

# Draft Minutes of North Canberra Community Council

## Committee/General Meeting 18 Apr 2012

### Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Leon Arundell, Richard Larson, Bruce Smith, Jochen Zeil, Angie Drake.

Apologies: Renzo Gobbin, Mike Hettnger.

### ASIO Site in Campbell

Leon Advised that ASIO had provided information about its proposal to store fuel at its site on Constitution Avenue, but did not offer to provide a speaker on the topic.

### Hackett Community Association

The four Committee members present confirmed the agreement to contribute \$150 towards the cost of a Hackett Community Association sausage sizzle at a Community event that is being planned for May.

A discussion ensued on the relative merits of funding community associations to produce their own brochures (which could include information about the North Canberra Community Council) or of producing a North Canberra Community Council brochure which would include information about north Canberra's community associations.

### Discussion

Angie Drake introduced herself as an ACT Labor candidate for the seat of Molonglo. There followed a discussion of election-related issues that affect North Canberra residents, including:

- Aircraft noise
- What types of building works should be exempt from Development Applications, and the process for appealing against Development Applications
- Traffic issues, especially dealing with the increasing level of traffic that passes through North Canberra suburbs on its way to and from Gungahlin.
- Management of the Canberra Nature Park – the need for adequate funding and staffing, and the proposed Centennial Trail that has highlighted the need for a study of the Park's recreational carrying capacity, to help identify an appropriate balance between recreational use and nature conservation.
- Open Government, and the issue of whether the next ACT Government will continue to openly consult on issues that affect the community.
- Smarter Canberra – planning for the future, including climate change.

**Bruce** agreed to locate a copy of the letter that invited election candidates to our election forum for the previous election, and to either use it as a basis for a new invitation letter or pass it to Leon.

## **Topics for meetings for the remainder of 2012**

- May 16: Meet the Labor Candidates?
- June 20: David Dawes. Director Economic Development Directorate; Meet the Liberal candidates?
- July 18: Meet the Greens candidates?
- August 15: Meet the independents candidates?
- September 19: AGM
- October 17: massed 'Meet the Candidates' forum?
- November 21: ?

**Date for next general meeting: 7.30 pm, Wednesday 16 May.**