

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
Wednesday March 21 2012  
ACT Sport House  
100 Maitland Street Hackett  
7:30 – 9:30

1. Chairs Introduction
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Presentation by Helen Leayr from *The Communication Link* on pre-development application consultation, followed by questions and answers. The relevant legislation is contained in the Planning and Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (No 2). NCCC has been asked to contribute comments to the guidelines considered for pre-application consultation.
4. Group discussion on issues for NCCC members to consider in the lead-up to the upcoming ACT 2012 election.
5. Notification of intention to separately invite all nominated candidates from each party (including Independents) in the Molonglo electorate to discuss the key issues raised by NCCC to member forums in May, June, July and August. A final massed 'Meet the Candidates' forum with all parties would be considered in September or October at which the general public would be invited.
6. Other business
7. Date for next forum.

**DRAFT MINUTES – PUBLIC FORUM  
NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
7.30pm 21 March 2012  
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**1. Chairs Introduction**

The meeting was opened by Leon Arundell at 7:45. There was a problem getting the computer system up and running for Helen Leayr's Powerpoint presentation.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

Members: Richard Larson, Jochen Zeil, Mike Hettinger, Leon Arundell, Caroline Le Couteur

Guests: Helen Leayr (The Communication Link), Sheridan ? (ESDD representative)

Apologies: Renzo Gobbin, Felix MacNeill

**3. Presentation on pre-development application consultation**

Helen Leayr gave a Powerpoint presentation on the pre-application process and consultation on the proposed guidelines. A trial to test the guidelines is underway, with a view to having a draft prepared in early April, prior to the Planning and Development forum meeting with community representatives. Consultation on large scale developments (i.e. Jamieson redevelopment) is taking place as a part of the trial. The bill will be scheduled to commence sometime after May 14 after consultation on the guidelines has ceased.

Consultation will apply to developments for residential use which are:

- Three or more stories in height
- Buildings with gross floor area greater than 5000 sq metres above finished ground level
- It does not apply to industrial zones
- It does not apply to land designated as future urban areas identified in Schedule 1B. Examples include Kenny and North Watson.

#### **4. Group discussion on 2012 ACT election**

There was no in depth discussion on this. The combined community councils have expressed a desire to target at least five key issues to target, and have asked local councils including the NCCC to list their priorities. Common themes seem to be coalescing around:

- Size of the Assembly. The consensus is an increase to 25 members.
- Transport planning. For NCCC this would have to include the City to Gungahlin Transit Corridor, Dickson interchange, and public/active transport options.
- Pre-consultation for major development applications. This is in the process of being finalised, and shouldn't be an issue for the election.
- Establishment of an Office of Planning Advocates to assist residents and community organisations before undertaking planning appeals. Note: there is a review of the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal being conducted by the ACT Auditor which will be completed by the end of 2012.
- End of exempt (code track) single dwelling residential developments in established areas, and notification of developments in these areas.

#### **5. Invitation to electoral candidates**

There are going to be difficulties attracting candidates to NCCC forums prior to the election. The proposal to individually invite parties and a cohort of their Molonglo candidates to meetings in subsequent months is probably unworkable. However, invitations to the parties will be drafted with a view to attracting some of their candidates to our meetings prior to the election. The invitation will include an invitation to a combined 'Meet the Candidates' pre-election public forum in a larger venue on October 17 to host candidates in the Molonglo electorate.

#### **6. Other business**

An FOI request on the O'Connor Block 10 Section 65 exempt (code track) development has been lodged to obtain plans and other information.

#### **7. Date for next forum**

The next forum is scheduled for April 18 2012, same venue and time.

#### **8. Closing**

The meeting was officially closed at 9:30 pm

Richard Larson  
Secretary  
15 May 2012