

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.
DRAFT AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

ACT SPORTS HOUSE
100 Maitland Street Hackett
7.30 – 9:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

- 1) Welcome, Attendance and Apologies
- 2) Guest speaker: Jane Goffman, Planwise ACT
- 3) Confirmation of minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting, and actions arising
- 4) Chair's report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Election of Office Bearers
- 7) Receive and consider:
 - a) the audited statement of accounts for the financial year 01 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - b) a copy of the auditor's report in relation to the association's accounts;
 - c) a report stating the name of each member of the committee; principal activities and any significant change in the nature of those activities; and the net profit or loss for the most recently ended financial year.
- 8) Appointment of Auditor
- 9) Other business:
 - i. Motion that General Meetings continue to be held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

DRAFT MINUTES OF 2012 AGM – TO BE VERIFIED AT 2013 AGM

1) Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by Jochen Zeil (NCCC Chair).

Attendees: Leon Arundell, Jochen Zeil, Bruce Smith, Richard Larson, Greg Haughey, Waltraud Pix, Geoff Davidson, Dominic Maiuto, Mike Hettinger, Jane Goffman,

Apologies: Freddie Turnbull, Laura Turnbull, Shane Rattenbury, Caroline Le Couteur, Felix MacNeill

2) Guest speaker: Jane Goffman, Planwise ACT

Jane Goffman is of the opinion that the planning profession has abandoned Canberra. The Planning Institute Australia (ACT Division) has been commandeered by Neil Savery, the Chief Executive of the ACT Planning and Land Authority. The certification criteria have been changed and 60% of members no longer belong to the Planning Institute. The Institute of Architects Australia (ACT Chapter) has taken over the public space. There is a development control system in place without a planning function. It is silent about density. A key recommendation is that young people have to become involved. Skilled 3D modellers, engineers, lawyers and students have to be trained and motivated.

3) Confirmation of minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting, and actions arising.

The draft minutes were circulated. There were no amendments and no actions arising out of the minutes. The draft minutes were accepted by a show of hands.

4) Chairs report

Unfortunately, the printed report prepared for the night could not be located and it was not circulated. The Chair got up to express his gratitude for the support of the outgoing committee throughout 2011-12. He briefly mentioned that planning and transport issues continue to dominate the attention of the committee. Subject to a digital version of the report being made available to committee members, Jochen Zeil moved that the report be accepted, Bruce Smith seconded the motion and the committee approved it. A copy of the report is reproduced below:

North Canberra Community Council Chair's report Annual General meeting 19 September 2012

What is the North Canberra Community Council?

The NCCC is the umbrella organisation for residents, residents' associations and community groups in Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Dickson, Downer, Duntroon, Hackett, Lyneham, North Lyneham, O'Connor, Pialligo., Reid, Russell, Turner and Watson.

The role of the NCCC is to inform the community about issues concerning North Canberra, provide a forum for the concerns of the community, and to ensure that legislators and officials are fully informed about community needs and expectations.

What did the NCCC do in 2012?

At the Annual General meeting in November 2011 I was elected Chair of the North Canberra Council, together with Deputy Chair Renzo Gobbin, Treasurer Bruce Smith, Secretary Richard Larson, Public Officer Laura Turnbull and Committee Members Felix MacNeil, Waltraud Pix, Michael Hettinger and Jochen Zeil.

During the year Laura and Renzo resigned from their positions. Jochen Zeil took on the role of Public Officer, and John Symond filled the committee position left vacant by Renzo. Every one of these people made valuable contributions to the Council and to the north Canberra community. It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with you.

In the past year we have:

