



**Minutes: North Canberra Community Council General Meeting
7.30 pm Tuesday 19 July 2016**

Majura Function Room, Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson

The North Canberra Community Council is supported and funded by the ACT Government.

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GUEST PRESENTATIONS

ACT Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

A video of the presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/kFtJuKDtyiE>

ACT Ombudsman

A video of the presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/NW23E9kwmiY>

Addendum: In response to a question taken on notice, the Assistant Ombudsman subsequently advised that:

“the ACT Ombudsman does not have jurisdiction over courts or tribunals, particularly decisions. We may have scope to investigate or ask questions around an administrative process related to a case, including a delay but not the decision or outcome.

The type of ACAT action that the ACT Ombudsman can investigate is restricted. This can preclude the investigation of actions connected to the exercise of 'deliberative functions' - in other words, the determination of individual cases including (but not necessarily limited to) what happens during a hearing before a tribunal member, e.g. the consideration/balancing of evidence and the making of decisions on issues in dispute. Having said that of course, the phrasing in the actual legislation is, at least on its face, quite broad, so what may or may not constitute such action will depend on an assessment of a particular complaint.”

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Committee members: Marcus Hipkins Denis O'Brien; Members: Mike Smith, Pam Graudenz, Cate Walken, Cecilia Skene, Jo Sladic, Caroline Le Couteur, Jane Goffman, Allison Barnes, Frances Parker, Neil Parsons, Jason Mann.

Apologies: Brian and Betty Hill, Paul Costigan, Steve Doszpot.

Observers: C Parker, Rebecca Vasserotti, Aaron Oshyer, Shane Rattenbury.

Confirm minutes of previous General Meetings 19 April and 21 June

Minutes of 19 April meeting accepted (Moved Leon Arundell, Seconded Neil Parsons).

Minutes of 21 June meeting accepted, with amendments to the Dickson Residents' Association report (Moved Leon Arundell, Seconded Neil Parsons).

(Minutes of earlier meetings are available at <http://www.northcanberra.org.au/minutes-of-public-meetings/>).

Declaration of potential Committee conflicts of interest

See Attachment 1 below.

REPORTS

Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting

The Committee accepted new members Rachel Stephen Smith, David Vanderwolf, Judy Angus and Wendy Millington.

Treasurer's report. No report.

Combined Community Councils

The next meeting is to be held on 6 August.

Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson.

No report

Environment and Planning Forum

No report from Thurs 23 June meeting.

Community Aviation Consultative Group. No report.

Residents' Associations

Turner is investigating a housing development on a 1,700 sq m block at 74 David St. A Development Application for this house was knocked back but the developer appears to be building a house greater than 850 sq m, to the original design. The Residents Association has met with the Environment and Planning directorate, who apparently have inadequate power to stop the builder.

Shane Rattenbury agreed to follow up. Neil Parsons, John Lieber and Alan agreed to form a working party to investigate complaints and recommend further actions for the NCCC.

Turner Residents' Association is also considering the issues of informal rentings and tenants' rights.

Dickson

Coles-DOMA Dickson mixed use Development Application

A Development Application for this site was rejected by the planning and land authority in May 2015.

A revised Development Application was lodged on 3 March 2016, with a 1 April deadline for submissions. Apparently several more plan revisions were

submitted after 1 April (up until 10 May), but were not available on the Public Register for several days following approval with conditions on 29 June.

After government officials withdrew their attendance at a planned and advertised public meeting on 21 July, representatives from Dickson Residents Group, Downer Community Association, Watson Community Association, NCCC and Pedal Power organised a private meeting with the delegate of the planning and land authority. A detailed record of that meeting was prepared.

The period for appeals to ACAT closes Wednesday 27 July. Some residents' Associations are considering lodging an appeal. This was referred to the 26 July Committee meeting.

Dickson Section 72, "Parklands"

The architectural firm Clarke and Keller was engaged by the Economic Development Directorate to prepare a feasibility and design study for Majura Community Centre. Participants generally supported the replacement of the existing building with a new building that could accommodate extra activities such as the Canberra Seniors Centre.

The meeting acknowledged the role played by Shane Rattenbury in preserving trees and the landscape buffer adjacent to the Dickson swimming pool from redevelopment for car parking spaces.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Canberra Casino Entertainment Precinct proposal

What are the implications (e.g. for Glebe Park) of [Canberra Casino's Entertainment Precinct proposal](#), and what opportunities will there be for community input?

Shane Rattenbury told the meeting that Aquis had put in an unsolicited bid, premised on 2 hotels, to redevelop area between current casino and an apartment building opposite. A second stage submission was submitted in mid June with reduced number of poker machines. The ACT Greens will require a gambling harm minimisation strategy.

Further consideration of this proposal was deferred to the next meeting.

Draft Variation 346 – solar access

On 5 July the Environment and Planning Directorate convened meeting with industry & community groups, which considered some case studies. Submissions were made on 18 July.

The draft variation is likely to be tabled in the Assembly on 2 August. There may be a diminution of solar access, but there is hope that what is tabled in the Assembly is very much better than what might have been tabled.

Proposed changes to the NCCC Constitution. No update.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting passed a vote of thanks (by acclamation) to Jane Goffman for her work on planning issues.

Dickson Traders Association

The setting up of a Dickson Traders' association was discussed.
Denis O'Brien agreed to follow up and report to the 26 July Committee meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING 9.51pm

ATTACHMENT 1: Declarations of potential Committee conflicts of Interest

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

Greg Zwajgenberg: Brindabella Christian College.

Leon Arundell: Living Streets Canberra, Climate Action Canberra, Conservation Council

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.