

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
12 April 2016**

**Present** – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marion Williams, Lorraine Mason, Chris Mobbs, John Carty, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca and Bruce Smith

Visitor - Leah Dwyer

Apologies: No apologies

**Minutes**: The minutes for 8 March were accepted.

**Treasurers report**. Terry reported that the money for last year's Party at the Shops was paid in November. The current balance is \$3179.30. Terry bought posters for Clean Up Australia Day at a cost of \$30.

**Clean up Australia Day** – Terry reported that good progress was made, and thanked people in HCA who participated.

**North Canberra Community Council (NCCC)**: Bruce reported that the NCCC has been asked to develop a plan for the expenditure of surplus funding by the end of 2016. Proposals put forward in the discussion included:

- funding for a Party at the Shops, including funding for activities (for example, an Honorarium for some people who undertake activities at the party)
- funding for improving the NCCC website
- funding for enhancing and/or publicizing the Hackett community website
- funding for a banner for Hackett Community events

**Hackett community website**: Greg reported progress with the new website, including that it will include all businesses in Hackett, including those not located at the shops, and will include 10 community associations. Greg emphasized that we need to have a more broadly based approach to community.

**Trees in parks**: Chris circulated a paper and talked to it. He reported that he had had discussions with ACT Government officials, and, arising partly from those discussions, noted that:

- there are no plans for a general review of the Hackett Plan, so we will need to go to the Minister
- the trees are around 50 years old and looking worn - what do we replace them with? We need to ensure that they are not all replanted at the same time. There should be action now to enable a seamless transition (similar to what is being done in Haig Park).
- there are public place names protocols
- there are a lot of advantages in naming parks (giving them a stronger identity and recognition in the community, and providing a clearer defence against poor planning and incursions into green spaces)
- there can be problems in getting consensus on names. It would be desirable to do one at a time.
- There are a number of large spaces near the Madigan Street trees – the could incorporate a playground or a kids riding area like North Ainslie School

Chris offered to prepare a flyer to be circulated to nearby streets, and also write a piece in Neighbourhood Watch. He also proposed a poster and a letter to the Minister.

It was agreed to support the recommendations of the paper (moved Bruce/ seconded Terry)

Leah said she was willing to pick up the idea of the playground and the trees. She flagged that support could be gauged through the use of Survey Monkey.

**Contact day planning:** James led a discussion on planning for the Contact Day (30 April). He reported that:

- he had approached a number of local schools
- we will probably have around 10 tables
- he has sent invitations to politicians and prospective politicians
- Advertising has gone well, but some notices have been removed
- Action and Capital Metro are coming together
- We should ask HCA members - not just the Committee - to come along and staff the table.

**Date for the Hackett Party:** it was agreed to hold the party on Saturday 29 October.

**Planning for AGM:** There was a discussion about films which could be shown at the AGM on 13 September. Points raised included:

- we could get films out of the Film and Sound Archives, but we would need ensure that they were not too long.
- A film with some relation to Hackett would be ideal – perhaps around 1963. A short documentary - say 15 minutes.
- It would also be possible to download something from YouTube.
- We could put some of the material on the website.

James offered to look for films and Greg and Terry offered to edit.

**Changes to Constitution:** It was agreed that a minor change in the Constitution to update a Reference to legislation could happen without taking it to a general meeting – it would just be a correction.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.