

**Weston Creek Community Council
General Meeting, Wednesday, 27 February 2008, 7.45pm**

Tim Dalton opened the meeting at 7.45. He welcomed Dr Deb Foskey MLA, who had been invited to speak to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Catharina van Moort
Zed Seselja
Marion Kossatz
Tricia Hoad (Communities @ Work)

2. Motion of Condolence

A motion of condolence on the passing of Alan Synfield, a former Chairman of the Weston Creek Community Council, was passed by the meeting (Noel Tregoning/Barbara Brinton). Jeff Carl spoke briefly about Alan and his work with WCCC. A card will be sent to Mrs Pam Synfield from the members and committee of WCCC.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (27/11/2007) were accepted as presented (minutes are on the website and written copies were circulated at the meeting). (Eddie Irvine/Jeff Carl)

4. Speech by Dr Deb Foskey, MLA

As 2008 is an election year, WCCC has decided to invite candidates to speak at general meetings throughout the year. Dr Foskey was the first candidate to accept WCCC's invitation.

5. Treasurer's Report

John Burke gave a brief report on the state of WCCC's finances. WCCC has about \$200 in one account, and about \$750 in another. He said WCCC should receive a grant of \$5000 from the ACT Government within the next week.

6. General Business

6.1 Development Application for Block 5, Section 11, Chapman

Eddie Irvine told the meeting that a developer has applied to build a block of 18 units on Block 5, Section 11, Chapman—the former petrol station.

Deb Foskey said that there are often issues around the height and intensity of such a development, how far the building is set back, and how much open space is left around the building. She noted that 20 percent of the site is required to be open land.

Ann Olovson said that a group of nearby residents had made a submission in relation to this development. The development application has referred to "18 two-storey units" but the plans show 18 one-storey units.

Deb Foskey undertook to go and have a look at the site and the plans.

Tim Dalton said feedback received by WCCC indicated that residents are happy to have eyesore sites redeveloped, but do not want development that is too large or too intense for the particular site. He said WCCC will look into the matter.

Major concerns are:

- the process of consultation in relation to the Development Application;
- the amount of traffic that will have to use the small access road;

- the overwhelming height of the proposed building.

6.2 North Weston development: Block 11, Section 68—Caretaker's Cottage at old sewerage works

Peter Farrell spoke about the Caretaker's Cottage at the old sewerage works, where he lives. Tim Dalton undertook to find out more about ACTPLA's plans and the situation of the Cottage.

6.3 Possible purchase of a projector and a microphone

Tim Dalton asked members if they would agree to the purchase of a projector and a microphone for the WCCC, to facilitate meetings and presentations. He called for a show of hands, and a majority indicated they would favour the purchase.

6.4 Report on Submissions made by WCCC to ACT Government, December 2007

Eddie Irvine gave a brief report on the three submissions that the committee had prepared and submitted to the ACT Government. The submission topics were:

- Bus route 729 to be replaced by Express Route 727;
- North Weston development
- Molonglo development

Wendy Groves said 90 people had signed a petition about the bus route, and there was to be a meeting with Mr Hargreaves, the minister, on Thursday, 28 February 2008.

WCCC is keeping a watch on discussions about Canberra Airport, nearby development and flight paths.

Trevor Wilson said the Weston Creek sub-branch of the ALP had passed a motion of support for WCCC's submission asking for a new community centre and community park. He undertook to request a copy of the motion for the WCCC.

6.5 WCCC newsletter

Tim Dalton said the committee is looking at producing a bi-monthly newsletter, to be distributed by mailbox drop.

7. Other Business

7.1 Community recreation park

Several members spoke about concerns they have in relation to night-time use of the skateboard park and nearby car-parks by rowdy young people. There has been a lot of bad behaviour and noise in the early hours, the police are not willing to attend, and residents are concerned that improvement of facilities as a result of the WCCC submission might just make matters worse.

Eddie Irvine asked the members to send an email to WCCC with information about this matter.

WCCC has received two letters objecting to the proposed park.

7.2 Bike bridge near Scrivener Dam

George Bell said the bike bridge near Scrivener Dam has been closed since 11 February for repair, and is likely to be closed for two to three months. Many people use it as their primary route to work, and there is no alternate access without going on major roads. He asked WCCC if the issue could be raised with the ACT government to try to get the work done

more quickly.

Jacqui Burke said she would take up the issue.

The meeting was closed at 9.30.