- Maintained a website, with support by Lance Williamson;
- Conducted monthly public meetings from February to September;
- Participated in meetings of the Planning and Development Forum, the Combined Community Councils, the Community Aviation Consultative Group, on the Downer Centre redevelopment, Draft Variation 311 (Dickson commercial development), the Downer preschool, the development of Section 5 in Campbell and on Draft Variation 308 – the redevelopment of the ABC flats in Reid and Braddon;
- Hosted presentations at our public meetings on Draft Variation 308, the Downer Centre redevelopment, the proposed redevelopment of the National Sports Club in Lyneham, and pre-development consultation;
- Conducted “meet the ACT election candidates” sessions with Labor, Greens and Liberal candidates at our June, July and August meetings;
- Posed a set of questions on local issues to the parties contesting the ACT election;
- Lodged submissions on Draft Variation 308 (Cooyong Street Urban Renewal Precinct), the review of the Self-Government Act, the ACT Government's 'Weathering the Change' climate strategy and the City to Gungahlin Transit Corridor Study;
- Made a presentation on Draft Variation 306 (Residential and Subdivision Policy) to the Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services.
- Raised the issue of when it is or is not appropriate for a residential development to be permitted to proceed without being required to make a Development Application; and
- Supported residents and residents' associations by contributing to the Hackett Community Association and the Mount Ainslie Weeders, and to independent testing of dioxin levels following the Mitchell chemical fire of September 2011.

What do I think will be our key issues for 2013?

Engaging the Community: We also need to become better at engaging the North Canberra community, by better publicising our existence and by working more closely with residents' associations.

New developments: New developments in north Watson have limited access to urban parks and poor access to shops. We may inherit planning problems in proposed suburbs such as Kenny, especially if those areas are allocated to this Community Council. It is in our interest to ensure that these new developments are done properly. New developments often place additional strain on nature reserves, because they use land that was previously de facto nature reserve, or that provided a buffer between developed areas and nature reserves.

Redevelopment of older suburbs: The ACT Government is reducing urban sprawl by increasing residential density in older suburbs. It is in our interests to ensure that this is

done in a way that satisfies the needs of both the new residents and their established neighbours, and that doesn't leave a legacy of new problems. The best way to address this is to ensure that planning regulations are up to the task, and that appeal mechanisms are accessible and equitable.

Traffic: The development of distant dormitory suburbs without adequate public transport means that many people have to drive to Civic on a daily basis. This puts a strain on roads which were not designed to cope with so much traffic and affects the quality of life of residents whose suburbs have become thoroughfares. Traffic issues are compounded by inadequate local infrastructure for walking and cycling, by local shopping centres whose inadequacy forces people to travel out of their suburbs, and by children being forced to travel out of their suburbs to attend school.

5) **Treasurers report**

Receive and consider:

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- d) Appointment of Auditor

Bruce Smith presented the **Treasurer's report** covering the financial activities of the Association for 20112 and submitted the Audited Statement for the year ending 30 June 2012. Leon Arundell moved that the Audited Statement be accepted, Mike Hettinger seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by show of hands.

Appointment of Auditor. Graeme Lindner was nominated to take on the duties of the auditor for 2011-12. This was considered in the Treasurer's report. Graeme Lindner has kindly pre-consented to act as auditor if duly nominated.

- 6) **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members.** Written nominations were received for the positions of: Chair; Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer; and Ordinary Committee Member positions.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder
Chair	Leon Arundell	Michael Hettinger	Richard Larson
Deputy Chair	Michael Hettinger	Richard Larson	Waltraud Pix
Treasurer	Bruce Smith	Waltraud Pix	Leon Arundell
Secretary	Richard Larson	Waltraud Pix	Leon Arundell
Public Officer	Jochen Zeil	Richard Larson	Bruce Smith
Committee	Felix MacNeill	Michael Hettinger	Renzo Gobbin
Committee	Waltraud Pix	Richard Larson	Leon Arundell
Committee	Greg Haughey	Waltraud Pix	Richard Larson
Committee	Geoff Davidson	Richard Larson	Leon Arundell

There being no further nominations, the members of the committee for 2012-13 were duly elected to the positions for which they had been nominated by a show of hands.

7) Other business.

- The new committee discussed a payment of \$25 to funding the Mt Ainslie Weeders for membership renewal with the Molonglo Catchment Group.
- The new committee discussed a payment of \$240 to assist the Friends of Mt Majura for web hosting its website.
- The new committee discussed membership renewal of the Environmental Defenders Officer (ACT) for \$50.
- The new committee discussed the continued use of the mobile phone which belongs to the NCCC.

Monthly meetings: A motion to hold general meetings on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding December and January) was passed by the new committee. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 17 2012. This will be a Meet the Candidates ACT pre-election forum.

The meeting was declared closed at around 9.45 pm.