

JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2008

1. PRESENT

Lyn Edwards, Verona Armstrong, Val Treverrow, Dorothy Lawson, Dwayne Keefe, Brian Brown, Kim Howatson, Maureen Connolly, David Hope, Trish Cotrill, David Barger, Phil Turner, Paul Whalan, Doug Gordon, Tania Rynne, David Batty, Margot Sachse.

2. APOLOGIES

Mark Croxford, Val Barger, Kathryn Tse.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: Tania Rynne **Seconded:** Doug Gordon **Carried.**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

-Roads Display – The management of the Jerra Village shops are happy for the Council to set up a display of the plans for Edwin Land Parkway and Dunns Creek Road at the shopping centre. QCC will letterbox drop every home in Jerrabomberra prior to the display going ahead.

-Flight Paths – carried over to item 8c.

-Charity Bins – Brian followed up this item with phone calls to the charities involved and they are going to have them emptied more often.

-Councillor's conflict of interest – if a councillor is a member of the JRA but not on the executive committee, they do not have a conflict of interest when issues pertaining to Jerrabomberra or the JRA arise.

-Damaged Tomsitt Dr. road signs – new signs have been ordered.

-JRA notice boards on Tomsitt Dr – will be inspected by council staff and repaired as long as there is no major work to be done.

-Damaged lights at Jerra Shops – QCC have been liaising with the owner to fix the lights but there has been no action.

-Anti-social behaviour at Tavern – the Regional Liquor Accord has not met for some time as the Road Safety Officer has left and the position has only just been filled. This issue will be raised at their next meeting.

-Malicious damage – this issue will be discussed at 8g) below.

-Off lead areas – Council rangers will be more actively patrolling the area for dogs off lead and also promoting the new dog off-lead area.

-Traffic congestion at building sites – Council are unable to assist as this is a police matter.

-Guard rail in Jerrabomberra Circle – provision for this will be referred for consideration in the 2007/08 management plan.

-Storm water retention ponds – the ponds have been primarily designed as water quality control ponds to minimise discharge into Jerrabomberra Creek and also the wetlands. The ponds collect sediment but are cleaned up when needed and this has recently been done on the pond near Rosewood Glen.

-Canoeing – this activity is permissible on Lake Jerrabomberra for all residents.

-Jerrabomberra Park – this park will be located between Mariners Court and Tamarind Place and is still in the design stage. Mr Tim Geyer, the Manager of Parks and Recreation, is overseeing this project and all enquiries should be directed to him.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Philippa Moss QCC – Funding for the Malicious Damage Plan

Susan English – Preschool Update

Frank Pangallo QCC – Community Issues JRA

M.Sachse – Report from the CAANF

Mike Kelly – Confirming attendance to our March meeting

Canberra Investment Corp – Googong New Town, Concept master plan

John Doherty DOTARS – Canberra Airports ANEF

Tim Geyer QCC – Agenda Aquatic Centre working party

A.Kerlin GCC – C4C issues

P.Moss QCC – Liquidfest youth party

D.Duckworth – Airport expansion article, Chronicle 12/2/08

Extract of Hansard – ACT Leg. Assembly 12/2/08

M.May – AVWatch #2917

G.Willans – Sydney Airport

Copy of Daily Telegraph article – No change to Sydney airport curfew

M.May – Submission by Nth Canb. Comm. Council to CIA draft master plan 2008

High St. Christian Centre – Life Care & Preservation Seminar

K.White – JRA matter

I.Daglis – QCC display

R.Kafer – JRA matters

J.Avery – JRA matters

J.Bowles – JRA matters

N & T Overall – JRA matter

M.Maunder – CAANCF Agenda

J.Monty – JerraOnline is live!

O.Stefanovic – Edwin Land Parkway

D.Carswell QCC – 600 Houses

G.Willard – South Jerrabomberra

R.Bradley – Online business directory

G.Willard – meeting with F.Sartor

D.Collins – Farewell message from T.Robinson

D.Carswell – JRA Googong submission

N.McCann – Parking details for next CAANCF

R.Bastion – Liquidfest

N.McCann – CIA submission on Googong

G.Harvey – Change of email address

Riverview Group – JRA Poplars
J.Bowles – Night flight to ill health
B & T Blewitt – No longer members
A.Dance – Dev. Application withdrawal (The Poplars)

6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

QCC – Community Issues
Canb. Int. Airport – JRA submission
Cabinet Secretariat – Meetings with Iemma and Sartor in Cooma
A.Walters & A.Corsoy – new email address
A.Albanese – JRA’s submission to 2008 CIA draft master plan
F.Sartor – JRA Issues
S & P Cregan – new email address
A.Kerlin – copy of email to Chief Minister
JRA members on email – Message from the JRA
Press Release – Please Jon, give us accurate information on aircraft noise
F.Sartor – Followup letter after Cooma meeting
G.Chapman QCC – JRA’s Googong submission
F.Pangallo QCC – JCC Issues
M.McGee – March Newsletter
M.Britton – March Newsletter
C.Hunter – March Newsletter

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Tania advised that the balance as at 26 February 2008 was \$4,382-96. \$105 had been received for new and renewal subscriptions. Cheques were made out for Fair Trading \$70 and stationery \$21. We currently have just under 180 financial members. Funding for C4C – All the community groups comprising Curfew 4 Canberra have contributed \$100 to help with the expenses involved in setting up and registering this group.

