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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 31 August 2011

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Deputy Chair Tom Anderson, who welcomed members and guests. 54 persons were recorded as present, but several others also attended.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christine Wilson, Charlotte Hearder, Maisie Griffiths

3. Presentation

Mr David Dawes, Director-General Economic Development Directorate, ACT Government, supported by a number of his staff, gave a presentation on developments in the Molonglo Valley.

The main questions and answers arising from the presentation were as follows:

Q "Will updates be provided on developments in Molonglo?"

A "They will be posted on the website"

Q "What is to happen to the Kirkpatrick roundabout?"

A "The roundabout will be replaced by traffic lights. Associated road works will take 40 weeks to complete and will involve the closing of one lane of Cotter Road and then the other lane."

Q "What will be done to lessen the danger of the Dixon Drive/Streeton Drive intersection?"

A "Dixon Drive and Unwin Place will be re-aligned, with work expected to be completed by December 2012."

Q "What can be done to reduce speeding on Dixon Drive?"

A "Will be investigated – speed humps?"

Q "What can be done to assist children from Rivett crossing Darwinia Terrace to and from Chapman Primary School?"

A Tony Gill will investigate. A protest on site to with The Chronicle invited was suggested.

Q "When will maintenance work on footpaths in Rivett and Holder be undertaken?"

A No specific answer.

Q “When will GDE/Glenloch interchange be completed?”

A “October 2011.”

Q “When will a school be provided to accommodate children from Wright and Coombs?”

A “This a matter for the Department of Education and Training, but probably when the number of children in these suburbs reaches 300.

Q “Will Coppins Crossing road remain?”

A “Yes, John Gorton Drive will eventually intersect with William Hovell Drive 2015-6.”

Q “Are the parking problems at Cooleman Court being addressed, given the influx that will occur from North Weston and Molonglo Valley developments?”

A “Consultations with Mirvac are in progress, but there is nothing concrete to advise at this time.”

Q “What shopping facilities are planned for the Molonglo Valley?”

A “A major shopping centre (Dickson size) is planned towards Coppins Crossing from the former Deeks Forest.”

Tony Gill advised that significant upgrade (in three stages) of Cotter Road on the Yarralumla side of the Tuggeranong parkway was being planned.

The Chairman thanked Mr Dawes and his team for their presentation and answering the questions raised by the audience.

AGM

Former WCCC Chairman John Burke took the chair to conduct elections of officers and Committee members. Those elected were:

Chair: Tom Anderson

Deputy Chair: Pat McGinn

Secretary: Christine Wilson

Treasurer: Simon Hearder

Committee Members: Heather Hughes, Mal Ferguson.

1. Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 August 2010, were circulated at the meeting, and had also been up on the WCCC website since October 2010. Moved: M Ferguson, Seconded: Pat McGinn “That the minutes of the AGM of 25 August 2010 be accepted as circulated.” Carried.

2. Chairman’s Report

Deputy Chair Tom Anderson tabled his written report, the main points of which were:

- The development of Coombs, Wright and North Weston will bring significant challenges for the Council.
- Council is pleased that the Weston Creek Master Plan has been listed by the Government for 2011-12.

- It is regrettable that Weston Creek has missed out on basic services and amenities for 40 years; Weston Creek must remain a distinct District.
- Council has made submissions on proposed electoral boundaries for 2012, development of South Tralee, Territory Draft Plan 303, and comments on Draft Variation 306 have been prepared.
- Council members continue to represent Weston Creek at the ACT Planning and Development Council, Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group, and at Combined Community Council Meetings.
- Programs at public meetings during the year have featured Jeremy Hanson (Liberal Party), Caroline LeCouteur (Greens Party) and negotiations are continuing with Minister Corbell (ALP).
- Mr Anderson complimented the achievements of the Fetherston Gardens Working Group, the efforts of the WCCC Committee, especially Christine Wilson (Secretary), Simon Header (Treasurer), and webmaster, Lance Williamson.
- The role of *The Southside Chronicle* in publicising Council activities and issues was also appreciated.
- Chairman Tom invited attendees to share some wine and cheese at the conclusion of the meeting – wine provided by Committee members.

Moved Trevor Wilson/Simon Header, “That the Deputy Chairman’s Report be accepted” – carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Simon Header presented the Treasurer’s Report, incorporating the audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011. He reported that expenditure for the year had been \$8735, and that the balance in the bank was currently \$5877.35. Moved Simon Header/Mal Ferguson, “That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.” – carried.

4. Secretary’s Report

In the absence of the Secretary, Mal Ferguson read her report which stated that as at 10 August 2011, WCCC had 82 members registered and a further 144 persons receive email notification of meetings. Notification of this AGM was advertised in *The Southside Chronicle*, on the WCCC website and at previous WCCC public meetings.

Moved Mal Ferguson/Lance Williamson, “That the Secretary’s Report be accepted” – carried.

5. General Business

Fetherston Gardens Working Group Chair, Tim Dalton reported that it was hoped that a Weston Creek Autumn Fair could be held in the revitalized Gardens; an application for funding had been lodged with the ACT Government. Trevor Wilson added that there was no provision in the 2011-12 TAMS budget for the Gardens development. A concept plan will be completed by the consultant, Red Box (David Moyle), by December 2011. He indicated that essential capital work, including fencing, ablution block, entrance, and paths was needed before public access could be contemplated.

Following the earlier presentation, concern was reiterated about the need for a school crossing at the Darwinia Terrace, Streeton Drive intersection. A parent complained that many consultations on the issue had proved fruitless; a “public demonstration” attended by

The Southside Chronicle was suggested to draw attention to the danger to Rivett children attending Chapman Primary School.

Several issues raised in the earlier presentation, including footpaths in need of repair, peak hour traffic hazards in Dixon Drive and Mulley Street, need for off-street parking for the netball courts in Streeton Drive, and Badimara Street during soccer matches, were raised. Chairman Tom assured the gathering that the Council would strenuously pursue these matters with the relevant authorities.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Next public meeting: Wednesday 28 September 2011, 7:30pm, The Weston Club

Signed:.....Date.....

Chairman