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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 7pm 16 November 2022 Held online via Zoom

Minute taker for the meeting: Ernestine Kirsch

Attendance: Bruce Smith, Alison Smith, Neil Parsons, Simon Clarke, Marianne Albury-Colless, Jane Goffman, Marcus Hipkins, Ian Hubbard, Jochen Zeil, Marg Dudley, Ernestine Kirsch, Leon Arundell, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Chris Mobbs, Gordon McAllister, Melissa Holland, Terry De Luca, Kate Bradley, Chris Finnigan

Observers: Peter Costigan, Rebecca Vassarotti, Emily Heath.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of previous Meeting minutes

a. September General Meeting

- i. The September 2022 Minutes were confirmed (moved by Marcus Hipkins, seconded by Neil Parsons).
- ii. Following the September meeting, Simon Clarke and Jochen Zeil met with the SLA regarding the future land release in North Watson. SLA have taken on board the concerns of the NCCC and in particular the need to look at the needs of the whole of North Watson.
- iii. Rebecca Vassarotti sent around further background about the history of the policy relating to 15% of affordable housing in new developments. Chris Finnigan has initiated a working group relating to affordable housing.

b. October Committee Meeting

- i. The October 2022 Minutes were confirmed (moved by Simon Clarke, seconded by Marcus Hipkins).
- ii. Jochen submitted on 16 November 2022 an NCCC submission to the Planning Bill Inquiry held by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services.

AGM BUSINESS

2. Confirmation of minutes from 2021 AGM

The minutes were accepted (moved by Marcus Hipkins, seconded by Neil Parsons).

3. Chair's 2022 summary report

The Chair's report was given by Jochen Zeil.

- a. Jochen provided a summary of NCCC activities during 2023 and highlighted the major projects that the NCCC has been asked to input on in the past month.
- b. Jochen gave a presentation on the Draft District Strategy Plan for the Inner North. Initial concerns are:
 - i. absence of social/supportive/affordable housing needs analysis.
 - ii. absence of childcare centre/playground/school need analysis.
 - iii. no clear path to discuss cross-district issues - areas of interest in the Inner North appear in other District Strategy Plans – eg. EPIC appears in the Gungahlin area plan and Mt Majura Nature Reserve is split between the Inner North and East Canberra plans.
 - iv. absence of traffic analysis (car movements/frequency within a district; traffic safety).
 - v. some inaccuracies in the plans.

Jochen thanked members for their contribution to the work of the NCCC during the year.

4. Secretary's report

The Secretary's report was given by Chris Finnigan.

- a. The NCCC has 285 members (increase by 20 members in 2022, with most new members from Campbell).
- b. 240 people receive the NCCC newsletter; metrics show that 60% of recipients read the newsletter.
- c. Following the introduction of the NCCC media strategy – on average around 300 people view posts on Facebook. The top post had 1000 views.

Jane Goffman thanked Chris for his work on the newsletter and social media posts.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was given by Bruce Smith.

- a. Bruce provided an update that on the outcome of the NCCC Audit Review, which found that 2021-22 statements were a fair and true account of the NCCC's financial position.
- b. Opening balance was \$4,289; the grant received for the financial year was \$12,821, with expenses of \$12,159.
- c. Funds were spent on a range of community activities; IT and social media; insurance and ACAT appeals.
- d. The grant for 2022-23 has been received.
- e. The Braddon Collective thanked the NCCC for extended the insurance premium to cover the Braddon Busking Festival held in October 2022.
- f. Bruce outlined the recent change of approach of the insurer to covering events under the NCCC policy. Jochen agreed to take up this matter at the next Combined Community Council meeting to ask how other community councils deal with insurance.
- g. Jane Goffman proposed a motion that the NCCC communicates to the ACT Government the need for a common insurance policy across community groups. Seconded by Ian Hubbard.

- h. The Treasurer's Report was accepted (moved by Neil Parsons, seconded by Simon Clarke).

6. Election of office bearers

a. Nominations for Chair

- i. Jochen Zeil's nomination accepted (moved by Marcus Hipkins, seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

b. Nominations for Deputy Chair

- i. Chris Finnigan's nomination accepted (moved by Jochen Zeil and seconded by Jane Goffman).

c. Nominations for Treasurer

- i. Bruce Smith's nomination accepted (moved by Jochen Zeil and seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

d. Nominations for Secretary

- i. Ian Hubbard's nomination accepted (moved by Jochen Zeil and seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

e. Nominations for Media coordinator

- i. Marcus Hipkin's nomination accepted (moved by Jane Goffman and seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

7. Nominations for NCCC by Residents' Associations

- a. **Ainslie** – Ian Hubbard and Marcus Hipkins
- b. **Braddon** – Ernestine Kirsch
- c. **Campbell** – Margaret Dudley
- d. **Dickson** – Jane Goffman
- e. **Downer** – Leon Arundell
- f. **Hackett** – Chris Mobbs; Brooke Clinton
- g. **Lynham** – Gordon McAllister, Kate Bradley; Kimberly McDonald
- h. **O'Connor** - Janet Wayne; Cathy Paver; Stephen Goodwin
- i. **Reid** – Marianne Albury-Colless
- j. **Turner** – Neil Parsons
- k. **Watson** – Simon Clarke

8. Consideration of draft NCCC set of principles

Jochen presented a draft set of principles with a view to considering an approach to media briefings and stakeholder engagement. The advantage of having an agreed set of principles is that the same approach can be applied to large development proposals.

It was decided to postpone discussions until 2023. Chris will circulate the principles to the committee for further input prior to the next meeting.

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next general and committee meeting are to be determined by the incoming NCCC Committee.