Motion: That we contribute \$100 to Curfew 4 Canberra

Proposed: Brian Brown **Seconded:** Margot Sachse **Carried.**

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted

Moved: Tania Rynne **Seconded:** Lyn Edwards **Carried.**

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley-Update – As a result of an article that appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph today, attempting to link Frank Sartor and political donations from Village Building Company to him approving the Tralee development. He took the floor in Parliament for about 20 minutes today, stressing the communities need for more land to be released and showing the petition signed by 680 residents in favour of land at Tralee and Environa being released in order that the High School and other community facilities may proceed. It

was suggested that a meeting with Steve Whan should now take place to keep things on track for the school and also that we draft a media release in preparation for a decision. <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/hansart.nsf/V3Key/LA20080227021>

Margot will be meeting with Gary Humphries on Thursday 6 March regarding the need for an independent validation of the airport contours as part of the Curfew for Canberra Group.

Village Building Co (VBC) lodged a Development Application (DA) for the school on The Poplars with Council in January and Canberra International Airport (CIA) took them to court stating that they were in breach of the current injunction. VBC are now looking at another site, closer to Hume, for the school.

ACTION: Organise a meeting with Steve Whan & draft a media release.

b) Googong Submission – The JRA’s Googong submission was lodged just prior to the closing date of 15 February focusing on traffic issues and Dunns Creek Road. On completion, Googong will be nearly three times the size of Jerrabomberra, with a population of 25,000, and it is imperative that Dunns Creek Road be completed in order to take traffic from Googong to link up with the Monaro Highway rather than being siphoned through Jerrabomberra via Edwin Land Parkway. Frank Sartor has indicated that he will consider a Part 3A process for both Tralee and Googong simultaneously which will speed up the process.

The duplication of the section of road between the Monaro Highway and Shepherd Street was to have been started before Christmas last year and we are still waiting to hear from ACTPLA as to when this will commence.

ACTION: Margot to contact ACTPLA regarding this.

c) Airport Draft Master Plan submission – Each member of the committee worked on a small section of this submission then all the sections were combined to produce the final submission. Margot thanked everyone for their great effort and a job well done.

It has come to our attention that most people who lodged a submission to the Airport Draft Masterplan were contacted by Tom Snow from the airport and one of our members gave a brief outline of the conversation that transpired. Members reported that Mr Snow said that the number of aircraft in the future will not be as high as what is stated in the various reports.

d) Curfew4Canberra (C4C) Update – C4C is made up of a number of community organizations including Pialligo, Gungahlin, North Canberra, Watson, Narrabundah, Campbell, Hackett and the JRA and other groups have contacted C4C with the intention to join as soon as they have formal approval from their respective Community Councils.

Aircraft noise is a problem for all these communities and with the publication of the 2008 Draft Preliminary Master Plan, we are now on notice that it is going to get a lot worse.

On 4 March 2008, Virgin will be bringing a plane into Canberra at 11.25pm – it is supposed to be landing from the north but we will have to wait and see! A petition is being circulated now and it was proposed that we have this available when we are selling Easter Raffle tickets.

The recent public meeting organised by C4C and Deb Foskey of the ACT Greens was well attended by about 80 people – less than 15 were from Jerrabomberra which, in itself, shows that this is a significant problem for Canberra residents and is in no way isolated to Jerrabomberra.

C4C wrote to Dr. Mike Kelly AM MP, Member for Eden-Monaro, about the airport's plan to build a parallel runway and he stated that the Department of Defence will make a submission to the Airport; they do not intend to sell the land east of Glenora Drive (road up to Fairbairn) which should affect the viability of the parallel runway.

Curfew4Canberra website is www.curfew4canberra.org.au and can also be accessed through the JRA website at www.jra.asn.au

e) Edwin Land Parkway Community Consultation/Dunns Creek Rd –

Representatives from Council were to attend this meeting with plans for the Edwin Land Parkway (ELP) and Dunns Creek Road (DCR) however, these plans have not been finalised yet so it was proposed that we have a special meeting with council to view the ELP and DCR plans.

Motion: That the JRA hold a special meeting with QCC staff to view the plans for Edwin Land Parkway and Dunns Creek Road.

