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Minutes of Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 27 August, 2014

Opening of Annual General Meeting

The meeting was opened at 8.50pm by Chair Tom Anderson, who welcomed MLA Jeremy Hanson, Kimberley Granger from the Chronicle and Jill Peterson from Gai Brodtmann's office.

Apologies: Jeremy Hanson, John Milne, Shane Rattenbury and Gai Brodtmann

Approximately thirty persons attended the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the AGM held in August 2013 had been distributed to those attending the meeting, and had been up on the WCCC website in draft form for some months.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.
Moved: Chris Wilson; Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

WCCC Chair's Report

Tom Anderson gave his report as Chair of WCCC. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

Motion: That the WCCC Chair's Report be received.

Moved: Mal Ferguson; Seconded: Trevor Wilson Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Simon Hearder presented the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Simon Hearder; Seconded: Trevor Wilson.

Motion carried.

There was one comment about the amount spend on letterbox distribution of flyers to advertise WCCC meetings, which is done through Australia Post's Unaddressed Mail System (UMS). The Chair explained that although the amount (c.\$2100 each time) seemed quite large, the Committee had found that it was the most effective way to get information out to Weston Creek residents. In previous years flyers had been distributed through "junk mail" distributors, and many residents threw the flyers out without reading them. With the present system, there has

been a noticeable increase in the number of people attending meetings (UMS distribution is used only for meetings on a special topic).

Report from Friends of Fetherston Gardens

Trevor Wilson resented the report from the friends of Fetherston Gardens. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion: That the report from the Friends of Fetherston Gardens be received.

Moved: Trevor Wilson Seconded Chris Wilson

Motion carried.

Elections

Tom Anderson stood aside as Chair of the meeting, and Trevor Wilson took over as Chair. Nominations were read out, and as there was only one nomination for three of the four executive positions, and three nominations for committee members, Mr Wilson declared all nominees elected.

The new WCCC Committee will be:

Chair	Tom Anderson
Deputy Chair	Pat McGinn
Secretary	Jenny Adams
Treasurer	
Committee Members	Max Kwiatkowski
	Christine Wilson
	Janice Paul

Outgoing Treasurer, Simon Hearder, explained the role of Treasurer to those present and asked people to consider seeking the role of Treasurer.

After congratulating the new committee, Mr. Wilson stood down and Tom Anderson resumed the role of Chair of the meeting.

Mr Anderson declared the AGM closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman's Report to the Weston Creek Community Council

Annual General Meeting – 27 August 2014

I would like to make a few comments about this year and what we have done for the Weston Creek Community and what issues we continue to face.

Firstly though, let me publicly thank our Deputy Chair Pat McGinn for her work while I have been absent for a hip replacement and for travel overseas. She has done a tremendous amount of work for you – the community and I thank her for that.

This year too we will see the “retirement” of our long serving Treasurer Simon Hearder. Thank you Simon for keeping the books in such good order and also for the work that you have done for the Community and will continue to do in other capacities. Similarly Mal Ferguson has decided to call it a day for the time being. Thanks Mal for all that you do behind the scenes. Continue to enjoy your Wednesday walks and all of the other things that you continue to do for the wider community.

I would also like to thank the rest of the small, hardworking Committee that does so much trying to make things better for Weston Creek.

We held 10 Public meetings through the Council's year with a number of Presentations from roads and buses on a couple of occasions, the Draft Master Plan for the Weston Group Centre, a forum for Older Residents and Light Rail to name some.

Council also made a number of Submissions during the year including the Draft master Plan, The City Plan, the proposed Bus timetable for 2014 and the ACT Electoral System.

Members also attended or sat on several Working Groups or Committees through the year or attended one-off Meetings on behalf of the Community as well as maintaining contact with our elected Representatives.

All of these are listed in detail on an Attachment that has been circulated tonight.

The Issues Ahead:

I said last year that I continue to be concerned over the actions or really the inactions of the ACT Government. For near on 40 years the residents of Weston creek have been forgotten by Government. Yes occasionally they will remember and in my mind tinker around the edges but they really do not come with those items which most of the other Districts in Canberra have and have had for some years.

