

Future Nillumbik Committee

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 17 July 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held Tuesday 17 July 2018.
The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Jane Ashton	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward

Officers in attendance:

Mark Stoermer	Chief Executive Officer
Adrian Cully	Director Business and Strategy
Matt Kelleher	Director Services and Planning
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Sustainability and Place
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance
Katia Croce	Governance Lead
Aleksandra Treneska	Administration Officer, Governance
Mitch Grayson	Chief of Staff to Mayor and Councillors
Corrienne Nichols	Manager Community Programs
Naomi Paton	Manager Integrated Strategy
Jodie Leahy	Family Support and Participation Resource Officer

1. Welcome and apologies

Under clause 14.3 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law, if the Mayor is absent, the Deputy Mayor takes the Chair.

The Mayor Peter Clarke is on a leave of absence and Cr John Dumaresq was an apology.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Bruce Ranken

SECONDED: Cr Grant Brooker

That the leave of absence of Mayor Peter Clarke and the apology of Cr John Dumaresq be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Jane Ashton

SECONDED: Cr Grant Brooker

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Cr Jane Ashton assumed the chair at 7.33pm as the Councillor responsible for the Community Services Portfolio.

4. Officers' report

FN.019/18 Gender Equity Policy Statement

Portfolio: Community Services

Distribution: Public

Manager: Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs

Author: Jodie Leahy, Family Support and Participation Resource Officer

Narelle Hart, Coordinator Early Years Programs

Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs

Summary

The Gender Equity Policy Statement has been developed by Council's internal Gender Equity Working Group for the purpose of promoting and embedding gender equity principles across the organisation and community.

By adopting the Gender Equity Policy Statement, it will provide direction for Council's work at both a strategic and service delivery level. This aligns with the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 priority to "*Advance gender equality and respectful relationships: reduce violence against women and children in our community*".

Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Dana Thomson
2. Helen Coleman

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) adopts the Gender Equity Policy Statement for the purpose of promoting and embedding gender equity principles across the organisation and Nillumbik community.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Grant Brooker

SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Amends the following sentence in the Gender Equity Policy Statement to read:
"In order to achieve gender equality we will be fair and equitable by providing access, opportunity and resources to enable equal outcomes for all people."
2. Adopts the Gender Equity Policy Statement for the purpose of promoting and embedding gender equity principles across the organisation and Nillumbik community.

4. Officers' Report

FN.019/18 Gender Equity Policy Statement

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Grant Brooker

SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

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“In order to achieve gender equality we will be fair and equitable by providing access, opportunity and resources to enable equal outcomes for all people.”
2. Adopts the Gender Equity Policy Statement for the purpose of promoting and embedding gender equity principles across the organisation and Nillumbik community.

CARRIED

Cr Karen Egan assumed the chair at 7.53pm.

4. Officers' report

FN.020/18 Special Charge Scheme Policy Review

Portfolio: Infrastructure

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Sustainability and Place

Author: Patrick Wood, Coordinator Design

Summary

In late 2017, Council commenced a review of its Special Charge Scheme Policy. The overarching objective of the review was to develop a policy that is more responsive to the needs of the community. The review was completed by an external specialist in May 2018 and a new policy was drafted based on the recommendations of that review. Following submission of the draft policy to Council, feedback has now been sought from the community. Nine submissions from the public have been received in relation to the draft policy. After consideration of these submissions, Council officers recommend that the committee refers the policy to the July 2018 Ordinary Council meeting for a decision regarding adoption.

Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Bill Spawton
2. Sana Kojicin

As a result of the submission, Cr Peter Perkins asked Officers, "What would the cost be to Council and therefore ratepayers, to contribute 50 percent of the cost to seal every road in the shire?" The question was taken on notice.

3. Ben Pawluk

As a result from the submission, Deputy Mayor Karen Egan asked that Officers confirm whether a survey was sent to the residents of Clarke Road, Wattle Glen proposing the road be sealed and whether the result was that it did not meet the 60/40 requirement. The question was taken on notice.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Bruce Ranken

SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes that nine submissions were received in relation to the draft revised Special Charge Scheme Policy.
2. Refers a decision regarding the adoption of the '*Special Charge Schemes for Roads and Drainage Works Policy and Guidelines*' document to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 July 2018.

CARRIED

4. Officers' Report

FN.020/18 Special Charge Scheme Policy Review

Matt Kelleher Director Services and Planning left the meeting during the discussion of the above item at 7.54pm and returned at 8.01pm.

Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs and Jodie Leahy, Family Support and Participation Officer left the meeting during the discussion of the above item at 7.54pm.

4. Officers' report**FN.021/18 Fordhams Road Special Charge Scheme, Eltham****Portfolio: Infrastructure****Distribution: Public****Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Sustainability and Place****Author: Matthew Theuma, Engineer****Summary**

Following a consultation process, Council resolved on 29 May 2018 (Item OCM.076/18), to commence the statutory process for a Special Charge Scheme for Fordhams Road, Eltham.

Council's notice of its intention to declare a scheme was publicly advertised in the *Diamond Valley Leader* newspaper on 6 June 2018.

A letter and notice of the proposal was sent to all property owners with a liability under the scheme. Council has received five submissions and five objections from affected property owners which constitutes a submission or an objection under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

This report recommends that the Committee refers a decision regarding the formal declaration of the Fordhams Road Special Charge Scheme to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 July 2018.

Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Du Ton-That

As a result of the submission, Mr Du Ton-That asked Council to consider what the cost comparison is between maintaining an unsealed road versus a sealed road and whether cost savings to Council can be redistributed to the affected residents. The question was taken on notice.