Moved: Margot Sachse **Seconded:** Tania Rynne **Carried.**

f) Margot recently met with David Larcombe, owner of The Poplars, and his business partner, David Maxwell - they are preparing concept plans for commercial development (eg. Office space) on The Poplars and would like the JRA to be included as part of the consultation forum. It was suggested that we include this item in the special meeting with QCC staff regarding Edwin Land Parkway and Dunns Creek Road. As a result of the NSW Government planning review, The Poplars will not have any houses built on it and also a huge parcel of land will be handed over to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

g) Malicious Damage Crime Prevention Plan-funding – Dwayne Keefe is the JRA's representative on this matter and he has recently had talks with Phillipa Moss from QCC. This plan will be going on public exhibition in early March and Council will be seeking submissions from the public. Once the funding has been approved, it should be implemented within 12 months. Dwayne has supplied the JRA with a form letter which could be copied to send to Gary Chapman, QCC General Manager, requesting Council

consider fully funding the Malicious Damage Crime Prevention Plan in the next Management Plan process.

h) Bendigo Bank – More than 30 people attended a meeting organised by Brian Brown (JRA) and Ray Chappell (Bendigo Bank) and facilitated by Queanbeyan City Council on 21 February 2008 in which Ray Chappell and Allan Donnelly from the Bungendore Branch advised what was required to set up a branch here in Jerrabomberra. Ray and Allan received an enthusiastic reception from those that attended and many thousands of dollars were pledged on the night; not bad considering our pledge campaign has not yet started! Brian Brown is in the process of collecting applicants' names for the Steering Committee and the names for this should be decided soon. The first role of the Steering Committee will be to organise the Pledge Campaign whereby we will approach all in the community to be a part of our Community Bank and “Pledge” how many shares they would like to purchase (as little as \$500!). Any enquiries please contact Brian Brown on 62999613.

i) Easter Raffle update – Lyn advised that things are well underway – 20 prizes have been collected, the sign is currently being made up and tickets will be sold at the shops during the month of March and also at the Rotary Fair on 29 March. Steve Whan, Member for Monaro, will draw the winning tickets at 2pm at the fair. The raffle will also be advertised in the JRA March Newsletter.

j) Aquatic Centre Working Group update – Margot advised that this group will be meeting tomorrow, 28 February, and will go through the Jerrabomberra Regional Aquatic Centre concept plan in detail. Margot advised that there are still some council staff who would like to see this facility in Hoover Road but the consensus of opinion from the meeting was that it should be within walking distance of schools – if it is in Jerrabomberra it will be within walking distance of the primary and high schools. If it is located in Jerrabomberra, it will also attract NSW regional funding as it will be in the centre of the future Queanbeyan.

k) JCC Car Park Re-development – The current dirt carpark at the community centre is soon to be tarred and should go to tender in about 2 weeks time. It is planned that the work will take place during school holidays in order to minimise disruption however, a temporary carpark will be available in the interim. There will be no entry or exit into Firethorn Place and it was also suggested that a gate could be installed to keep hoons out when the carpark is not being used at night.

Residents are urged to notify Council the next day if anti-social behaviour is being witnessed in the carpark. The JRA have been advised that this is happening however, Council have no formal record of these complaints.

l) Pre-School update – Susan English advised that she is still waiting for responses from the Federal Government and Minister Greene regarding funding for a preschool in Jerrabomberra. Rod Pymont and the Queanbeyan Preschool Association are still working on the business plan and will be receiving some assistance from a consultant

thanks to some funding from QCC. She will keep us posted when more information comes to hand.

m) Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Forum (CAANCF) – Margot advised that the noise abatement areas have not been legislated in Canberra and the ACT Government is building houses under the noise abatement areas in Gungahlin, but the airport fails to focus on the ACT issues, just Tralee. With 17% of the departures over Tralee compared to 60% over Gungahlin, the airport continues to misrepresent the facts relating to aircraft noise to the local community.

In 2002, AirServices Australia (ASA) wrote to say that they won't be moving the noise abatement areas.

Margot has requested a copy of the scientific report from Stephen Byron referred to on his WINTV interview 8 February 2008 regarding poor school performances when under a flight path, as this contradicts the results from Jerrabomberra Primary School.

Margot also advised that she has gained a meeting with the airport tower manager to gain a better understanding of the operations of the airport.

n) \$1,000 Reward – Dwayne Keefe brought up the matter of the QCC offering a reward of \$1,000 for reporting malicious damage. This policy is lacking support from both Council and police and there seems to be no clear guidelines in place to make this a simple matter for members of the general public to be able to claim the reward.

ACTION: Dwayne to write to Gary Chapman at QCC.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.25pm

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre and any JRA member is welcome to attend.