

DRAFT Minutes

Monthly Public Meeting - 28 March 2007

Weston Creek Community Council

ATTENDING

N Tregoning
R Drabsch
D McCarthy
N Colbert
R Genero
G Critcheon
J Burke
S Liebke

W Groves
H Shelton
C van Moort
B Sutherland
E Irvine
T Dalton
J Burke

(apologies for any incorrect spelling of people's names)

Apologies
J Carl

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting open 7.46 PM

1. Introduction of new Committee

A new Weston Creek Community Council committee was established following the resignation of several members of the Council, including the Chairperson. New members came forward at a special public meeting of the Weston Creek Community Council, held 28 February 2007, and were voted in by the existing committee members who attended the 14 March 2007 Weston Creek Community Council Committee meeting, in accordance with the Council's constitution. A number of people indicated interest in joining the Committee but did not attend the follow up 14 March 2007 meeting. These people are encouraged to still participate in the work of the Council. Note that Committee membership is limited to 10 people according to the constitution.

The new Committee is as follows,

Executive Chairperson	Tim Dalton
Deputy Chairperson	Eddie Irvine
Treasurer	Rosemary Drabsch
Secretary	Catharina van Moort
Executive Officers	Barbara Campbell Hilary Shelton
Committee	Noel Tregoning John Burke Wendy Groves Daniel McCarthy

2. Previous meeting minutes
Minutes from the previous meeting, 28 February 2007 Weston Creek Community Council public meeting, were read aloud and passed.
3. Incoming Chair introductory speech
Tim Dalton spoke briefly of his long-standing interest in joining the Weston Creek Community Council, which he acted upon after reading the article in the Chronicle calling for new members. He is looking forward to working with the new Council to make Weston Creek the best it can be.
4. Formal thanks to outgoing Committee members.
Meeting passed a motion formally thanking previous Weston Creek Committee Council members for their work.

5. Discussion of issues raised at previous meeting

Use of vacant school premises

The issues of vandalism and the future use of the recently closed school premises were again discussed. People are unclear on: who is making decisions about the future of the school sites; how the community can have input into the future use; and what the Government means by the term 'community use' when referring to future use. Some people expressed concern that any future use of the closed school sites be one which increases the land value and general nature of Weston Creek and others were concerned that the sites be accessible to community groups

Action

- i. Weston Creek Community Council write to the members of Molongolo asking what the ACT Government plans to do with the closed school sites.
- ii. Jackie Burke offered to investigate whether closed school sites are tagged to be used for aged care facilities.

Transport

Members from the Weston Creek Community Council recently attended a government transport forum. Many issues are arising. Tim Dalton invited interested people to consider forming a transport subcommittee of the Weston Creek Community Council to address these issues. Tim likewise invited people to form a planning subcommittee.

Street signage

The appropriateness of street signage by Video 2000 has previously been raised with the Council.

Action

- iii. Action - Bob Sutherland to follow up.

Civic redevelopment

Some people at the meeting were concerned about the lack of a Town Hall in Canberra and would like to write to the Government about this matter.

Electoral boundaries

The Council is aware that another Community Council has written a submission regarding proposed changes to the electoral boundaries which differs to the argument put forward by the Weston Creek Community Council.

Action

- iv. Weston Creek Community Council to submit a follow up submission.

6. Talk from APEX
The Weston Creek APEX group meets every 3rd Tuesday in the month and would like to invite new members to join. You need to be 45 year or under. Members of Apex work together to serve their

community's greatest needs by promoting service, fellowship and community spirit. Apex Clubs work in their local town or suburb, but through the strength of the National Association of Apex Clubs, also work together to tackle larger community or social problems. The group runs fundraisers and will work on key projects, such as fixing playgrounds. To find out more email Ryan spunkyryan@gmail.com

7. Other issues

Sewerage smell

The smell of sewerage is significant along the surrounds of Streeton Drive between the Cotter Road and Hindmarsh drive.

Action

- v. Weston Creek Community Council write a letter to the Member of Molongolo asking what can be done about reducing the smell.

Playground shade cloths

The issue of lack of shade over playgrounds in Weston Creek was raised.

Action

- vi. Weston Creek Community Council to investigate grants available to erect shade cloths.

Paths and Trails

Weston Creek Community Council is in discussion with the Canberra Off Road Cyclists organisation (CORC) to see how the two organizations can work together to improve multi use trails in the area. CORC has a lot of expertise in this area.

Next meeting

7.45 PM 2 May 2007

Weston Club

Meeting close 9.09 PM