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Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of the residents of North Canberra

The North Canberra Community Council receives funding and support from the ACT Government



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Wednesday 17th October 2018

Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

accepted 21 November 2018

Welcome and acknowledgement of country

Attendance and apologies

Attendance: Denis O'Brien, Edith Christensen, Bruin Christensen, Marianne Albury-Colless, Geoff Davidson, Terry De Luca, Beth Slatyer, Neil Parsons, Christine Vincent, Jochen Zeil, John Lieber, Leon Arundell, Jane Goffman, Andrea Madon, Cecilia Skene.

Observers: Joanna MacFadyen, Gedec Francis

Presentation: Caroline Le Couteur MLA on her proposal to change the way rates are calculated and related issues.

Declaration of conflict of potential interests

None.

New members

None.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting and last AGM.

The Draft Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, of 18 October 2017, were accepted.

No other meeting minutes were tabled.

Correspondence

Letter dated 3 October 2018 from Director-General of Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development, responding to a North Canberra Community Council resolution of July 2018.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Treasurer – Audited statement of accounts and auditors report

The Treasurer tabled draft financial statements for the years 2016-17 and 2017-18, and an interim financial report for July to October 2018.

The Treasurer explained the issues that had caused him to be unable to provide audited financial statements or an auditor's report.

Chair's Report

The outgoing Chair provided the following report:

"It is with deep reservation and indeed hesitation that I wish to inform you that I will not standing for the position of chair of the NCCC nor indeed will I be putting myself up for any other position on the committee.

It would be easy for me to use my recent health concerns as a cover for this decision and while it plays a part in my thinking it is only a part of my reasoning.

Over recent months I have found myself becoming increasingly intolerant of those who choose to snipe from the sidelines or preach from their bully pulpits so much so that I have become something I would rather not be and not the sort of person I want to be as a chair.

There is how ever a bright side. Some people who know me reasonably well know that my style of negotiation has been to work with people to get the best outcomes for as many people as possible and this is no better highlighted by the considerable work undertaken to get Coles to the negotiation table and work together to achieve something better for the North Canberra Community. I am quietly proud of the small parts I played in making this happen and seeing it through to where we are currently up to.

There is some hope that our new committee will continue to work with all parties for better outcomes and that some progress is made from the very tentative steps we have taken include our suburban groups as participants in the operations of the NCCC."

The meeting noted with acclaim his contributions as Chair.

Election of Office Bearers and General Committee

The following people were elected unopposed, having submitted nominations prior to the meeting:

Treasurer: John Lieber

Committee members: Andrew Witheford, Mike Hettinger, Geoff Davidson, Jochen Zeil.

Nominations were called for the positions of Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary.

The only nominee was Leon Arundell, for the position of Chair. Two objections to his nomination were recorded. There being no other nominations for Chair, Mr Arundell was elected unopposed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposed Dickson Supermarket Development

The proponent, Coles, is currently preparing a new development application which is expected to be submitted in December. Coles are to return to the Supreme Court in February 2019.

Insurance

The ACT Government has advised that it will no longer manage the single insurance policy which covers all seven Community Councils, and which will expire on 2 November. The cost of separate policies for individual community councils is expected to be significantly higher.

Committee decisions since last meeting

The September Committee meeting focused on preparations for the Annual General Meeting.

The August Committee meeting authorised the spending of up to \$1,250 to cover up to half the cost of a computer and printer for the Treasurer, up to \$1,000 towards the cost of Downer-Dickson heritage walks, and the cost of a meal and a drink for each committee member during committee meetings.

It was agreed that members who support or oppose the motion to provide meals and drinks for committee members would submit their cases in writing before 7 November, for circulation with the agenda for the 21 November General Meeting.

Combined Community Councils

The next Combined Community Councils meeting will be [hosted by the North Canberra Community Council on either 3 or 7 November](#).

Environment and Planning Forum

The next Environment and Planning Forum meeting will be on Thursday 25 October.

Denis agreed to represent the NCCC at that meeting.

Residents Association reports

Hackett: Terry De Luca reported that the Hackett Party at the Shops was held from 11 am to noon on 7 October, and that the [Hackett Community Association](#) would seek support from the NCCC for the cost of producing its 50th anniversary book.

Reid: Marianne Albury-Colless reported on the recent 90th anniversary of Reid celebration.

Turner: The Co-President reported that the Turner Residents' Association will hold its *Neighbours' Day* on the first weekend in November, at the RUC in Turner.

O'Connor: will hold its Christmas Party on the first weekend in December.

Dickson: The Heritage Walk is already fully subscribed. There will be a related exhibition in the Downer Hall. A new supportive living project is being planned for Marsden Street.

My Dickson: has been incorporated, and will hold its first committee meeting next week.

Braddon: Geoff Davidson reported on removal of heritage trees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jochen Zeil requested an update on NCCC participation in the follow up group of the National Park Feasibility Reference Group which is now called "Grassy Woodlands Stakeholder Group". Denis took this on notice.

Andrea Madon led a discussion of the history of consultations on the future of Dickson Section 72 (the area east of the swimming pool).

She agreed to coordinate the preparation of an agenda item and/or resolution for the November General Meeting, to be provided to the Chair before 7 November.

Close of meeting

As the Annual General Meeting business had not been completed, the meeting was **adjourned** to 21 November 2018.

Next General Meeting (and continuation of Annual General Meeting): 21 November 2018