

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
DRAFT AGENDA  
Wednesday 16 May 2012  
ACT Sport House  
100 Maitland Street Hackett  
7:30 – 9:30

1. Chairs Introduction
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Minutes of March and April meetings
4. New members
5. Reports
  - Combined Community Councils meeting 28 April
  - Residents Group reports
  - ACT Government Aviation Task Force
  - DV306 inquiry pending - calls from the Assembly Planning Committee
  - ACT Governance roundtable meeting - inquiry pending
  - Gungahlin – Civic Urban Transport Plan
  - Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Charter
  - ACT Greens Planning and Development (Public Notification) Amendment Bill
6. Business
  - Preparation of draft NCCC brochure
  - NCCC involvement in Canberra-wide traffic survey
  - Meet the electoral candidates letter of invitation
  - Issues for October 2012 election
  - Financial support requested from Mt Ainslie Weeders
  - Topics for meetings for remainder of 2012
7. Other business
  - Update on O'Connor exempt residential development
8. Date for next forum
9. Meeting close

**DRAFT MINUTES – PUBLIC FORUM**  
**NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**7.30pm 16 May 2012**  
**ACT Sports House, Hackett**

**1. Chairs Introduction**

The meeting was opened by Leon Arundell at 7:40.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

Members: Leon Arundell, Richard Larson, Mike Hettinger, Bruce Smith, Caroline Le Couteur

Guests: Greg Haughey (Hackett Community Association), Megan Fitzharris (ACT Labor Party)

Apologies: Renzo Gobbin, Felix MacNeill

**3. Minutes of March and April meetings**

The minutes were presented by Richard Larson, who moved that they be accepted. The committee members present approved the motion.

#### 4. New members

No new members have joined in the last month.

#### 5. Reports

- **Combined Community Council meeting 28 April.**

Leon Arundell attended this meeting and circulated draft notes to the committee by email. The main matters discussed were procedural and administrative arrangements, elect a CCC 'convenor', and agree to a motion to present to the Legislative Assembly. The CCC's agree to elect Ewan Brown as the 'convenor'. The CCC's agreed to scope and form a number of sub-committees. These would broadly revolve around Planning and Development, Transport, Governance & Integrated Planning Policy, Municipal issues, and possibly the Canberra Airport. There was also a draft motion circulated to call upon the ACT Legislative Assembly to conduct an independent and thorough review of the ACT Planning and Land Authority, Land Development Agency and other relevant agencies (including ACAT). Current municipal issues discussed were whether a green bin service should be implemented in the ACT. The Tuggeranong CC has submitted comments on the draft legislation to allow brothels in residential areas. The Inner South Canberra CC has developed a web based survey tool to gather data on parking and traffic.

- **Residents' Group reports**

Greg Haughey of the Hackett Community Association spoke about planning for the Hackett 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, the Hackett CC website, a sausage sizzle this Saturday, a plaque for Hackett, and the Federal Health and Ageing Department's refusal to allow a pharmacy in Hackett. The Hackett CC would also like NCCC to support the publication of a brochure with a grant of approximately \$900.

Caroline Le Counteur gave an update on consultation and planning for an upgrade of the Downer suburban centre.

Richard Larson gave an update from the Watson Community Association. The Watson CC AGM will be held tomorrow evening. WCA submitted comments on the EPBC referral for the development of Kenny. WCA is also going to have its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in 2013, and would probably be seeking support from NCCC.

- **ACT Government Aviation Task Force**

Leon Arundell would like to know who the members on it are, and obtain more information on the terms of reference.

- **DV306 inquiry pending** - calls for NCCC presentation

It is likely that members of the NCCC would be invited to present at an inquiry being held by the Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services. NCCC will have to prepare to talk to the committee sometime in mid-July.

- **ACT Governance roundtable meeting**

A meeting to discuss this topic has been organised by the Institute of Public Administration Australia (ACT Division) on April 26. Renzo Gobbin prepared comments for the NCCC which were sent to the Legislative Assembly committee. Renzo Gobbin and Richard Larson will attend the meeting on April 26 as NCCC representatives.

- **Gungahlin – Civic Urban Transport Plan**  
Comments are being prepared by Renzo Gobbin and NCCC committee members prior to the deadline for consultation on May 25. A meeting with consultants and government agencies is scheduled for April 30. Renzo Gobbin and Richard Larson have agreed to attend this meeting on behalf of NCCC to gather further information.
- **Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Charter**  
The charter was approved on 11 April 2012 and is available on the [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com) website, for those who might be interested in it. The Ombudsman's office is based in Canberra.
- **ACT Greens Planning and Development (Public Notification) Amendment Bill**  
The bill was presented in early April 2012, and deals with public notification for developments in residential areas. The bill has been tabled for debate in early May.

## 6. Business

- Preparation of draft NCCC brochure  
Leon Arundell has been working on a draft brochure which could be distributed through suburban groups or Australia Post to inform north Canberra residents of the existence and purpose of NCCC.
- NCCC involvement in Canberra-wide traffic survey  
The Inner South Canberra CC has prepared an online survey to gather data on parking and traffic issues for its residents. The NCCC could use it or modify it for our specific purposes if we think it necessary.
- Meet the electoral candidates letter of invitation  
Bruce Smith has agreed to write a draft letter to invite candidates from the major parties and crossbench Molonglo candidates to attend NCCC meetings prior to the election.
- Issues for October 2012 election  
NCCC has to think carefully about the issues we wish to target for the 2012 election in October. At the moment, we haven't got a draft of these issues prepared.
- Financial support requested from Mt Ainslie Weeders.  
This group is asking NCCC to fund Conservation Volunteers to weed in the Mt Ainslie Nature Reserve for one or two days @ \$600/day. If two days funding is granted, the volunteers will work an extra day for free. A motion to fund the group for \$1200 was agreed to by the NCCC committee.

Friends of Mt Majura have asked for funding of \$660 for a National Tree Day 2012 planting event with local school children on July 27. The committee moved and approved a grant of \$660 for this event.

- Topics for meetings for remainder of 2012  
We would like to principally target electoral issues in public forums up until the election on October 21. A topic for November wasn't discussed.

## 7. Other Business

- Update on 37 Cockle Street O'Connor exempt residential development.  
Mike Hettinger and his neighbours have been working on this issue. If residents believe the development isn't exempt, they are welcome to talk to the building certifier. If there are sufficient grounds to question a development, ACTPLA may become involved.

ACTPLA apparently conducts annual audits of certifiers for 10% of their work. ACTPLA can't say how many developments have been audited. Residents and NCCC are of the opinion that the mechanisms available for ACTPLA to oversee and monitor exempt developments are inadequate. The Greens Planning and Development Amendment Bill which provides for notification to neighbouring residents is a small step in the right direction. However, there is no appeal process available to immediate neighbours through ACAT because the development is exempt and there is no development application to challenge.

**8. Date for next forum**

The next forum will be held on June 20. We are hoping that one of the ACT political parties will send their Molonglo candidates to meet with NCCC residents at this meeting.

**9. Meeting close**

The meeting was officially closed around 9:30.

Richard Larson  
NCCC Secretary  
July 17 2012