



**Minutes: North Canberra Community Council General Meeting  
7.30 pm TUESDAY 19 April 2016  
Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

*Accepted 19 July*

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**Asbestos Response Taskforce update:** A video of the presentation and discussion is available at [https://youtu.be/8GPt\\_eGFoCM](https://youtu.be/8GPt_eGFoCM)

**ACT Climate Change Adaptation Strategy:** This presentation was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Member for Molonglo Steve Doszpot** gave a brief presentation.

**STANDING ITEMS**

**Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance: Committee members Mike Hettinger (Chair), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Geoff Davidson, Marianne Albury-Colless, Marcus Hipkins, Denis O'Brien; Members Cecilia Skene, Joan Kellett, Neil Parsons, Allison Barnes.

Apologies: Greg Zwajgenberg, Chris Emery, Simon Cullen, Jane Goffman, Pam Graudenz.

Observers: Paul Peters, Lynette Marsh, Emily Springett, Steve Doszpot.

**Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting (15 March 2015)**

Accepted (Moved Bruce Smith; Seconded Neil Parsons).

**Declaration of Committee conflicts of interest**

Mike Hettinger: ACT Labor party member. O'Connor Community Inc.; voting member of the Labor Club

Leon Arundell: Living Streets & Conservation Council

Greg Zwajgenberg: Brindabella Christian College.

Marcus Hipkins: lives on Chisholm St, which may be affected by traffic issues.

Geoff Davidson: member of the Environmental Defender's Office.

Denis O'Brien. ALP member.

**REPORTS**

**Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting**

- Arranged a working lunch with residents' associations, to discuss how we can work better together, and how we can spend accumulated grant funds
- Testing options for an online survey account

- Commissioned design of a NCCC logo
- Purchased Business Cards for Chair and Committee
- Approved money for a Dicksonia Magnifica A-Frame
- Agreed to paying for insurance, venue hire and provision of annual return as regular or predictable payments under Section 34(2) of the Constitution
- Agreed to \$100 float for Chair's expenses.
- \$300 Donation to Tuckerbox, Holy Cross, Hackett in return for acknowledgement of NCCC sponsorship and distribution of NCCC brochures.
- Agreed to purchase the OECD publication [Urban Renaissance: Canberra - A Sustainable Future](#)
- Set dates for the NCCC Election Forum (Tuesday 20 September.) and Annual General Meeting (Tuesday 18 October).

### **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer reported that we have a bank balance of \$22,289.22, and that the main recent payments had been for meeting room hire and support of residents associations.

### **Residents' Associations**

Dickson: report will be circulated separately.

Turner has met with Roads ACT on widening of the Northbourne Ave footpath, with the Turner Bowling Club on parking, and with the Canberra City Farm on what happens when their licence to operate in the Turner parklands runs out.

Reid. Met with various ACT Govt agencies including parking, about verge/nature strip parking and its effect on trees especially during construction work; inconsistency of parking signs. Looking at raising money to improve website.

Hackett will hold a contact table at the Hackett Shops from 9am to 1pm at the 30 April. All are invited.

### **Combined Community Councils**

Next meeting 23 April will consider

- Reduction in role of National Capital Authority
- CCC manifesto and strategy for next ACT election
- Community consultation summit:
- Community Council best practice
- Legality of Government Actions
- Concessional leases
- Reduction of block size and greenery
- Master Plans – building height
- Maintenance of public domain
- Northbourne Avenue redevelopment plan
- Spending unspent grant funds
- Planning forum series at ANU
- Unsolicited development projects

- Distribution of 1969-70 residences with flat (Friends of Hawker Village)
- Use of Facebook Group
- ACTEWAGL Consumer Reference Group.

### **Draft Transport Policy**

Marcus reported that we had been asked to include a statement about specific desired characteristics of a public transport system, and that there had been some debate about what general suburban speed limit we should ask for.

We agreed not to include the statement about a public transport system.

There was general support for a 40 km/h general speed limit in suburbs.

### **Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson**

No report

### **Dickson Section 72, “Parklands”**

No report

### **Planning and Development Forum**

No report

### **Community Aviation Consultative Group**

No report

### **Proposed changes to the NCCC Constitution**

To go on the agenda for the next meeting

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **How can we constructively spend our accumulated funds?**

Members are invited to propose ways in which the Council can spend approximately \$25,000 of accumulated funds, by December 2016.

The discussion raised the following possibilities

- Negotiate a temporary lease for a vacant shop in Dickson, for the use of the North Canberra Canberra Community and of residents associations.
- Meet the candidates night, including advertising the meeting in the Canberra times & through leaflets
- Social media: e.g. pay to boost Facebook notifications of our meetings and our election forum,

### **Motion: placement of 40 km/h signs**

*“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to review the placement of 40 km/h speed limit signs in the Dickson Shopping Centre, and introduce complementary road markings, to improve compliance with the 40 km/h speed limit.”*

Deferred to the next meeting

**Motion: crossing on Majura Avenue**

*“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to install a crossing of Majura Avenue, between Cowper Street and Wakefield Avenue.”*

Deferred to the next meeting

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Marianne advised that she will collect a hard copy of the ACT catchment strategy, and urges members to read it and advise her of issues by next week's meeting. The strategy is available from

<http://haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au/act-and-region-catchment-strategy>

Comments are due by 18 May.

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