

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

Record of Meeting

Wednesday 2 October 2013

1 The Deputy Chair, Mike Reddy, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2 Record of WVCC Meeting of 4 September accepted.

Apologies were received from Steve Dospot, MLA, Shirley Lithgow, Brendon Smyth and Martin Miller

3 Station Sergeant Steve Hogarth provided an AFP update on current police matters affecting the Woden Valley.

Sergeant Hogarth provided a comprehensive appreciation of the work of the Woden Police Station. Performance indicators were outlined. It was noted that whilst an average of \$70K was stolen per week in the Woden Valley, crime generally was down some 30% in the Woden area. Current staffing at the Station was sixty-six officers. Bulk of the losses occurred between 9-11am and 3-6pm on weekdays in the Plaza; schoolkids mainly responsible.

Sergeant Hogarth fielded a number of questions, answers to which offered good insights into policing activities in the ACT and Queanbeyan.

4 Woden See-Change: Audrey Severino and Tony Edwards provided a well-documented & illustrated presentation of a number of their current projects. These included projects in schools, sustainability issues, solar installations and bulk buying economies. Special attention was given to community gardens and the provision of vegetables.

Illustrated pamphlets outlining the various See-Change programs were provided.

Reports:

5 Chris Erett reported on talks with the ACTION Bus administration and ongoing development of schedules. He noted that the ACTION bus website contains a survey which people could complete to provide additional information. Current developments with the My Way bus cards were outlined.

6 Recent community consultation re blocks 13 and 15, Section 3 (Woden Tradies Development) were reported. Although objections were discussed and design modifications canvassed, matters have not yet been resolved. Overshading is still an issue.

7 Local member, Andrew Wall, Liberal MLA and shadow minister for indigenous affairs, small business and disability issues gave an interesting outline of his appreciation of government activities in these three areas. Though quite young, his was an impressive presentation of his approach to his work in the Assembly.

8 The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the next meeting, as Henry Hatch has been away.

9 and 10 No report on the Planning and Development forum; nil general business.

11 Other business: It was noted that the Woden Valley Festival program, planned for Eddison Park, was under development.

12 Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 November 2013 in the Hellenic Club.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:25pm.

Timoshenko Aslanides,

Minutes Secretary