**BELCONNEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Community Room, Belconnen Library Tuesday 17 September 2019**

Approximately 13 people attended the meeting. There were 3 members of the 2018 committee present:, Charles Thomas, Bronwyn Vincent and Maree Pavloudis.

Past committee members who attended; Mary Van de Graaff, Brian Rhynehart, Damien Hass.

Greg Lloyd conducted the AGM.

Tara Cheyne MLA was also present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Glen Hyde.

**2. AGM Business**

Greg Lloyd gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

The AGM commenced at 7:08 pm with a welcome address by Greg Lloyd.

All the reports were available in hard copy at the front of the meeting room. The meeting was advised that as the number of nominations received for positions were less than the available positions, and there were no competing nominations, there would be no requirement to hold elections.

**(a) Chair's Annual Report**

The Chairs’ Annual Report was read out by the Acting Deputy Chair Greg Lloyd, which summarised the Committee's achievements over the past 12 months.

He thanked the outgoing committee members, Matthew Halsted and Martyn Styles. Special thanks went to Mary for the significant role she played as Treasurer for the BCC and we are hopeful she might return once her health has improved. A very special tribute went to Damien for his 14 years of committed service to the BCC and the many roles he has played during that time. Thanks to the returning committee members and welcome to new members Greg Lloyd and Clayton Browne.

Motion: To accept the Chair's report as presented. Moved by Bruce Harper and seconded by Bronwyn Vincent- Passed

**(b) Minutes of the previous AGM**

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were distributed to the meeting.

Motion: To accept the 2017 AGM minutes as presented. Moved by Brian Rhynehart and seconded by Charles Thomas- Passed

**(c ) Audited Accounts**

The Treasurer distributed the 2017-18 audited accounts.

Motion: To accept the audited accounts as presented. Moved by Mary van de Graaf and seconded by Bruce Harper– Passed

**(d) Public Officers announcement of 2O18 -19 BCC Committee**

Greg Lloyd declared all Committee positions vacant. He then announced that all nominated members had been appointed to the positions for which they had nominated. Positions were filled as follows:

Chair: Glen Hyde

Deputy Chair: Greg Lloyd

Treasurer: Maree Pavloudis

Secretary: Bronwyn Vincent

Committee Members: Charles Thomas, Clayton Brown

Nominations were then called from the floor and the following positions were filled:

Committee Member: Bors Peeters.

Motion: To accept the new committee. Moved by Brian Rhynehart and seconded by Bruce Harper– Passed

The new Deputy Chair, Greg Lloyd welcomed the newly appointed committee.

 **(e) Appointment of auditor for 2018/19**

Motion: To appoint Mr Richard Trevanion as BCC auditor for 2019/20. Moved by Mary Van de Graaff and seconded by Bronwyn Vincent - Passed

The business of the AGM concluded at 7:22 PM.

An informal General Meeting followed the AGM.

Tara Cheyne MLA gave an update.

No word still on the KFC sight.

No change to the situation at the Geocon Republic sight. Any complaints should be directed to Access Canberra to have a compliance officer attend.

Art Space-a collaboration between the Belconnen Arts Centre and the Belconnen Community Centre has been successful. They have been utilising the green space behind the Library and bringing the area alive.

The board walk expansion of the Arts Centre, tender is now closed and work will commence soon.

Hawker Primary expansion will not commence at this time, maybe later in response to future enrolment numbers.

Miles Franklin School fence, there has been further consultation about meeting the expectations of the residents and the school. An outcome yet to be reached.

Suzanne Orr’s appointment a good thing for Belconnen and the Territory.

Tara also has been appointed to a new role and will look at issues where ACT residents might be getting a raw deal compared to other jurisdictions.

The enquiry into petrol prices, final report handed down today. Petrol prices are steady in Canberra but the committee has made a number of recommendations to government for their consideration. ACT likely to piggy back on the NSW scheme saving money for government and users. The government wants to increase competition my encouraging private operators. To come to the ACT.

Mary raised the issue of the heat is new high rise apartments, saying that there seems to be nothing residents can do to mitigate the situation. Tara advised that the new Climate Strategy has some support for better responses to heat and cold mitigation.

Damien Miles Franklin School, more discussion happening behind the scenes.

Tara encouraged anyone with further questions or requests for information to get in touch via email or her Facebook page.

Mary, suggested the BCC have a guest speaker from Canberra Arts Centre to a meeting to give an update on the progress of the upgrade to the space.

Brian, as Damien is no longer a BCC Committee member the BCC will need to talk to Belconnen Arts Centre about ongoing representation. BCC to invite the BAC to talk about this.

Greg encouraged anyone with questions to come to a meeting or forward their questions to the hello@belcouncil email address.

Meeting closed at 7:47pm