

**Woden Valley Community Council Inc.**  
**Record of Meeting in Hellenic Club**  
**Wednesday 1 July 2015**

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. There were no apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 3 June 2015 were approved.
- 3 ACT Government Minister **Shane Rattenbury, MLA**, provided a summary of planned expenditure from the 2015-16 ACT Budget for the Woden Valley. These include upgrades to Phillip Oval, \$6.2M (new indoor facilities, FIFA accredited soccer facility), to Woden Park, \$7.2M (football pitch and grass work) and to the Woden Cemetery, which on current trends will be full by 2018. The Cemetery Authority has proposed an additional three hectares, which should service community needs for the next 15-20 years. A proposal to allow “natural burials” (internment “standing upright”) is being considered.

The sum of \$3.25M has been committed for the next stage of the Woden Bus Interchange upgrade and revisions of the bus timetable will provide services at more evenly-spaced intervals, especially on the Erindale/Woden routes. On-time running was noted at 79% (up from a previously-measured 73%), customer satisfaction 76% (up from 65%). It is expected that some 98% of the fleet will soon have provision for bike rack mounts. Options for more-flexible bus services for people with disabilities were canvassed.

**Questions** from the floor included concerns about the effect of proposed paid parking on small businesses in Phillip. The Minister “took this on board”. Pedestrian access to an area of the new bus interchange was raised; the Minister said he would ask TAMS for maps and see “what could be done”. The fencing-off of a southern section of cemetery was queried; the Minister promised to follow this up. The Minister was also asked about the Cemetery Authority’s 2010 report: had it been put aside? Work was proceeding and medium term issues were being addressed.

- 4 **David Carr**, a Board member of Project Independence, a not-for-profit organisation designing and building housing for people with intellectual disabilities, introduced proposed developments for Phillip. It was stressed that Project Independence is not public housing: subject to certain requirements, selected residents can expect to be able to purchase a modest, but well-designed unit, typically constructed in groups of ten. A site in Harrison is under construction and a two-storey model is proposed for Latham. The DA for the Phillip development will be made later this year.
- 5 **Emily Springett** and **Lynette Marsh** from the ACT Asbestos Taskforce outlined issues associated with the pilot demolitions of houses involved in the Mr Fluffy program. Five houses are involved. Details involving site set-up, internal asbestos removal, external demolition and site remediation and wrap-up, a process taking from four to six week, were given. Questions from the floor dealt with security and the issue of dual occupancy.
- 6 The update on the ACT Basin Priority Project was held over.
- 7 **Stella Maoudis** and **C. Wicks** presented an update on, and local community response to, the Goodwin Homes development; it seems that some nearby residents have

objected to apparent excessive height and overshadowing. The DA for this development was lodged on 1 July 2015.

- 8 The meeting closed at 9:40pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 5 August 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

**Timoshenko Aslanides**

Minutes Secretary