

**DRAFT MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETING
NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
4:00 pm 26 February 2012
49 Irvine Street, Watson**

1. Attendance and apologies
Committee: Leon Arundell, Bruce Smith, Renzo Gobbin, Mike Hettinger, Richard Larson
2. Minutes for meetings 21 September 2011, 12 October 2011, February 15 2012
 - The minutes for 21 September 2011 were read and noted as being passed at the AGM in October 2012
 - The minutes for 12 October 2011 were noted, passage was not required, because it was an AGM which had to be postponed because of a lack of quorum
 - The minutes for the February 15 2012 forum were read. Moved Richard Larson, seconded Felix MacNeill, approved by the committee.
3. Chairs Report
 - Leon and Richard have been in close consultation with Reid residents on Draft Variation 308 to the Territory Plan (Cooyong Street redevelopment) attending public consultations, private meetings and a combined meeting with ACTPLA officers.
 - Leon attending the Airport Consultative Group meeting. He found it rather bureaucracy-driven and boring, however NCCC needs to be abreast of developments emanating from the airport. The consultative group considers wide-ranging planning issues which could develop into concerns for the NCCC community. The airlines and Airservices Australia are continuing to prepare for instrument landing. There will be more developments in Brand Depot at Canberra Airport.
 - Combined Community Council meetings. The next one is tentatively planned for March 24 or March 31.
4. Treasurers Report
 - \$6,587 in bank account
 - \$886 paid for insurance
 - Grant money will now come from one source rather than two. The deed needs to be signed to get the 2011-2012 grant. The grant doesn't cover a financial year.
 - Aquaculture didn't go ahead for early summer 2012. Jane Goffman was overcommitted.
 - Bruce Smith presented the bank accounts.
 - Bruce Smith moved that the bank statements and financial report be approved. Seconded by the committee.
5. Secretary, Membership Officer report
 - Richard Larson has been in constant communication with Chris Emery and Reid Residents Association preparing our respective submissions to ACTPLA on DV308.
 - Membership – the committee has to have the capacity to exclude someone from becoming or continuing to be a member.

- There should be notification of changes of membership (joining, leaving) at each public forum and committee meeting

6. Business

- Topics and speakers for forums in March and April
Richard Larson will invite Helen Leayr (The Communication Link) to speak at the March 21 forum on pre-application consultation for major developments. Leon Arundell could ask someone from Elton Consulting to talk on the proposed Civic bus layover to the April 18 forum.
- Conduct at public forums
It will be the responsibility of the Chair or acting Chair in the introduction to specify that the meeting will be alcohol-free and that members show respect and courtesy to invited guests and one another.
- Communications strategy
This could involve a periodic column in the Northside Chronicle, a brochure which could be distributed to north Canberra households, or an online newsletter posted on the website or mail list. Leon Arundell has agreed to drive the strategy.
- Renewal of website administration contract
This will become due at the beginning of May, and Lance Williamson has recommended some minor changes. Bruce Smith can either pay direct or Richard Larson can ask Lance to address the committee on the changes which require action.
- Meeting with the ACT Chief Minister
This is scheduled for March 3. Leon Arundell will attend this meeting and raise the issues of exempt developments (code track) developments in existing residential areas and the lack of notification given to neighbours.
- Submission – Weathering the Change Action Plan 2
This is due March 2. Felix MacNeill has volunteered to present a submission on behalf of NCCC.
- Submission – Review of the ACT Self Government Act (1988)
This is due March 16. Renzo Gobbin has volunteered to present a submission on behalf of NCCC. Issues to raise are the size of the ACT Legislative Assembly and improving the status of the ACT Ombudsman and Auditor General.
- 2012 ACT Election ‘Meet the Candidates’ agenda
The committee has agreed to invite each major parties and their candidates to introduce themselves at individual public forums in May, July, August and September leading up to the election in October. We should also canvas the option of a combined meet the candidates open public forum to be held at a larger venue. In 2008 this was held at the Dickson College auditorium and attracted a reasonable audience. Bruce Smith has volunteered to write the letter(s) of invitation.

7. Other business

- Felix MacNeill moved that a sub-group to study planning for the Dickson Group Centre be initiated.

8. Next committee meeting

This will coincide with the public forum on March 21.

9. Meeting close

The meeting was closed at 6:00 pm

Richard Larson

Secretary

May 15 2012