

THE INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ISCCC)

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING, 7 JULY 2010

CANBERRA SERVICES CLUB, MANUKA

1. Opening

Kevin Gill opened the meeting at 7pm.

2. Chair

Kevin Gill was elected to chair the meeting.

3. Apologies:

Senator Kate Lundy, Paul Russell, Gae Russell, Caroline Le Couteur MLA, Hugh Dakin, Margaret Mackay, Di Johnston, Tony Powell, Anne Forrest, George Miller, June Smyth, Rick Smyth, Ray Cullen, Julie McCarron-Benson, Phil Croxen, Jill Croxen.

4. Report from Steering Committee

Gary Kent, Co-convenor and Secretary of the Steering Committee formed to draft the ISCCC Constitution, outlined the processes, initiated by Kevin Gill, leading up to the formation of the Committee. He said that the Steering Committee had met on a number of occasions to prepare the draft Constitution, which was presented for consideration tonight. The next step would be for the Committee to pursue incorporation of the Council under the ACT association's incorporation legislation.

Kevin Gill, Co-convenor of the Steering Committee, emphasized the role of the existing residents associations and that they would have primary carriage of matters occurring within their boundaries, with the support of the Council.

5. Report from Community associations

Margaret Fanning, President, Griffith-Narrabundah Residents Association

John Keeley, Chair, Old Narrabundah Community Association

Robyn Cooper, President, Yarralumla Residents Association.

The respective chairs of the above associations briefly outlined the history and recent achievements of their groups. They advised that their organisations strongly supported the formation of the ISCCC, which would support and enhance local efforts and ensure high level

representation to government for residents of the Inner South. The formation of other local residents groups should be encouraged.

6. Formation of the Community Council

In response to a question from Nick Swain about the boundaries of the Council (eg exclusion of Oaks Estate and Jerrabomberra Wetlands), Kevin Gill said that this matter had been discussed at length by the Steering Committee and that a range of options had been considered. The boundaries adopted were considered to be the most practical. There was nothing to stop the Council dealing with matters that arose in adjacent areas and meeting with relevant interest groups.

The Council agreed the following motion (moved Robyn Craig, seconded Greg Cornwell, and incorporating amendments moved from the floor):

That this meeting of Inner South Canberra Residents:

- *notes the decision of the public meeting of 17 February 2010 as follows: “That a Steering Committee be formed of representatives of existing residents’ associations and other individuals to progress the formation of an ‘Old’ Canberra South Community Council.”*
- *resolves to confirm the decision to form a Community Council to represent the residents of inner south Canberra*
- *agrees that this Council be known as The Inner South Canberra Community Council; and,*
- *agrees:*
 - *to support the principles as outlined in the Preamble of the ISCCC Constitution*
 - *to adopt the draft ISCCC Constitution submitted by the Steering Committee, incorporating amendments to the Objects and Purposes clauses proposed by John Lamb as follows:*
 - (a) *To protect and enhance the amenity and environmental community well-being of inner south Canberra residents and the broader community;*
 - (b) *To promote and represent Inner South Canberra residents in respect of the above;*
 - (c) *To actively promote communication and coordination among residents and local community groups;*
 - (d) *To contribute to the planning of Inner south Canberra, consistent with the above objectives; and*
 - (e) *To assist in ensuring all groups, especially the more vulnerable, are adequately represented.*

- *that the amendments proposed in the previous paragraph would be finalised by the Committee to ensure the correct ordering of clauses*
- *to directly elect an ISCCC committee in accordance with Section 24 of the constitution*
- *to direct the incoming ISCCC committee to seek Incorporation, and to thank the members of the Steering Committee for their work.*

7. Membership Fees

The meeting adopted an annual membership fee of \$15 per annum.

8. Government funding

There was discussion as to the advisability of accepting ACT government funding. The matter was left for later determination to enable consideration of the issues involved. John Keeley mentioned that one advantage was that the substantial insurance costs would be covered by the Government.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to enable attendees to take out membership of the Council.

10. Election of Committee

The following Council members were elected unopposed to the Committee of the Council:

Chairperson & Public Officer	Kevin Gill
Deputy Chairperson	Gary Kent
Treasurer:	Lesley Thomson
Assistant Secretary	Sue Ross
Ordinary members:	Anne Forrest Maria Fatseas

The following Council members were nominated to Committee membership by relevant residents' organisations:

Griffith-Narrabundah Residents Association	Margaret Fanning Jonathan Mandl
Old Narrabundah Community Association	John Keeley Austin Lynch
Yarralumla Residents Association	Robyn Cooper Denise Page.

Greg Cornwell was elected unopposed as Auditor of the Council.

Council agreed to elect Elke Mackenzie to the position of Secretary, should she agree to accept this position.

11. Strategic Plan for Inner South

The Council agreed the following motion (moved Marea Fatseas, seconded Kevin Gill):

That, given the strong support of the wider ACT community for the 'Bush Capital' concept which includes the idea of including generous 'open space' in our inner and outer suburbs, this first meeting of the ISCCC calls upon the ACT Government, to develop, in partnership with Inner South residents, a new strategic Plan for the area known as Inner South Canberra' (including Symonston), which would cover any issue which has the potential to impact on the Inner South (such as population, traffic, public transport, urban consolidation, heritage, ACT and Commonwealth Government planning and development, lease change, public and recreational space, education, health, retail and general facilities for the very young through to the elderly).

12. Urban Open Space Networks

The Council agreed the following motion (moved Margaret Fanning, seconded by Genette Purnell, and incorporating amendments moved from the floor):

That the ISCCC emphasises the high importance of retaining, preserving and enhancing the public open spaces of the Inner South, especially given the Government's urban intensification policies for the Inner South. This meeting calls upon the ACT Government to ensure that all our existing Urban Open Space networks are retained and strengthened and that, as part of that commitment, it not proceed with or endorse any proposal to change the Urban Open Space status of Griffith Oval No. 1 and Griffith Oval No 2.

13. Narrabundah Golf Course

The Council agreed the following motion (moved Kevin Gill, seconded John Keeley):

That any change of lease purpose application relating to the Capital Golf Course at Narrabundah be rejected.

14. Concessional leases

Kevin Gill, the mover, withdrew this motion to allow detailed discussion at a future meeting of Council.

15. Committee meetings

The Council agreed the following motion (moved Brendan Preiss, seconded Kevin Gill):

Meetings of the ISCCC Committee shall be advised (with agendas) to members, and any member may attend.

16. General Business

Sonia Owens spoke of the lack of consultation, despite the Minister's assurances, in relation to the Quamby redevelopment project.

A representative of the Red Hill Regeneration Group spoke of the development proposed by the Red Hill Golf Club.

Pamela Harris, in her capacity as a member of the Friends of the Albert Hall, said she wished the new Council every success and the Friends would be very interested in seeking affiliation.

Marea Fatseas suggested that the Council consider establishing strategic working groups to ensure it was well-placed to engage professionally with government and other organisations at a strategic level.

Louise Gaudry said it was important that Council meetings were held on fixed, well publicised dates to ensure maximum attendance.

Genette Purnell said it was important the Council engaged with the media to advance its interests and that it needed access to expert media advice.

John Lamb proposed that the meeting close and thanked for the Committee for its work.

Greg Cornwell expressed thanks on behalf of the meeting for the work of Kevin Gill and Gary Kent in leading the work of the Steering Committee.

17. Future Meeting Dates

Kevin Gill advised that these would be advised by the Committee shortly.