance of the February minutes was delayed until a quorum was available later in the meeting.

3) Finances: Emma Prezzi presented Account statements, see attached pages. Budget for next financial year being prepared by Emma & being worked by the finance sub-committee.

Barry Dee referred to this years ACT budget in which Gungahlin did not appear to do very well, its appears that there would only be an increase of about 10 new government jobs, excluding the much delayed transfer of ACTTAB headquarters to Gungahlin.

Development Application for Big W called in powers was used. Residential will be allowed on the ground floor.

It seems the issue is where the Territory Plan does not say you can't then it appears it can be interpreted to say you can do it.

GCC has no issue with commercial component – but objects to the residential on the ground floor.

What can the GCC do?

Legislative Assembly

Election year

Motion, moved Barry Dee seconded Jon Reynolds write letters to the Chief Minister & Minister for Planning expressing improper use of call in powers. Send letter also to the Legislative Assembly Planning Committee. Carried.

Motion, to send letter of thanks to Tuggeranong Community Council for their support for the GDE. Carried.

Motion, moved Barry Dee seconded Roma Hosking thanks to Peter Coggan & committee for work in the GDE sub-committee & helpers with success with the GDE-NOW rally. Carried.

Palmerston Community Hall report by Ian Ruecroft.

\$1M allocated in budget

Site a concern, where is it? only one community site in Palmerston.

Proposed working group to meet next week. Ian to inform others. Also in Gunsmoke.

Submission has been put in.

Ian Ruecroft said he would co-ordinate the GMVA (The Gungahlin & Mitchell Voters Association) movement until at least the group meets in June.

First meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 16th June at Palmerston Community Hall.

Motion, moved Ian Ruecroft seconded Kevin Cox GCC form a sub-committee (GMVA)

Call a meeting

Involve all political parties. Carried.

By 16th June develop a web presence, then put together a business plan Initial cost to be met by GCC.

A.C.T. Roads presentation by Tony Gill.

CD of presentation has been made available to the GCC. This was followed by questions

Town Centre Update by Chris Webb from Land Development Agency

Plans for sections 10 ALDI, 13 Coles, 14 Big W displayed – discussion on residential on ground floor of these developments.

John asked if Deed of Agreement & tender documents were available, Chris said he will forward these to the GCC as they are public documents.

Discussion ensued on the style of the town centre.

Chris outlined arrangements during construction phase of building, the 3 site developers have come up with a Shared Code of Conduct & ethics, plus a board of management that will meet fortnightly.

Joint Construction team – codes of conduct, work behaviour, dust control etc. The construction will be also controlled by current regulations. Briefing will be given to the community.

Ranger will be employed by LDA to supervise the temporary car parking arrangements during construction, with 97 places opposite the Raiders & 120 alongside the boarding house area to be created soon.

McDonalds to start in 2/3 weeks – open by Christmas 2004.

Horse Park North Crest any back lanes – Chris said they will meet new residential design standards.

Site next to Raiders – Sports/recreational possible 25 metre swimming pool by 2006, suggestions were that it should be a 50 metre pool or be able to be converted to 50 metres. Chris said market research indicated 50 metre pool would not be viable until a longer time from of 8 to 10 years. College access to the pool & shading were other issues raised on this topic.

Magnet Mart/Raiders “Home Makers precinct – concept is “bulky goods” commercial areas/operators. Interest has been shown including Harvey Norman. No competition on the north side. Paul Donoghue very excited about the concept of Home Maker precinct.

Jon Reynolds asked about office space, Chris said there was 6-7 Hectares behind Emergency Services building for office development.

Peter Coggan quick report on the success of the GDE-NOW rally, referred to ongoing information on the GCC website, next meeting on 26/5/04 at 8.00 pm at the Raiders club.

President closed the meeting at 10.30 pm & noted next meeting will be held at the Raiders club.