My concern continue to be that we will be deprived of these services as these will be provided to the new Molonglo development and we will just be included in that. We have already seen this with the proposed Swimming Pool to be developed in Molonglo.

Last year I expressed my concerns with the continued delays in the provision of the Draft Master Plan for Weston. Two years late we finally have the Draft and we have made a submission on this.

Our Community needs a new Community Centre with library, health care and meeting rooms to care for our ageing and our new population and to cater for those people who are moving into Molonglo at least in the short to medium term.

The pressures from Molonglo are there already and these will continue to grow as the population in Molonglo builds.

Our issues:

- We need the Draft Plan for Weston to be finalized and that there be some concrete decisions rather than a time scale of 0 to 10 years of possibilities
- The 80 Car parking spaces to be put in place soon
- A new Community Centre
- Hopefully an end to roadworks for a while along the Cotter Road
- However, our roadworks will continue in the future. The bridge in Molonglo over the Molonglo River for John Gorton Drive to travel north is planned for 2018 – that's only 4 years away. I can't see that happening now and in the meantime the only real way out is for the flow of people from Molonglo to come along the Cotter Road and we have the issue of the duplication of this road from Yarralumla Creek to contend with sometime in the future. What the proposal for the Yarralumla Brickworks will do to that traffic flow is anyone's guess but it will have an impact when or if it goes ahead.
- Catch the buses, walk or ride a bike is the cry. The new Bus timetable results in less services for Weston Creek. Yes it does have a direct service now to Tuggeranong and Belconnen and an additional one or two Xpresso services but route 83 is almost lost and Route 75 has gone. The reliance for planning is on usage through the My Way Card but there is no measure of demand and what is needed like direct services to the City. There is no thinking outside the box. As I said last year we will continue to push for a fairer and faster service to Civic. This is all at a time when in a health sense where Weston Creek is listed as the 3rd highest heart disease community in Australia it is seen as a good idea to get people out of their cars yet the proposals only increase the likelihood of people using their cars
- We continue to ask for better care of our open areas including more frequent not less frequent mowing and more trimming of trees and not taking 2 to 3 years to do something when trees in poor health or dead branches in dangerous locations are left for months and more before something is done.

They are my main issues and I know reflect many of the issues of the community.

Publicity:

Again good publicity was received for Council.

I want to publicly thank the Chronicle for providing Council with a column each month and several articles on issues and matters of importance to our community.

We also have issued flyers for selective Meetings each year to try to influence our Community to attend our Public Meetings.

Council has a vibrant Website and we thank our Webmaster Lance Williamson for his great work for Council on this site. Thanks Lance.

We also achieved some publicity in the Canberra Times.

A Vote of Thanks

Finally I would like to publicly thank those who have served on the Council for the past year. It is a good team and has the interests of Weston Creek at its heart

I would also like to thank the Weston Club for their support for Council by providing rooms for both our Public and Committee Meetings through the year at no cost.

Finally I would like to thank the Community for the support that they have given throughout the year. Not always what we would want but what we get is received with thanks.

Conclusion:

Thank you for attending and supporting your Council.

We look forward to your continued presence at these meetings.

Councils Activities through the past Year.

1. Council arranged a series of presentations to the community at our Public Meetings including :

- August 2013 – Presentation on a Woden Weston Community Hub
- September 2013 – Presentation on Roads and Buses
- October 2013 – Updates on
 - a. the Action Bus Network
 - b. Parks and City Services
 - c. Meeting with the Chief Minister
 - d. Coombs primary School
 - e. Fetherston Gardens
- November 2013 – Briefings on
 - a. South Canberra Vocational Education Delivery
 - b. ACT Police on Drugs and Illicit Weapons
- February 2014 – An Update on the Issues Facing Weston Creek by the Chair
- March 2014 – Presentations and discussions on
 - a. Defence Housing development at North Weston
 - b. Action proposed 2014 Timetable
 - c. Update Roadworks on Cotter Road and Streeton Drive
 - d. Parking at Coleman Court
 - e. Holder Block 21 Section 45 Proposal
- April 2014 – Presentations on
 - a. A second Petrol Station for Weston Creek
 - b. Forum for Older residents with Council of the Ageing and Communities at Work
- May 2014 – Presentations on
 - a. Denman Prospect – Stage 2 Molonglo
 - b. Capital Metro – The Light Rail Project
- June 2014 – Presentation on Adapting to a Changing Climate
- July 2014 – Presentations on
 - a. Draft Weston Group Centre Master Plan
 - b. Yarralumla Brickworks Development Proposal

