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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: Committee Meeting 7pm 14 February 2024 @ Dickson Library and Zoom

Attendance: Jochen Zeil, Marcus Hipkins, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Simon Clarke, Bruce Smith, Ian Hubbard, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Geoff Davidson, Jane Goffman, Catherine,

Apologies: Stephen Goodwin (O'Connor), Ernestine Kirsch, **Observers:** Michael Howe, David Ross (Pialligo)

Minute taker for the meeting: Ian Hubbard

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Minutes of October 2023 Committee Meeting Approved

2. Chair's Report

Discussion of ACT Government's New Deed of Grant for NCCC

The new deed of grant requires that the NCCC seeks to achieve greater diversity of participation at two funded events each year. Of course, the NCCC encourages all North Canberra residents to participate in our meetings and events. The diversity in the community is well represented at events supported by the NCCC such as the *Light Up Lyneham* and *Braddon Busking Festival*. Suggestion that speakers from other community groups should be invited to present at General Meetings.

The other change to the grant deed was the frequency of meetings which could be as few as four per year. Committee members agreed to keep the existing meetings rhythm at 10 per year alternating Committee with General meetings.

Discussion of Potential Election Topics to be pursued during 2024

Considering that there are a range of views as to topics and their priority, four topics have been proposed including:

- Public Housing and urban densification;

- Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change;
- Public transport and active travel; and,
- Quality of life issues, community facilities such as swimming pools.

Action: Draft a request for information (ROI) focussed on zoning changes and block development data.

3. Treasurer's report

The NCCC account balance was 1,104.75. Bruce reported that the annual grant from the ACT Government for \$13,000 had been sent by cheque for the first time in years and the Council had not been informed of the change. The cheque has been banked, funding for association's activities to be actioned and Bruce asks if association can check and confirm their proposed expenditure.

4. Other business

Issues raised included:

- The significant redevelopment proposed on the Tradies 18,000sqm Dickson site (Jane).
- Comments required on the DA for the proposed large communications antenna on the Ainslie Volcanics site, corner Quick St & Limestone Avenue – alternative site (Marianne).
- 50 residents attended the Watson shops 'law and order' meeting, additional meetings and remedial actions proposed (Simon)

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are currently held on alternative months. The next meetings are 20/03/2024 General Meeting and 17/4/2024 Committee Meeting.