

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair (Gary Kent) welcomed attendees, in particular Kevin Gill, the founding President.

2. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Andrew Leigh MP, Gai Brodtmann MP, Minister Mick Gentleman, Nicole Lawder MLA, Alistair Coe MLA, Yvette Berry MLA, Steve Doszpot MLA, Caroline Fitzwarrynne, Anne Forrest, Greg Dennis and John Keeley.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2013

The Minutes of the AGM on 26 November 2013 were accepted. Moved Kevin Gill, seconded Marea Fatseas.

4. Treasurer's report

The financial report was accepted: Moved Peter Moore, seconded John Edquist. The treasurer noted that since the end of the financial year a total of \$7000 has been distributed to resident groups for the costs of producing their newsletters.

5. Chair's report

Before the ISCCC was founded there were a number of excellent resident groups. The role of the ISCCC is a federation of these groups to provide a united voice to government. The ISCCC is now a respected participant as indicated by the number of forums and workshops it is invited to.

The Chair thanked committee members for doing an outstanding job. We have an expert on any subject that comes up.

The ISCCC is well-respected and has a professional relationship with the Press being frequently referred to in the Canberra Times, the Chronicle and on radio. The ISCCC now has 250 Twitter followers.

Issues for the last 12 months have included transport, the Yarralumla and Deakin development near the Brickworks, concessional leases, the introduction of paid parking in the parliamentary triangle and the Omnibus Territory Plan variation. The last has the potential to debase the character of suburbs. We are working with (what was) ACTPLA on precinct codes.

New issues include the heritage listing of Canberra and light rail which, should it proceed, we should ensure gets to the right places in the Inner South such as the Kingston Arts Precinct.

The new electoral boundaries will give better service as the Inner South and North will be one electorate.

ISCCC has established relationships with other groups such as the Manuka Business Association who we've worked with on such issues as the Manuka Oval and the Stuart Flats development and we welcome Peter Forbes the publicity officer.

Thanks to the resident group members on the committee. Traditionally we think of Inner South Canberra as the older suburbs but it is great to have the Oaks Estate Progress Association on board and I'd like to acknowledge Karen Williams who is the president.

Peter Moore thanked ISCCC for the wonderful support given to the Kingston Barton Residents Group which was struggling twelve months ago. Particularly thanks to the chair for his guidance during the year and for chairing the KBRG AGM.

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6. Election of Committee

The chair invited Kevin Gill to be returning officer. The following Council members were elected unopposed to the Committee of the Council:

Chairperson	Gary Kent
Deputy Chairperson	Anne Forrest
Treasurer:	David Johnstone
Secretary	Deborah Price
Ordinary Member	Sue Ross

No nominations were received for the positions of Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, the second ordinary member, Web Master, Public Relations Officer. The committee will appoint an auditor. Moved John Edquist, seconded Marea Fatseas to accept these results from the returning officer.

7. ISCCC 2011-15 Strategic Plan

Sue Ross spoke to the draft ISCCC Strategic Plan and the actions taken by ISCCC noting that the bulk of these actions were carried out by resident groups. ISCCC has collaborated with Combined Community Councils (CCC) on Canberra-wide issues.

There is lots of work to be done developing Precinct Codes, which have replaced neighbourhood plans. The ACT government is non-committal on supporting their development with resources.

ISCCC has held two public forums this year, one on sustainability and one on the Yarralumla/Deakin infill (Brickworks) development. We're also building an evidence base for what we're doing so let us know if you want any data. There is ABS and Government data on our website.

8. Minister Shane Rattenbury arrived at 7.55.

The minister outlined some Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) activities:

- The introduction of 40km zones in town centres went well and will start in regional centres such as Manuka and Kingston.
- The special needs buses for disabled kids are being extended to older people no longer within working distance of a bus stop.
- More parking inspectors and rangers.
- Monitoring and increasing time restricted parking.

He made the following points about government policy:

- Rates will go up 6% more than CPI to cover eliminating stamp duty which is inefficient and unreliable.
- The government released the light rail business case on 31/10, the only government to do so. We can't afford not to build light rail as roads are very expensive.
- It is critically important that Canberra becomes less car dependent as ACT has the highest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia.
- Density should increase as the north/south length now equals Sydney.
- As Minister of Primary Industry he aims to increase locally grown food - Urban farm has opened in Turner.

There followed a lively question and answer session which included the following points:

- The need to break down bureaucratic barriers. CCs should escalate to ministers if meeting such barriers.

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- Events (eg Manuka Oval) and four major teams (e.g. Brumbies) are in the Treasury rather than the Sport and Recreation portfolio. The current changes at Manuka Oval are to reduce entrance queues. He was not aware of feedback about disruptive noise, lighting and parking.
- LDA is bringing out a new proposal for the Brickworks development due to Minister Rattenbury taking up the road issues with TAMS.
- There is a separate to develop the Light rail master plan (priorities, next legs). Capital metro is looking at Russel Offices.
- TAMS is currently consulting on freight strategy. B-doubles are restricted to main roads and bigger shopping centres. Minister to check YRA claims they come to Yarralumla shops.
- There are mixed views on the Mr Fluffy buyback with concerns about buying on a rising market. While valuation is fixed on 28th October valuers have been told not to undervalue. The buyback is much fairer than compulsory acquisition and will cost ACT taxpayers \$300m.
- TAMS has changed its approach to street trees now replacing only those necessary rather than the whole street at once. Aim is for species that do better in the hotter drier climate. Minister will find out if there is a regeneration plan on the TAMS website. Suggestion that ISCCC have public forum on trees and verges.
- ACTPLA can override TAMS on retaining trees at development sites. Recently 5 plane trees and two rows of oaks have been lost in a small part of the City.
- Minister got through the requirement that 100% of the profits from the Omnibus Variation will be put back into public housing 3 days before he left the portfolio. Let MLAs know of any concerns we have about the Omnibus development.

9. General Business

None.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm