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Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday, 26 June, 2013

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Acting Chair Pat McGinn. Pat welcomed members and guests, Claire Middleton and Dr Michael Kindler (Stromlo High School).

Apologies: Tom Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Lance Williamson

Approximately twenty persons attended the meeting.

2. Claire Middleton said that the government has asked for a feasibility study for a community hub in the Woden-Weston Creek area. The hub would include a community centre, a childcare centre (120 places) and possibly a seniors club. It would replace the Lollipop Centre and the Woden Community Centre, and potentially the Woden Seniors Club.

Three options are being considered: redevelopment of the Woden Centre on the existing site; a site at Callam offices; a new site somewhere else in the Woden-Weston Creek area.

Location at a commercial centre, either at Woden or Cooleman court is also possible.

The architect will be Colin Stewart Architects, who won the Green Square development in Sydney.

Claire is being assisted by Ms Susan Conroy, who has been involved in other community studies in Weston Creek such as the refurbishment of Chapman shops.

Several drop-in consultations will be held.

There is no funding at present for development of a community hub, only for the feasibility study.

3. Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Kindler, principal of Stromlo High School, gave a thoroughly interesting talk on "Challenges facing young people today". He said he believed that it was vital that young people be given the transformative opportunities that only education can give.

His speech covered numerous matters, including;

- curriculum assessment and reporting,
- student well-being, the need to ensure that students are healthy and safe
- the future of school sport
- the need for parents to manage the amount of time their children use computers and social networking
- the idea of multiple literacies, including emotional literacy, digital literacy and social networking literacy as well as 'reading, writing and arithmetic'.

Dr Kindler's speech has been put up on the WCCC website.

After Dr Kindler had finished, there were several questions, in particular about the impact on Stromlo High of children coming from the new suburbs in Molonglo.

After a short break, the meeting reconvened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated. (Moved: Jenny Adams; Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch) Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

WCCC has \$10,933.13 in the bank. A projector has been purchased to replace the old Lite-Pro which is no longer working well, and it cost \$1264.00.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. (Moved: Pam Arkininstall; Seconded Trevor Wilson). Passed.

General Business

WCCC Acting Chair reported on the following matters:

- the Weston Group Master Plan;
- the raising of a petition on a new petrol station
- Fetherston Gardens
- the recent meeting of the Planning and Development forum
- road closures in north Weston
- Cotter road roadworks
- parking at Cooleman Court
- the need for a trolley bay in front of the Weston Post Office.

The meeting closed at 9.35.

The next public meeting will be held on 31 July 2013.