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Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 30 August 2017

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.32pm. The Chair, Tom Anderson, welcomed members and guests- Fiona Carrick from the Woden Valley Community Council and Masao Nobe from Okayama University

Apologies: Caroline Le Couteur MLA, Mick Gentleman MLA, Shelby Schofield, Warwick Costin and Steve Blume

21 people attended the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Murrumbidgee MLA's – five minutes

No MLAs were present

Woden Community Service – Lauren Bradley

- The volunteer organisation started in 1969.
- It was incorporated in 1976
- It is one of five regional services in the ACT.
- They provide services similar to those provided by local governments in larger metropolitan areas.
- There are over 40 programs across the ACT.
- They employ 310 people (FTE)
- They are funded by the ACT and federal governments and some fee paying customers mainly for day care and school aged care
- There is a focus on financial sustainability
- The move to NDIS and My Aged Care has changed the funding models
- There are some self-funded programs:
 - Mr Fluffy
 - Wraparound (for anxiety 8-12 year olds)
 - Little Pantry (food relief)
 - Living Conditions (hoarding and squalor)
 - Support to smaller organisations

- Children (all fee for service)
 - Lollipops Childrens Centre
 - Lyons Childrens Centre
 - Family Day Care
 - School aged care
 - Holiday program
- Child, Youth and Family
 - Family case management
 - Youth engagement - 12-25 year olds – drop in centre next to Woden police
 - Wrap Around – 8-12 year olds – for anxiety
 - Network coordination
- Mental Health
 - Transition to Recovery
 - Partners in Recovery
 - Way Back Support Service –suicide (fully utilised)
 - Personal helpers and mentors
 - Next Step – phone based service
 - NDIS
- Social Inclusion
 - Community services
 - Home support
 - Transport
 - Social groups and outings e.g. Bunnings
 - Care and housing
 - Abilities Services
 - NDIS support and coordination
 - Community Assistance and Support Program
 - Big Issue
 - Woden office covers all of ACT
- Volunteering
 - There is a dedicated volunteer coordinator
 - There are over 80 volunteers on a permanent or semi-permanent basis
 - Additional 40 registered to assist on a one on one basis
 - Roles include:
 - Supporting Big Issue vendors
 - Community events
 - Tutoring
- Housing and Access
 - Community development
 - One Link – referral service
 - Supportive Tenancy Service
 - Living conditions – Hoarding and squalor)
- Meet Your Neighbours
 - Street by Street – helps bring neighbours together
 - Weston contact is Claire Idress
 - There is a get together on Saturday 9 September 2017 at Weston Playground Hilder Street Weston

- Public Housing Renewal Program
 - Assistance was requested by Housing ACT
 - WCS in involved in the following sites
 - Red Hill – finalised
 - Northbourne Avenue – current
 - Stuart Flats Manuka – upcoming
 - Strathgordon Phillip – upcoming
 - Gowrie Court Narrabundah – upcoming
 - Pre move – helping tenants to prepare for the move
 - During the move – support whilst moving
 - Post move – establishing connections and supports in the new communities
- Proposed developments - Holder, Chapman and Wright
 - Attended stakeholder meetings with the Public Housing Renewal Taskforce
 - Provided support to the community action groups

Q. You are assisting people with furniture. What is happening with blinds and window furnishings?

A. This is a huge issue. There is now a program through ACT Smart and St Vincent de Paul to furnish two windows. They have changed the policy but they are not retrofitting properties that people have already moved into.

Q. How much funding do you get from the federal government and the ACT government? Is it service specific or can you use it for whatever you want?

A. The majority is from four different directorates in the ACT government. My Aged Care and NDIS is from the federal government and is growing. Some areas get a lump sum and some is program specific. You have to apply a business mindset. It is difficult to forward plan.

Q. It is a huge job under difficult circumstances with unsuitable accommodation.

A. In Woden we are situated at the Youth Centre, behind Chemist Warehouse (head office), Smith Family and Callum Offices. We have one site in Belconnen.

Q. Of the many services, which ones are in Weston Creek and which can Weston Creek residents use?

A. We don't use post codes. Social inclusion, mental health services and the drop in centre can be used. Community development is in Woden Valley but we work closely with Communities@Work

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 July 2017

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

Moved: Chris Wilson

Seconded: Pat McGinn

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 26 July 2017

- The Holder Community Action Group have not said that they were against public housing

Treasurer's Report

- \$10,188-09 Main Account
- \$4,942-24 Fetherston Garden Account

Motion: That Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Chris Wilson

Seconded: Janice Paull

Carried.

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

- Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8.10pm for the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting re-opened at 8.27pm

General Business

Tom Anderson thanked Pat McGinn for her work as Acting Chair for the past year.

Public Housing

- The process started very badly
- The difficulties could have been avoided if there had been better consultation
- The Taskforce started meeting with the community and the Action Groups
 - They have listened
 - They can't change everything
 - They have done a good job.

