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## **Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 26 July 2017**

### **Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm. The Deputy Chair, Pat McGinn, welcomed members and guests

**Apologies:** Tom Anderson, Mick Gentleman, Rod Mackay

23 people attended the meeting.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Revamp of Trenerry Square and Brierley Street – Anne Breckwoldt**

- The project came out of the Weston Creek Masterplan to revitalise the area
- The contractor was engaged 26 July 2017
- Construction will commence in approximately three weeks

#### **Preliminary Plan**

- Pedestrian friendly
- Vehicle access from Brierley Street closed
- Trenerry Square will be expanded
- There will be a carpark modification
  - Still subject to detailed design
  - It is expected that 6 car parks will be lost
  - First up two carparks will be gained

#### **Future plans**

- Possible extension to cycle way/shared path
- Liardet Street to have a safe crossing point
- Existing bus stop and layover locations may be relocated
- Brierley Street north – there may be opportunities to improve access and amenity (verge improvements)
- Brierley Street south will have improvements

Q. What is a safe crossing point?

A. In this instance a bump out to narrow the road so it can be crossed more easily.

Q. How can you get a safe spot for pedestrian access near the service station?

A. It will be near Mys Restaurant

Q. You won't be able to cross when trucks are in the loading dock

A. We will look at this in the design later.

Q. Are you going to have some traffic counters?

A. Good idea

Q. Moving the bus route to Liardet Street will make it very difficult for older people on walkers.

Q. A traffic survey with people sitting there to see how it all works is needed – big trucks for Woolworths, Aldi and McDonalds; commercial vehicles and the kerbs are unfriendly.

Q. The data should be gathered both before and after the Trenerry Square upgrade.

Q. The design around the northern end of Brierley Street is important because of the two entrances into the service station.

Q. If a traffic count was done a couple of years ago then wouldn't it be out of date? There has been an increase in traffic of late.

A. A lot of research will be done in relation to traffic flow.

### Upgrade

- Trenerry Square is not flat so it has to expand a little to keep things even
- The contractor will have to allow access at all times
- There are a lot of underground services. Plans are notoriously inaccurate so there may be some surprises.

If you have any ideas send them to [anne.breckwoldt@act.gov.au](mailto:anne.breckwoldt@act.gov.au)

Q. How long is the contract for?

A. The construction period plus a 12 months defect period. It starts in 2-3 weeks and finishes by December (may be earlier).

Q. What is the ACT government doing about updating underground services data? It is often wrong.

A. Actew is progressively updating the data base. It does use information from contractors. The drawings will be updated.

### Features

- Trolley bays
- Shade shelters proposed
- Seats in the walls which will be curved to make more intimate areas
- Cycle hoops

Q. Are you maintaining the photo wall?

A. Yes. It will be relocated.

Q. Who won the contract?

A. We can't say yet.

Q. Will the empty shop be impacted (Cornerstone Café site)?

A. There will be no impact.

Q. How will the grass be kept green?

A. It will be irrigated, similar to Manuka and Kingston.

Q. Can we have a copy of the plans?

A. What you have seen tonight is on the website.

Q. Are you going to put up a display in Cooleman Court?

A. That is a good idea.

## **Murrumbidgee MLA's – five minutes**

Caroline Le Couteur

- The ACT budget has been brought down. It is a \$5bn operation. Most money has been spent on:
  - Health
  - Education
- There are a lot of enquires happening:
  - Domestic and Family Violence
    - Please put in a submission
- Housing
  - Everyone here is interested
  - ACT has a problem with housing. There is not enough affordable housing
  - How can we make it so that everyone has the opportunity to have good housing?

Q. In relation to the housing enquiry are there any workshops or think tanks?

A. There will be public hearings but the system is archaic and there are lots of rules of procedure. Submissions can be made to [www.parliament.act.gov.au](http://www.parliament.act.gov.au)

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of 31 May 2017**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting be amended to change Copper's Crossing to Coppins Crossing on page 8.

Moved: Rosemary Drabsch                      Seconded: Shelby Schofield                      Carried

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting as amended be approved.

