

Woden Valley Community Council
Record of Meeting, Woden Youth Centre
7 pm Wednesday 7 March 2018
MLAs in attendance: Caroline Le Couteur and Bec Cody
Estimated attendance: Sixty

- 1 Acknowledgement of country.
- 2 **Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick**, welcomed attendees. There were apologies from Chris Erret, Lauren Bradley and Sgt Karen Drake OIC Woden. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 February 2018, were approved. Painting will start on the Melrose Drive mural on 23 April.
- 3 **Chair Report: Fiona Carrick** thanked Hayden Page, manager of Woden Youth Centre for allowing this month's meeting here. Alternative considered was the Woden library but it does not permit evening access to its meeting rooms. The Lyons Fair is on 23 March 2018 and the Curtin Fair will be held on 14 April 2018.

4 Presentations

(a) Community - Woden Youth Centre – Mr Hayden Page Woden Community Services:

Expressed how happy he was to host the WVCC public meeting and community oriented events in their centre. The Youth Centre works to engage students in the 12-25 years age bracket. It provide detail instructions and support as required over a period of time in relation to family, employment, housing and school. This engagement enables their voices to be heard. This also helps during transition from primary school to high school. The Woden Square has been booked by the Centre to show off their members' music talent. National Youth Week is starting from 13 April.

Fiona and Hayden acknowledged the successful inaugural scooter competition held on 3 March 2018.

(b) Community – Police update – Sgt Simon Coady on behalf of Sgt Karen Drake

Sgt Coady expressed concern about the anti-social behaviour at the bus interchange and outside the Youth Centre and stated that the Police are trying to work through strategies to combat the anti-social behaviour. First more boots on the ground, reduce the shrubbery to reduce opportunities to drink and not be seen (so they can be seen from the road and the staff at the bus interchange), repair and improve the lighting and introduce CCTV cameras as a deterrent. This will also assist the police should something happen.

Qu: Noticed that Anderson St, Chifley has had more break in and burglaries in the last 6 months. Sgt Coady noted that more people are moving into the area.

There was a discussion about providing recreational facilities for young people so they can be busy and engaged.

Updated the community on Police activities in Woden. Six new recruits and two extra patrol cars are joining the police. This is very timely given the growing demands particularly the rapid increase in population in the new suburbs of Coombs and Denman Prospect in Molonglo.

5 Development

- **Curtin shops update – by Mr Robin Stanton** tensions between development and the community. The Master Plan started in 2015 but is still in draft form. The DA was rejected and three community forums were held to have another look at the planning for the precinct. This process has not been finalised. Developers are working on a new DA and we expect it in the coming months.
- **Murrumbidgee MLAs – Bec Cody:** Thanked Hayden for the meeting at the Youth Centre so she could attend as she has taken a stand against the Southern Cross Club because they don't pay penalty rates. Apologised about not being able to attend the full meeting because of personal engagement. Thanked the Manager of Woden Youth Centre for doing amazing work. She reminded Tuggeranong does not have a youth centre like Woden. We need to protect what is in Woden as it is a very good place in Canberra. We cannot think about one part of the community and ignore others. Chair of the Select Committee into End of Life Care Choices, submissions due by 23 March 2018.

Audience - Advertisement of the End of Life Care Choices not obvious.

Fiona to send link to YourSay for submissions

Ms Pinkas noted that Woden does not have a community/cultural hub and we need to advocate for it. There was a discussion about the lack of community facilities.

- **Housing Choices – Ms Gina Pinkas:** explained the different zones for housing choices and RZ1 zones in particular which we need to be protected to maintain the diversity of housing choices. Everyone should do the online survey which is due to close on 9 March to give your opinions. Also looking at changes to RZ2 to RZ4 to make them higher densities.
- **Report into the draft Variation to the Territory Plan for Woden – Ms Caroline Le Couteur - Murrumbidgee MLA:** Not speaking on behalf of the Planning committee. Caroline highlighted the zoning changes in DV344. Athlon Drive changes from RZ2 to RZ4, Arabanoo Park from open green space to mostly Community Facility land and the corner of Hindmarsh Dve and Callum St to RZ5.

Building heights in the 2004 and 2015 Master plans and the 2012 and 2016 Precinct codes were discussed. It was noted that there is only one high rise ladder in Canberra.

- Many of the 31 recommendations by the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal for the Woden Town Centre were not about zoning. Building heights should not overshadow public amenity or residences and provide adequate solar access in the town square in winter. Woden needs urban renewal. Concerned about the lack of community facilities. There could opportunity to use Callum Offices and the CIT sites but do not use more of our green spaces for buildings.

There is a need to retain space for the tree canopies and development of wetlands in the waterway. To be a sustainable and liveable city as our climate changes, we must protect and grow our green spaces and urban trees. The Greens have been working to develop urban wetlands across Canberra for over a decade.

- 6 Other business:** The meeting finished at 9:50 pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be at 7 pm on 4 April 2018 at The Canberra Southern Cross Club.

For detail discussion about the meeting and slides please go to WVCC website.

Secretary