Chapman

- It is an awkward site
 - close to a bush fire area
 - not close to facilities
- There is a very active group against it. They wanted to keep it as a park but it has never been zoned as a park
- There are now 20 units (originally 32)
- There will be two entrances coming off Darwinia Terrace
- The residences now have garages instead of carports
- The houses are semi-detached
- The houses will be one storey
- The boundary has been moved
- Some trees have been saved
- A bushfire escape route has been left for residents of Percy Crescent
- The Taskforce has worked out materials that are fire resistant and are similar to surrounding houses in terms of colour etc.

Holder

- The complex is down to 18 single storey cottages from 30 dwellings some of which were two storey.
- All dwellings will have a carport
- The garbage collection has been organised
- They have moved the development away from existing houses
- There will still be access to the playing fields
- The community will welcome residents

Wright

- The number of dwellings has reduced from 32 to 26 but the community wants it reduced further
- People are concerned about the facilities for public housing residents such as there are no shops
- The entrances to the dwellings has been moved
- All parking will be underground
- The dwellings were three storey and two storey and are now two storey and one storey
- Half of the community facilities site has been kept.
- The community will welcome residents.

Q. Does the size of the units vary from site to site?

A. The designs are different but similar in size – 2 bedrooms.

Q. Will there be more consultation around design and standards?

A. They have to comply with the same standards as other housing e.g. solar access, external materials. We will have a chance to look at this again when the DAs are lodged.

In relation to curtains the community should get together to help residents out.

Trenergy Square

- The work should be finished by Christmas.

Service Station

- The DA is in but not yet approved
- WCCC has made a submission with the following concerns:
 - There is not enough parking
 - There are two fast food outlets rather than one as originally discussed
 - The traffic survey is three years out of date
 - There is a need to look carefully where the entrances and exits are.

Q. Will there be lots of lights etc? This will be disruptive for people on North Weston.

A. Yes it will be but this land was zoned commercial when they bought their land. People had their say when the Technical Amendment was done.

Submissions

- Cemeteries
 - There is a new enquiry happening
 - In 2010 there was going to be one of Long Gully Road
 - WCCC will welcome a new cemetery on the Southside
 - WCCC does not agree with the extension of Woden cemetery.
- Woden Town Centre
 - The submission is due 15 September 2017
 - WCCC will support the Woden Valley Community Council
 - It is our town centre as well.
 - We do not want too much high rise
 - Planning needs to look at the whole complex rather than individual sites
 - There is a need to keep the green space.
- Territory Plan
 - There is a hearing on 6 October 2017

Q. Is it time to have a complete revamp of the Territory Plan?

A. We agree. There is a lot of lobbying for a major review. The hierarchy of shopping centres is still the same as the 1970s and doesn't work anymore. The Territory Plan is difficult for those who have to administer it. There is need to look at the social and cultural side not just the commercial side. Caroline Le Couteur is Chair of the Parliamentary Planning Committee which is looking at this.

- Billboards Committee
 - There has drawn the most submissions Committees ACT has ever had.
 - WCCC is not in favour of billboards.

Citizens Jury

- The Chief Minister has written regarding the Citizens Jury
- They are looking at third party insurance
- WCCC does not see the need for it

Q. Have all of the local members attended a WCCC meeting?

A. All but Bec Cody have. Caroline Le Couteur attends regularly. Chris Steel and Caroline Le Couteur have both gone to the Molonglo Valley Community Group. Chris Steele, Jeremy Hanson, Bec Cody and Caroline Le Couteur have been to ta Holder Action Group meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 27 September 2017
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Opening of Annual General Meeting

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Approximately 21 people attended the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the AGM held 31 August 2016 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 2016 Annual General Meeting as amended be approved.

Moved: Chris Wilson Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

WCCC Chair's Report

Tom Anderson gave the Chairman's Report. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

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

Moved: Tom Anderson Seconded: Chris Wilson Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Christine Wilson presented the audited Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Chris Wilson Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch 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 position these nominees were declared elected. There was no nominee for Secretary. Four nominations for committee members were received. Mr Wilson declared all nominees elected.

As there was no nominee for Secretary, Mr Wilson asked that people consider standing for the position and advise the incoming board if interested.

The new WCCC Committee will be:

Chair	Tom Anderson
Deputy Chair	Pat McGinn
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Chris Wilson
Committee Members	Max Kwiatkowski
	Shelby Schofield
	Janice Paull
	Jenny Adams

After congratulating the new committee, Mr. Wilson asked that the committee continue to push the issues outlined in the Chair's report. He then stood down and Tom Anderson resumed the role of Chair of the meeting.

There was a call for interested people to consider being on the committee as there are several vacant positions.

Tom Anderson thanked the committee for sharing the workload over the last year.

Tom Anderson declared the AGM closed at 8.26pm.