2. Sana Kojicin

Committee Resolution**MOVER: Cr Grant Brooker****SECONDER: Cr Peter Perkins****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes that five (5) submissions and five (5) objections were received for this scheme.
2. Refers a decision regarding the formal declaration of the Fordhams Road Special Charge Scheme to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 July 2018.

CARRIED

Cr Bruce Rankin assumed the chair at 8.32pm as the Councillor responsible for the Social Infrastructure Portfolio.

4. Officers' report

FN.022/18 Eltham North Adventure Playground design consultation

Portfolio: Social Infrastructure

Distribution: Public

Manager: Adrian Cully, Director Business and Strategy

Author: Melissa Houselander, Project Officer

Neil Hordern, Manager Connected Communities

Summary

This report provides the community consultation outcomes of the playground designs at Eltham North Reserve.

Speakers

The following person addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Helen Coleman

Committee Resolution

MOVER: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDER: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the consultation response to the survey and feedback regarding the playground designs at Eltham North Adventure Reserve.
2. Endorses Officers to commence the detailed design phase.

CARRIED

Cr Peter Perkins assumed the chair at 8.44pm as the Councillor responsible for the Planning Portfolio.

4. Officers' report

FN.023/18 Review of the Diamond Creek and Eltham Activity Centre Structure Plans - Public Engagement and Project Plan

Portfolio: Planning

Distribution: Public

Manager: Adrian Cully, Director Business and Strategy

Author: Fae Ballingall, Senior Strategic Planner

Anthony Calthorpe, Strategic Planning Coordinator

Summary

The Eltham Structure Plan (2004) and Diamond Creek Structure Plan (2006) need to be updated to respond to the changing social, economic and environmental policy context. This initiative is supported by the Council Plan 2017-2021. A key focus of the project will be about creating places for people. This aims to better understand how people use our activity centres, their movement patterns and habits; how they relate to the public realm, what they enjoy (and they don't enjoy). The purpose will be to develop meaningful actions that, when implemented, make a difference to the community – be it a business, visitor, shopper or worker. Another major focus for this work will be to work with Council's Economic Development unit and the business community to help deliver the conditions that will foster a vibrant and prosperous local economy and keep pace with the changing conditions within the business and retail industries. The Council Plan places a strong focus on our economy – so strong integrated policy outcomes are a key objective for structure planning work.

The project will include an extensive program of community engagement, over three stages. The first stage of public consultation will take place between 23 July and 26 August, 2018.

This report seeks endorsement of the proposed program and the associated timeframes.

Speakers

The following person addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Esther Caspi

Committee Resolution

MOVER: Cr Bruce Ranken

SECONDER: Cr Grant Brooker

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Endorses the program for the review of the Nillumbik Activity Centres.

CARRIED

4. Officers' report

FN.024/18 Melbourne Water Land Disposal - Christmas Hills

Portfolio: Planning

Distribution: Public

Manager: Naomi Paton, Manager Integrated Strategy

Author: Anthony Calthorpe, Strategic Planning Coordinator

Summary

Under State Government land policies, Melbourne Water is required to dispose of approximately 1000 hectares of land at Christmas Hills previously earmarked for the Watsons Creek Storage Reservoir (WCSR). The land, comprising 112 existing titles, has been declared surplus to requirements. It is referred to by Melbourne Water as the 'study area' and shown in **Attachment 1**. Melbourne Water is required to rezone the land from the Public Use Zone (PUZ) to an appropriate green wedge zone before it can sell the land.

Melbourne Water has been investigating the land use capability for its land at Christmas Hills since May 2016. An initial background report investigating key land capability considerations was released in October 2017.

On 23 May 2018, Melbourne Water publicly released its *Options Development Report – Christmas Hills Land Use Study* (ODR), March 2018. It is included as **Attachment 2**. The ODR outlines the key considerations that have informed the development of the, largely residential-led, land use options proposed for the 'study area'. Council officers have prepared a draft Assessment Report of the ODR and a copy is included as **Attachment 3**. Council is now asked to consider the draft submission for endorsement as its public submission to Melbourne Water.

The draft Assessment Report highlights concern with the lack of evidence to demonstrate how Melbourne Water has considered and is seeking to implement key State green wedge policies and objectives. Further, there are a number of statutory planning concerns about implementing the residential outcomes shown in the ODR.

Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Wayne Rushton
2. Max Parsons
3. Jim Connor
4. Glen Kavanagh of Yarra Valley Trails / Ponyland
5. Veronica Holland

4. Officers' Report**FN.024/18 Melbourne Water Land Disposal - Christmas Hills**

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Endorse the draft Assessment Report at Attachment 3 as Council's formal submission to Melbourne Water, subject to:
 - a) A fourteen (14) day period for Council to receive feedback and submissions from the public about its draft submission; and
 - b) That the final submission incorporates a summary table of any submissions or comments received from the public.
2. Following 1a) and 1b) above, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit to Melbourne Water.

Motion

MOVER: Cr Jane Ashton

SECONDER: Cr Karen Egan

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Cr Peter Perkins proposed to the mover and seconder that additional points (3 and 4) be included as follows:

3. Write a letter to CFA and Melbourne Water providing a copy of the draft submission to Melbourne Water which is now out for public consultation and highlighting page 160 and 161 under "CFA Response" on page 36.
4. Requests formal feedback from CFA into the options put forward by Melbourne Water.

This was accepted by Cr Jane Ashton and Cr Karen Egan.

4. Officers' Report**FN.024/18 Melbourne Water Land Disposal - Christmas Hills**

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVER: Cr Jane Ashton

SECONDER: Cr Karen Egan

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CARRIED

Mark Stoermer Chief Executive Officer, temporarily left the meeting at 8.50pm during submissions, and returned at 8.53pm.

5. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

6. Confidential reports

Nil

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Confirmed: _____
Cr Peter Clarke, Mayor