



Re:imagine Peoples Panel Meeting Minutes

Meeting One: 28 April 2018, 8:30am – 10:30am

Gold Creek Country Club

Attendees

Amanda Whitley (Chair)

Lisa Thorburn

Anne Emms

John Baker

Chris Thomas

Mark De Bortoli

Ms Leayr Wilks

Alec Campbell

Kim Pickering (in place of Mark Pickering)

Karen Reid

Steve Brown (in place of Jo Brown)

Amanda Kiley

Tim Napper

Jeffrey Harmer

Damian Tunney

David George

Ross Stevens

Sandra Elliot

Kent Donally

Brett Adam

David Thorne

Mark Wilkins

Ed Killesteyn

Apologies

Allycia Knox

Cherie Jaques

Joanne Brown

Rhonda Daniell

Tara Nichols

Helen Leayr (The Communication Link)

April McFadden (Secretariat)

Papers distributed prior to meeting

- Agenda meeting #1
- Draft People's Panel Terms of Reference

The following items were also reviewed at the meeting:

- Re:imagine maps submitted by public
- Initial online survey report

1. Welcome

The Chair, Amanda Whitley, welcomed the members of the Peoples Panel to the first meeting.

Apologies were noted.

The Chair provided some information regarding her background and her interest in Chairing the re:imagine project.

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2. Panel Introductions

Each panel member was invited to introduce themselves and share their interest in being a part of the re:imagine Peoples Panel. Any conflicts of interest were invited to be shared.

Over half of the panel members present (12 out of 22) declared that their homes adjoin immediately onto the Gold Creek Country Club (GCCC).

Some of the feedback given in the introductions included:

- An interest in keeping the golf course as it currently is.
- An interest in the financial metrics of the GCCC with a view to see how it could be made a profitable business in its current format.
- Expressions of wanting to be involved in the process of re:imagine and participate in decision making.
- Concerns about losing the view of the golf course from their homes.
- An interest in gaining a level of certainty about the long term future of GCCC.
- Expressions of enjoying the open space the golf course offers residents.
- Concern for the loss of open space.
- An interest in making the reporting of these meetings public to help gain trust in the process.
- An interest in understanding how the GCCC came to this point in terms of deciding to develop and where it goes to from here.
- Recognition that the golf course is privately owned.
- An interest in seeing amenities for children and teenagers be developed at GCCC as there is currently little in the area for young people.
- An interest in bringing to the discussion views for the re:imagine project from all of Nicholls.
- Concern that once changes to the golf course are made they cannot be undone.
- Concern over short-term gain winning over maintaining open space for the long term.
- An interest in keeping golfers and Golf Club members informed.
- Concern for increased traffic into Nicholls.

3. Presentation

Ms Helen Leayr provided a presentation that included some background on the project, the role of The Communication Link, the proposed consultation process, activities undertaken to date and initial results of the current online survey. A copy of the presentation can be found on the re:imagine website.

Ms Leayr suggested the panel utilise this opportunity to work towards a win-win outcome for both the community and the owners of the golf course.

There were a number of discussion points and questions throughout the presentation by Ms Leayr:

- The Panel wish to be informed of what constitutes the Gold Creek Country Club – are the swimming pool and gym separately owned business? What are the lease agreements for these businesses?
- Is the golf course the sole focus of the re:imagine project or does it include the GCCC business?
- In regards to the land that the panel is being asked to review for being re:imagined what can currently be changed without consultation (with the public) and what would require consultation?
- When discussing the financial viability of GCCC does that only include the viability of the golfing facilities?
- An interest in refreshing and broadening the scope of the project (to include all the GCCC facilities)
- Acknowledgment that business owners are entitled to do what they wish with their own business
- An interest in understanding the land use requirements for GCCC and the current lease/s. What is currently constituted as open community space and is there a requirement for a minimum 18 hole golf course?
- An interest in knowing if the golf club is in any way constrained by the current licence the Club has.
- Regarding the viability of the Golf Course, is the plan for Troon to break even by the end of this year and become profitable by end of next year?

It was suggested that the group required more information as a starting point for its discussions and it was agreed that the next meeting will incorporate a workshop to collate the questions and information. Based on this it was agreed that the proposed agenda item for a discussion with Mr Harry Konstantiou be delayed to a later meeting, after the questions have been collated.

The following information was provided in response to questions:

- The completed re:imagine site maps filled in by the community and survey results will be provided to the group.
- The Communication Link owns the data from the survey
- The re:imagine Project Team consists of Harry and John Konstantinou and that the re:imagine Community Team is The Communication Link. The Community Team has been hired to provide independent advice to the Project Team.
- The purpose of the movie night was to raise awareness of the re:imagine project and to encourage the community to consider how the existing space could be used in other ways. Security was provided at the movie night to ensure that attendees at the movie night didn't wander onto the golf course, or into areas that weren't well-lit.

4. Role of the Peoples Panel

Ms Leayr explained the proposed approach to the People's Panel and noted that early meetings of these types of community reference forums are always very dynamic.

The Panel is:

- Considered to be the receiver of information about the re:imagine project from the public
- Is empowered to give the KGroup information from the community

The Panel was encouraged to consider:

- If the panel would like to play a role beyond this first consultation phase to review any proposed options the KGroup may develop.
- If a more statistically valid survey be of any value, and noted that this survey was designed to elicit initial community values.

The Draft Terms of Reference for the People's Panel were discussed. The following amendments were made:

- To broaden the scope of information the People's Panel can draw on additional sources of information was added - 'other sources as identified by the People's Panel'.
- The suggestion the panel would meet up to five times, was amended to as it would meet 'as required'.
- Subject matter experts would not just be provided to the People's Panel, but can 'also be sourced by' the People's Panel.

It was agreed that the proceedings of the People's Panel would be open and that a post meeting communique would be prepared for issuing after each meeting. Draft Minutes would be reviewed at the subsequent meeting before being posted to the re:imagine website.

Concern was expressed over the risk of The Panel being a waste of time for participants. Having an open process was an important part of ensuring that the discussions at the meeting would be taken into consideration.

Membership of the panel was discussed. It was agreed to expand the membership and that representatives from Gungahlin Community Council, Cockington Green, the Anderson family and the Gold Creek Traders would be invited to join the People's Panel. It was suggested that some young people would be good to add to the group. A member of the People's panel undertook to discuss this with their teenage son to see if anyone was interested.

5. Confirm actions and next steps

- Ms Leayr to arrange someone from the ACT Government to present to the next Panel meeting on the current lease conditions of the golf course and associated planning rules associated with undertaking any development or changes of activities on the site.
- The next Panel meeting will workshop the questions or information that is required by the Panel to continue its discussion.
- The Communication Link to prepare a draft Communique for review by the People Panel members for release on the re:imagine website by Monday 30 April 2018. The communique will be a one page high level summary of the meeting.
- The names of the Peoples Panel members will be published on the re:imagine website.
- Meeting Minutes for the first Peoples Panel will be endorsed by the Panel at the second meeting before posting to the website.
- New members be invited to join the group as discussed.

Other suggestions for consideration at future meetings included:

- Presentation by Troon regarding their plans to make the golf course profitable (during their 12-month contact).
- KGroup to source studies to present to the Panel (environmental/traffic/population growth).
- Invite the Minister for Planning to a People's Panel meeting.

6. Next meeting

8.30am 12 May 2018, Gold Creek Country Club

7. Meeting close

Ms Whitley closed the meeting at 10:40am