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## **Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 1 May 2019**

### **Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm. The Chair, Tom Anderson, welcomed members and guests

**Apologies:** Caroline Le Couteur, Giulia Jones, Val Bland

24 people attended the meeting.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of 27 March 2019**

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

Moved: Rosemary Drabsch                      Seconded: Chris Wilson                      Carried.

#### **Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 27 March 2019**

- We are still waiting on a response to where platforms 1, 2 and 3 are.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Main Account                                      \$8,280.60
- Fetherston Garden Account                \$11,791.69

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

- Nil

#### **General Business**

##### **Buses**

- There are some issues around the new bus timetable which came into effect on 27 April.
- Some connections are now being missed.
- There is quite a walk from the bus stop outside Woolworths to the one in Parkinson Street to get a connecting bus.
- Some of the routes are better under the new timetable than they were before.
- Despite ACTION buses saying they won't review for a year experience indicates that they will tweak if necessary.
- There was no one at the Woden Bus Interchange to help with the new routes.

- Any comments can be given to Tom Anderson who will take them up with Transport Canberra and City Services and the Minister.

#### Age Friendly Suburbs

- Stirling has been chosen as one of the suburbs included in the project (the maps are on Facebook). Other suburbs are Narrabundah, Holt, Isabella Plains, Aranda and Campbell.
- There has been no consultation but they have said they will talk to us soon.
- These are all older suburbs that don't meet current standards
- They should look at public toilets. There are no public toilets in Weston Creek. They are needed in the local shopping centres such as Chapman.

#### Hydrotherapy Pool

- The pool at the Canberra Hospital is closing on 30 June 2019.
- There will be no pool on the Southside.
- There is a seven day wait to book the community bus to go to the Northside pool.
- The bus routes are not helpful.
- WCCC spoke to Minister Fitzharris who said they are looking to private providers on the Southside to provide the service. She also said that the Stromlo pool could be used. This is not the right size or the right temperature.

#### Q. Why is it closing?

A. They probably want the block for something else and it is old and needs repair. They could use the CIT site. John Stanhope as suggested that they have cut the health budget to pay for light rail.

#### Zapari development

- The plans still aren't ready.
- They spoke to the Committee on 21 February and they are still not ready.
- The prices of units in Molonglo, Woden and the Inner South have dropped by 6-8%.
- The new ACT planners are starting to apply the current rules as they should be applied.

#### Shops update

- Coombs has one shop opened – an Indian grocer
- Denman Prospect has an IGA.

#### Mens Shed

- It is up and running in Rivett.
- They have the old Parks and Gardens sheds.
- They meet twice a week.

#### Territory Plan Review (*Territory Plan and Land Management Act 1988*)

- The current plan is 2700 pages.
- It has been added to over time. There are 45 strategic principles, 23 zones and 159 codes.
- Sometimes it is too prescriptive and sometimes too flexible.
- The review will take three years and we need to keep our eye on the ball.
- We want flexibility v certainty for both developers and residents and no changes allowed after DAs are approved.
- There is virtually no consultation.

Q. What is the reason to change?

A. It is almost unworkable for developers and residents.

Q. Who is writing the document?

A. It was originally done in 1988. There is some legislation and some regulations. CCC has asked for a review of the Mr. Fluffy blocks. There are some disasters and some good outcomes.

#### Succession Planning

- We are looking for people to nominate for the Committee in August this year.
- Some Committee members will be standing down in August this year and one in August next year.
- We need people to go on the Committee or it will be a problem for Weston Creek.

#### Electoral Boundaries – ACT

- Act is required to redraw 5 electorates.
- WCCC has suggested that Woden Valley and Weston Creek stay together but Kambah may have to be split.
- The ALP and Liberals have a different view.

Q. Do what extent d they take account of Community Council boundaries?

A. There is some consideration.

#### Coombs Playground

- This is an ongoing issue
- They are proposing a big playground to cater for small children up to older teenagers
- An organisation called Friends of Holden Ponds is campaigning against it.
- The WCCC committee doesn't have a consensus view.

## **PRESENTATION**

The following Federal election candidates spoke for five minutes each:

- Therese Faulkner – Australian Progressives
- Tony Hanley – United Australia Party
- Jamie Christie – Independent
- Matt Donnelly – Liberal Democrats

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting Wednesday 26 June 2019</b> <b>Raiders Club, Liardet Street Weston</b></p>
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