

**INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.**  
**Annual General Meeting 14 November 2017**  
**7.00 pm Eastlake Football Club**

## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair (Marea Fatseas) acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed attendees especially new attendees and members. She noted the importance of residents groups in the ISCCC and asked for a show of hands from each.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Gary Kent (Public Officer), David Harvey (president YRA), Leo Dobes (president GNCA), Robert Howard (president OEPA), George Wilson (president DRA), Margaret Atcherley (president FRG), Robyn Cooper, Patricia Denham, Austin Lynch, Gary Green and Kevin Gill.

### **3. Presentation: Pathways to a Better Canberra – Chair.**

This presentation is on the ISCCC website.

### **4. Discussion: ISCCC Priorities for 2018**

Attendees raised the following points arising from the Chair's presentation.

- It would be good to see greater integration and connections between open spaces. European cities are far denser than here but have more usable open space. We should strive for 100% renewable energy.
- We can learn from the mistakes of Kingston Foreshore eg in some areas the only places to sit down are at private premises like cafes and restaurants.
- There is a problem with a Territory-wide approach as suggested by Tony Powell because rule changes to the Territory Plan are impacting on older suburbs e.g. reducing set-backs change the whole streetscape.
- Moving public housing from the Inner South makes our area more exclusive rather than inclusive.
- Lack of compliance is a big issue e.g. the certifier of a DA Exempt house has accepted a significant infringement of the solar envelope. People are happy to help with the compliance campaign but getting a decent planning authority (as advocated by Tony Powell) is a big job that will take two to three years.
- The population of Kingston increased 67% from 2011 to 2016 and it is losing a lot of green space. The scoping document on Eastlake, due in October, has not been released.
- The rights of residents in or near CZ5 are reduced e.g. appeals to ACAT are not allowed.
- Planning should be holistic rather than each development being considered separately.
- The ACT is the only jurisdiction with no restrictions on political donations. The last Assembly voted 16 -1 to remove them. However the report on establishing an Independent Integrity Commission has just come out and there is an election inquiry. The Liberals and Greens both had a platform at the last election not to accept donations from developers.

### **5. Discussion: Future ISCCC Community Engagement**

Chair reported that we are getting a lot of requests to speak at our meetings, so she suggested we move to public forums each month. After discussion, the draft calendar for 2018 which has a public meeting on the second Tuesday each month (except January) was accepted. It was agreed to keep the time at 7pm and the venue at the Eastlake Football Club.

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Points raised in discussion included:

- Important not to duplicate the timing and focus of events with residents groups. Most groups have a speaker at the AGM to get more people to attend and hold meetings to cover local issues when they arise.
- Under the previous LAPAC system any development above a dual occupancy was put to the community representatives at the monthly meeting. The new pre-DA consultation guidelines for larger developments just released do not include our recommendation that the pre-DA consultations include participation in Community Council public forums.
- Where an issue affects several suburbs e.g. the Fyshwick Incinerator, it is better that the ISCCC hold the meeting and people can come from all over Canberra as they did for the August forum on the incinerator.
- Noted that Capital Recycling Solutions (CRS) have not yet made a formal submission to split the EIS for the two stages of their Fyshwick waste management proposal.
- There was a request to livestream meetings for those unable to attend but most venues have slow internet access. An alternative is to record and put short video clips on the website.
- ISCCC has an information clearinghouse role in disseminating information from residents groups.

**6. Minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2016**

The Minutes of the AGM on 17th November 2016 were accepted. Moved D Johnstone, seconded R Scouller.

**7. Chair's report**

The Chair spoke to her report, which was circulated.

**8. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer explained that expenditure was much higher than income in 2016-7 because the ACT Government had required all Community Councils to spend the unspent funds that had accumulated from grants in earlier years or return these funds to the government. A question was asked about whether it was wise to accept grants from the government. The Treasurer noted that all Community Councils in the ACT accept such grants for the purpose of communicating between the community and the government. The ISCCC has little other income and part of the grant is used to support residents group communications. The financial report for the year 2016-7 was accepted: Moved P Moore, seconded J Edquist.

**9. Election of Committee**

The chair invited John Keeley (president ONCC) to be returning officer. He congratulated the existing committee, then proceeded with nominations received. The following Council members were elected unopposed to the Committee of the Council:

Chairperson	Marea Fatseas
Deputy Chairperson	John Edquist
Secretary	Gary Green
Treasurer:	David Johnstone
Public Relations Officer	Alex Lamb
Web Master	Gary Kent
Ordinary Member	Anne Forrest
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Assistant Secretary	Andrew Schloeffel

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Assistant Treasurer

Deborah Price

Auditor

Andrew Tharle

Gary Kent will continue as Public Officer.

The returning officer noted this is the first time that all positions, including optional positions, have been filled and gave credit to the Chair for this achievement.

Rebecca Scouller moved a motion of thanks to the 2017 team who had done a wonderful job. Seconded Barbara Moore. The Chair thanked Deborah Price for her time as Secretary and departing Committee members Sue Ross (Assistant Secretary and former Secretary and Treasurer), David Byrnes (Public Relations Officer) and John-Paul Romano (Ordinary member).

**10. Resident Group Nominees.**

Resident Groups proposed their nominee(s) to the ISCCC as follows:

GNCA: Leo Dobes and Venessa Trip

DRA: George Wilson and John Bell

ONCC: John Keeley and Austin Lynch

YRA: David Harvey and Mike Lewis

RHRG: Melissa Bennett

FRG: Margaret Atcherley and Carolyn Norrie (pending their next AGM)

KBRG: is holding its AGM next week and will let us know.

OEPA: to be confirmed

**11. General Business** None

**Meeting closed at 8.35 pm**