2. Submissions:

Council made several submissions on behalf of the Community including:

- The Weston Group Centre Draft Master Plan
- Parks and City Services Review
- Inquiry into Amendments to the ACT Electoral ACT
- Proposed 2014 ACTION Bus Network
- The City Plan
- Development Application for the Solar facility at Uriarra

- Block 21 Section 45 Holder
- Budget 2014/2015
- Parliamentary Hearing on the Project Facilitation Bill
- Weston Group Centre Parking Upgrade Proposal

3. Working Groups and Committees

Your Committee Members also attend various working groups and Committees on behalf of the Community. These include

- Molonglo Group Centre Working Group
- Weston Group Centre Master Plan Stakeholders Reference Group
- Planning and Development Forum – ACT Planning and Land Authority
- Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group
- Molonglo Urban Edge Master Plan Community and Industry Working Group
- Combined Community Councils Forum
- Health Issues Working Group
- Coombs P-6 School Design Working Group
- ACT Basin Priority Project Advisory Group

4. Appearances and Meetings

Your committee

- Met with the Chief Minister in October 2013
- Appeared at the Inquiry into the Project Facilitation Bill
- Attended the Light Rail Forum
- Attended briefings with Economic Development Directorate on a range of issues through the year
- Attended a meeting on the City Plan
- The Opening of Fetherston Gardens
- The Opening of the Park and Ride at Weston
- Meeting on Insurance for Community Councils

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Weston Creek Community Council Financial Report 1 July 2013-30 June 2014

Revenue Statement for Year Ending 30 June 2014

Balance Brought Forward CPS a/c 03425493	\$11,001.63
Balance Brought Forward CPS a/c 03388962	0.75
	<u>11,002.38</u>

Income :

Grant ACT Planning & Land Authority	\$12,821.00
Refunds	\$80.00
Txfr from 03425493 to 03388962	\$525.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$2.38</u>
Sub-Total Income for Year	<u>\$13,428.38</u>
Total Income	\$24,430.76

Expenditure

Printing Flyers	\$1,796.96
Letterbox Distribution	\$4,321.74
Hospitality	\$281.00
Website Domain & Monthly Maintenance Fees	\$672.00
Transact Phone Costs	\$423.08
Telstra White Pages Listing instalments	\$546.30
Advertising thru Fetherston Gardens	\$525.00
FG Leaflet	\$514.80
Auditor & ACT ORS Fees	\$257.00
Insurance	\$1,170.00
Bank Fees	\$23.60
Sponsor FG	\$397.00
WCCC Miscellaneous Costs	<u>\$362.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$11,290.48 <u>\$11,290.48</u>

Balance for Financial Year 2013/2014 \$13,140.28

Represented by :

Balance in a/c 03425493 as at 30 June 2014	\$13,129.93
Balance in a/c 03388962 as at 30 June 2014	\$ 10.35 <u>\$13,140.28</u>

Simon Headerd
Treasurer WCCC
30-Jun-14

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REPORT ON FETHERSTON GARDENS

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BY TREVOR WILSON, CONVENOR, FETHERSTON GARDENS FRIENDS

The gardens were opened to the public for the first time on 12 October 2013, with TAMS Minister Shane Rattenbury officiating. The TAMS/PCS upgrade of the watering system to extend it to whole garden was completed in June 2014.

Our regular Working Bees continue to be well attended, with an average attendance of 10 for mid-week (second Wednesday every month) and 20 for weekends (last Sunday every month).

Relations with TAMS, the Islamic School and Defence Housing Australia (DHA) continue to be friendly.

We have started some outreach activities with Canberra garden groups, emphasising the education role the gardens can play (pruning workshop – Graham Williams, ABC).