

**Woden Valley Community Council Inc.**  
**Record of Meeting, Hellenic Club,**  
**Wednesday 2 December 2015**

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. The passing of our Treasurer, Henry Hatch, was noted with much sadness; he had served the Council for several years. His funeral, administered by Tobin Brothers, was set down for 11am, 3 December, in Belconnen.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting for 4 November, 2015 were approved.
- 3 **Ben Riches**, from the Environment and Planning Directorate, provided a presentation on the final Master Plans for Woden and Mawson and the Draft Curtin Master Plan. Objectives and strategies of the former two plans, which were released in November 2015, were outlined.

Key challenges for the Woden Plan included condition of public spaces, lack of after-hours activities, pressures on car parking, pedestrian/cyclist connectivity, and declining employment opportunities. Issues for the Mawson Group Centre, including the potential for Mawson Place becoming more of a main street, building height restrictions and the area's potential as a transport hub were noted. Land use changes allowing for high density residential developments along Atthlon Drive, and at the corner of Atthlon and Mawson Drives, were recommended. Questions from the floor touched on space allocation for a new "Aldi-style" supermarket in Mawson, extension to the cemetery (being considered), access to the public library from the cycle path, and the need for better management of wetlands and the water feature in Eddison Park.

The Draft Curtin Master Plan was discussed in detail. Community feedback has been invited and will close on 5 February 2016. Stage 1 issues include solar access for the internal courtyards, layout of the car park, improved connections to the centre and the provision of a rapid transport stop. Particular challenges involve the aging population and slow population growth, lack of after-hours activities and the limitations on development generally. It is anticipated that the final plan will be released mid-2016.

- 4 **Ian Mackay**, CEO of the Southern Cross Club, gave a detailed outline of the Club's plans for the former Pitch and Putt site. Following a reported drop in membership to 35, this facility was closed in February 2013. Detailed illustration of plans for the four (and possibly five), floors in the proposed new Health and Wellness Centre on the site were shown. Investment of the order of \$15million was mooted. Questions from the floor included an Aqua Therapy Pool (dropped from the plan as unviable), solar panels (yes), access to car parking (under consideration) and fee structure for members (not yet decided).
- 5 Under General Business: audited accounts for the Woden Valley Community Council were passed; Farrer residents informed the meeting that the Farrer Aged Care Facility had been approved, despite the lodging of 39 critical submissions. Affected residents

plan to lodge an ACAT appeal. **Jenny Stewart** was thanked for organising and hosting the “Reflections” event on 15 November; Judy from Woden Community Services reported that the Woden Youth Centre is functioning well; the Woden Men’s Shed proposal is progressing slowly. **Mike Reddy** noted that the government will implement use of a “keycard” for access to Park and Ride facilities, having found that a number of people are using them purely for parking (and not riding) and consideration is being given to the WVCC producing a “flyer” to publicise its activities, next year.

- 6 The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm for end-of-year Drinks and Nibbles.

The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 7:30pm at a venue to be advised.

**Timoshenko Aslanides**

Minutes Secretary,

15 December, 2015