

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held virtually on Tuesday 14 September 2021 commenced at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 September 2021. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

Councillors present:

Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Mayor)
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Financial Officer
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Operations and Infrastructure
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance, Communications and Engagement
Corrienne Nichols	Executive Manager Communities
Jeremy Livingston	Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance
Rosa Zouzoulas	Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety
Eddie Cheng	Manager, Information Technology
Yasmin Green	Strategy and Policy Advisor
Lawrence Seyers	Lead Transport Planner
Nik Mistriotis	Lead Systems Architect
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public were advised the meeting will be recorded and a recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on YouTube and Council’s website.

The Chairperson Cr Ben Ramcharan addressed the gallery advising that the Committee had a large number of submitters wishing to speak, reminded the gallery of the virtual etiquette and the process for moving in and out of the platform when called upon to speak to their item.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson, Cr Ben Ramcharan.

3 Apologies

Nil

4 Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre
SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021 be confirmed (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

6. Officers' reports

PCC.019/21 Draft Council Plan 2021-2025

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Jeremy Livingston, Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance

Author: Yasmin Green, Strategy and Policy Advisor

Summary

This report notes the submissions received from the community regarding the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (Draft Plan).

The Council Plan is the Council's primary strategic document for its four-year term, and is the elected Council's statement of its priorities for the Nillumbik community. The Council Plan is a requirement under section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and must be adopted by Council before 31 October 2021.

The information and community feedback gathered through the Our People, Our Place, Our Future community engagement program undertaken in February and March of this year has helped inform the development of the Draft Plan. Also, around one-third of the membership of Council's various Advisory Committees attended one of three workshops to review and provide feedback on the document, prior to the draft being finalised for public consultation.

The Draft Plan was released for the purposes of public consultation at the Council Meeting on 27 July 2021 (**Attachment 1**). It was exhibited for 28 days and 91 submissions were received (**Attachment 2**).

It is recommended that the Committee notes the submissions on the Draft Plan, before finalising the document and presenting it to Council for adoption at the Council Meeting on 26 October 2021.

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

In Person

1. *Jeremy Loftus-Hills*
2. *Don Macrae*
3. *Laurie Niven*
4. *Elizabeth Doig – Nillumbik Climate Emergency Action Team*
5. *Jan Aitken on behalf of Nillumbik Reconciliation Group*
6. *Liezl Shnookal*
7. *Sue Dyet on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group*
8. *Isabel Nalato*
9. *Jordan Clarke*
10. *Don Vincent.*

Read by Chairperson

11. *Esther Caspi on behalf of Adjungbilly Pty Ltd*
12. *Gila Schnapp*
13. *Ian Moore.*

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.019/21 Draft Council Plan 2021-2025

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the draft Council Plan 2021-2025.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Council Plan 2021-2025.
5. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the **91** submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. **Requests that officers work with councillors to amend the Council Plan in response to submissions and as part of this process, develop a list of priority actions for the term of the plan.**
4. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the draft Council Plan 2021-2025.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Council Plan 2021-2025.
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

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

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.019/21 Draft Council Plan 2021-2025

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 91 submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Requests that officers work with councillors to amend the Council Plan in response to submissions and as part of this process, develop a list of priority actions for the term of the plan.
4. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the draft Council Plan 2021-2025.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Council Plan 2021-2025.
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.020/21 Draft Financial Plan 2021 - 2031

Item: Consultation Matter
Distribution: Public
Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Financial Officer
Author: Melika Sukunda, Finance Manager

Summary

This report considers submissions received from the public regarding the draft Financial Plan 2021 – 2031 (**Attachment 2**).

Council adopted the draft Financial Plan 2021 – 2031 (the Plan) at the Council Meeting on 27 July 2021 for the purpose of community consultation. The draft Financial Plan was exhibited for 28 days receiving 38 submissions. The submissions are attached to this report (**Attachment 1** and **Attachments 1.1 – 1.5**).

It is proposed that the Committee considers the submissions on the draft Financial Plan 2021 - 2031 and that the matter then be considered by Council on 26 October 2021.

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

In Person

1. *Jeremy Loftus-Hills*
2. *Henry Haszler*
3. *Isabel Nalato.*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine
SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the 38 submissions received in respect of the draft Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions during finalisation of the Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.
3. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.
4. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on the Financial Plan 2021— 2031.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.021/21 Draft Community Vision - Nillumbik 2040

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Jeremy Livingston, Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance

Author: Yasmin Green, Strategy and Policy Advisor

Summary

This report notes the submissions received from the community regarding the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 (Draft Community Vision).

The Draft Community Vision (**Attachment 1**) is a deliverable under section 88 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and must be adopted by Council before 31 October 2021. The document seeks to capture the essence of what is most valued about our community and the Shire, reflecting the collective aspirations of our community.

The information and community feedback gathered through the Our People, Our Place, Our Future community engagement program undertaken in February and March of this year has helped inform the development of the Draft Community Vision. Also, around one-third of the membership of Council's various Advisory Committees attended one of three workshops to review and provide feedback on the document, prior to the Draft Community Vision being finalised for public consultation.

The Draft Community Vision will be used to inform future Council strategic planning, budgeting, service delivery and advocacy to ensure Council is acting in the best interests of the community, and is advocating to all levels of government and agencies.

