

## **Record of Meeting**

**Wednesday, 7 September 2011**

1. The Chair, Shirley Lithgow, welcomed attendees, including Caroline Le Couteur MLA.
2. Apologies were received from Jenny Stewart; David Menzel; Vicki Dunne MLA; Zed Seselja MLA; Jeremy Hanson MLA; and Brendan Smyth MLA.

### ***Record of WVCC Meeting held on 3 August 2011***

3. The draft minutes were amended to replace 'Alex Watson' with 'Alex Murray' in paragraph 8.
4. Minutes as amended were accepted. Moved by Mike Reddy; seconded by Howard Carew.

### ***Update on Pitch and Putt issue.***

5. Luc Lombardo, Chair of Pitch and Putt Club, reported that he had recently met with Jack Rice, President of the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) to discuss the pitch and putt issue. Whilst there was no resolution on the matters of difference, Mr Rice undertook to continue a dialogue with the Pitch and Putt Club.
6. Dr Lombardo reported that the future of the Pitch and Putt site now hinges on Minister Corbell's decision as to whether he will use his call-in power to reject or approve the CSCC's development application.
7. Shirley Lithgow reported that she and Jenny Stewart also met with Mr Rice and other CSCC board members. A compromise that would ensure the continuation of the pitch and putt facility was not reached. There was however agreement for continuing dialogue.

### ***Hearing on objections to the Augmented ACT Electoral Commission's proposal on the redistribution of electoral boundaries***

8. Martin Miller, committee member, reported on the Commission's hearing on objections to the Augmented ACT Electoral Commission's proposal on the

redistribution of electoral boundaries held on 31 August. Under the proposal the Woden Valley would continue to be divided between the electorates of Molonglo and Brindabella.

9. Mr Miller outlined an alternative proposal that would satisfy the Commission's distribution criteria and locate all of the Woden Valley in a single electorate.

### **Building quality in the ACT**

10. Craig Simmons, Director of Construction Services in the ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate addressed the meeting on the issue of building quality in the ACT and steps the Government is taking to make the relevant legislation more usable. Craig noted that an increase in the number of staff in his unit was helping it to respond better to the large number of calls it received from the public.

11. Mr Simmons' presentation touched on many issues including: site signage; demerit point system to help regulate tradespeople and architects; and how increased effort in compliance would help raise the quality of domestic and commercial building.

12. Mr Simmons fielded questions from the meeting on:

- ensuring OH & S requirements were complied with;
- the mechanics of compliance; and
- how far back the Act reaches.

### **Draft Aquatic Plan**

13. Martin Miller gave a brief overview of the recently released draft plan. The meeting discussed the plan especially as it related to the future of the Phillip Pool.

### **WVCC Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 5 October**

14. The Chair reminded the meeting that the AGM would be held in conjunction with the October monthly meeting. She encouraged people to consider nominating for executive positions or for positions on the Committee.

### **Planning Report**

15. Shirley Lithgow reported that there were no significant new development applications to report on. She noted that WVCC had submitted an objection to ACTPLA on the Woden Green development application. Hindmarsh, on behalf of the joint venture, was proposing to reduce resident parking spaces from the required 1.5 spaces to one space for each two bedroom flat.

16. WVCC's concern is that this would result in over-spill parking in neighbouring areas as has happened in Braddon and Turner. It is felt that public transport would need to be significantly improved before any proposal to reduce car usage could begin to be considered.

17. The Committee's other concern is that only 76 per cent of apartments and only 64 per cent of private open space at ground level will achieve the minimum requirements for solar access during the winter solstice.

### **Draft Variation 306**

18. Shirley Lithgow reported that the extended deadline for comments on Draft Variation No. 306 to the Territory Plan (DV306) had closed. The provisions of DV306 affected residential estate development, solar access and consolidation of blocks in established suburbs. WVCC's comments (submitted by the earlier deadline) were emailed to all on the WVCC email list.

19. Last week Jenny Stewart represented the Council at a meeting on DV306 called by the Canberra Business Council involving representatives of the planning associations and institutes and the community councils

20. Ms Lithgow reported that she understood the Business Council and others have concerns about some of the proposals in DV306—for example—the reduced size of blocks in the newer areas will make it difficult if not impossible for developers to meet the proposed solar access requirements. She also understood that the Business Council will be calling for more work to be done on DV306.

### **Treasurer's Report**

21. Henry Hatch reported that WVCC's financial statements were currently being audited prior to the Annual General Meeting.

22. The Annual General Meeting of the WVCC will be held at the Woden Hellenic Club on Wednesday, 5 October 2011.