Moved: Rosemary Drabsch                      Seconded: Shelby Schofield                      Carried

### **Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 31 May 2017**

- Nil

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$10,803.89 Main Account
- \$4,942.20 Fetherston Garden Account

**Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.**

Moved: Chris Wilson                      Seconded: Shelby Schofield                      Carried

### **Business arising from the Treasurer's Report**

- The new Deed of Grant from the ACT Government was received 30 May 2017. The amount of funding to be received is the same as previous years - \$12,781.00. Each community council gets the same amount.

## Other Business

### Public Housing

#### Chapman

- The proposed site is where the bushfire went through in 2003
- The bushfire abatement zone doesn't cover the site
- Experts on fire say it will be safe
- Plans have changed:
  - The number of dwellings have been reduced
  - The entrance has been moved to Darwinia Terrace
  - There is extra visitor and resident parking
  - Some of the trees will remain
  - Most of the buildings will be semi-detached.
- The taskforce has done a great job:
  - It has listened to residents
  - The bushfire escape was across the path and an area will be kept to allow for this again in need.

Q. What are the dwelling numbers now?

A. It is 24 but may reduce to 20.

#### Wright

- The group is very well organised
- There have been lot of comments received
- Most people are not interested in helping the group or compromising or making submissions.

#### Holder

- The Holder residents don't really want any public housing
- The housing will going on the least used part of the site
- The entry of Stapylton Street is awkward but it is better than Blackwood Terrace
- Bill Kennedy Memorial Park will be done up
- The preschool is coming down
- The number of dwellings will be reduced
- The group has requested that no two storey dwellings be built on the top of the ridge but there is no answer yet

There was a technical amendment to change the use of Community Use land. Carolyn Le Couteur has put a bill forward to change the process to make it harder. Neither of the other parties have said they will support it.

Q. What is the recourse regarding the change? A reasonable person could not have known of the change. The Government says it is transparent. Customers have recourse to retailers but not to the Government.

A. A solicitor may have been able to tell you. Governments reserve the right to change their mind – sovereign risk.

Q. I thought the Chapman site was part of the fire abatement zone but the zone has been redrawn to take area out (in the last couple of weeks). Are people aware of this?

A. Carolyn Le Couteur was not aware. WCCC – keeping up with changes is really difficult. Service Station site.

Q. Do the community action groups have access to independent landscape advice?

A. Yes. The Taskforce provided landscape advice in Holder. Not sure if other groups have got some advice.

Q. Can WCCC pay for some?

A. We can't answer that question.

Q. Do you have any idea who will be moving into the sites?

A. We have been advised that they will be carefully chosen.

Q. New residents may have a view on what sort of accommodation and facilities they want.

A. Holder will be writing a welcome letter.

#### Service Station site

- Earthworks have commenced but the DA has not been approved.
- This should not happen.

#### Draft pre-development consultation letter

- This only applies to prescribed sites
- Developers will have to follow the process
- WCCC will be commenting on the proposal
- If anyone has a comment please put it on the website.

#### Molonglo Valley

- Molonglo Valley residents have formed a community group
- This has come out of the Mingle program
- They want something more focused on community development
- There are approximately 10 members
- A draft constitution has been prepared
- WCCC has been assisting.

#### WCCC website

- Carolyn Le Couteur will be putting a letter up on the website regarding the shops in Molonglo. There has been a lack of pressure on the developer.
- There is a delay in the shop at Coombs.

#### Dog Park

- There has been little progress
- There is a pile of chopped up vegetation
- The back of the land has been cleared.

Q. How much is it to move the electrical power lines?

A. Poles and wires have said that the cost has already been allowed for.

#### Stage 3 Development Molonglo

- There is a push to bypass the environmental process
- Caroline Le Couteur
  - Submissions have already closed
  - Greens put in a submission against it.
  - They want a proper Environmental Impact Study
  - The newspaper said submissions were being sought
  - The website doesn't give a date
  - Stage 3 developers are saying that lots of studies have been done so there is no need to do anymore
  - The Greens say that yes they do.

Q. How is the Waramanga Playground going?

A. Elizabeth Hoyt is working hard to get funds together. WCCC found some information on micro parks and has sent it around.

Note of thanks to the Community Groups and WCCC for their efforts in the public housing area.

Annual General Meeting

- Everyone was reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 30 August 2017 and committee members are being sought.
- If people do not want to be on the committee they can nominate for one off tasks.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

**Next Meeting: 7.30 pm  
Wednesday 30 August 2017  
Raiders Club  
Liardet Street Weston**