The Draft Community Vision was released for the purposes of public consultation at the Council Meeting on 27 July 2021. It was exhibited for 28 days and 68 submissions were received (**Attachment 2**).

It is recommended that the Committee notes the submissions on the Draft Community Vision, before finalising the document and presenting it to Council for adoption at the Council Meeting on 26 October 2021.

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

In Person

1. Jeremy Loftus-Hills
2. Laurie Niven
3. Jan Aitken on behalf of Nillumbik Reconciliation Group
4. Mitzi Tuke
5. Carlota Quinlan on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group

Read by Chairperson

6. Adrian Leenaerts

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.021/21 Draft Community Vision - Nillumbik 2040

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
5. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with the feedback on this important document.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the **68** submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. **Requests that officers work with Councillors to amend the Council Vision in response to submissions.**
4. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with the feedback on this important document.

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

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.021/21 Draft Community Vision - Nillumbik 2040

Motion

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 68 submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Requests that officers work with Councillors to amend the Council Vision in response to submissions.
4. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040.
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with the feedback on this important document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Yasmin Green, Strategy and Policy Advisor left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 8:51pm.

6. Officers' reports

PCC.022/21 Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 - Public Submissions

*The Chairperson made the following comments in relation to **Attachment 2** of the report.*

“It was noted that officers had inadvertently left out comments from Submission two in relation to the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan. This was an error when compiling the report into the pdf format. All Councillors received an email from officers with the full submission and have all had a chance to review.

Attachments for the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting will be updated to ensure that all that information is made publicly available. The submitter has been advised that this information will be made publically available. Just to clarify whilst the Agenda Attachment did not include the full submission, the full submission was taken into account by officers and a number of changes were made to the Health and Wellbeing plan based on that submission. So while we may have missed it from the Agenda, it certainly wasn't missed in our considerations and I'd just like to reassure all submitters we have taken all submissions seriously.”

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Narelle Hart, Acting Executive Manager Communities

Author: Melissa Ensink, Social Planner & Policy Officer

Nichole Johnson, Manager Community Partnerships

Lauren Treby, Coordinator Social Planning and Equity

Summary

This report provides the Committee with the outcome of the community engagement on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (draft Plan) **Attachment 1**.

Council adopted the draft Plan at the Council Meeting on 27 July 2021 for the purpose of public consultation. The draft Plan was exhibited for 28 days receiving 12 submissions.

The submissions received, including an Officer Response to each of the submissions can be found in **Attachment 2**. Officers have outlined recommended changes to the Plan for Council consideration.

It is proposed that the Committee considers the submissions on the draft Plan and that the matter then be considered by Council on 26 October 2021.

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

In Person

1. Jan Aitken on behalf of Nillumbik Reconciliation Group
2. Carlota Quinlan on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.022/21 Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 - Public Submissions

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 12 submissions from stakeholders and community members who provided feedback on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25.
3. Acknowledges presentations to the Committee.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 October 2021 to adopt the final version of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 1**).
5. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

SECONDED: Cr Richard Stockman

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 12 submissions from stakeholders and community members who provided feedback on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25.
3. **Requests that officers work with councillors to amend the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan in response to submissions.**
4. Acknowledges presentations to the Committee.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 October 2021 to adopt the final version of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 1**).
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

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

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.022/21 Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 - Public Submissions

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

SECONDED: Cr Richard Stockman

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 12 submissions from stakeholders and community members who provided feedback on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25.
3. Requests that officers work with councillors to amend the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan in response to submissions.
4. Acknowledges presentations to the Committee.
5. Requests a further report to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 October 2021 to adopt the final version of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 (**Attachment 1**).
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.023/21 Eltham Town Centre Local Area Traffic Management and Pedestrian / Cycling Improvements - Urban Congestion Fund

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure

Author: Lawrence Seyers, Lead Transport Planner

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with detailed information on the outcomes of the Main Road Corridor Eltham Urban Congestion Fund public consultation process and consider public feedback.

On 8 June 2021, Council endorsed a six-week period of community consultation on the Main Road Corridor Eltham Urban Congestion Fund projects, which was conducted from 9 June to 23 July 2021. Council received a total of 888 contributions, comprising 788 contributions from 229 individual contributors via Participate Nillumbik, 44 submissions received via email and over the phone, 46 targeted resident surveys of Bible St and 10 targeted resident surveys of Cecil St.

Attachment 1 provides a Consultation Summary Report that contains all the submissions and contributions received and Council officer's response via any changes considered necessary. There was general support for the objectives of the project to encourage and prioritise walking, cycling and public transport. The contributions have resulted in the identification of several design changes where submitters had concerns regarding the proposed transport treatments and where they might be improved.

Submitters and the broader community are provided an opportunity to address Councillors at the 14 September 2021 Planning and Consultation Committee meeting. At the 28 September 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, Councillors will be asked to support the proposed changes and commence detailed design and procurement in late 2021 with construction to commence in March 2022, in accordance with the Commonwealth Government funding agreement.

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

In Person

1. David Williamson
- 2.. David Bonnett
3. Jim Connor
4. Sue Dyet on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group
5. John Graves

Read by Chairperson

1. John Melocco
2. Andrew Bakos
3. Susanne Daoud

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.023/21 Eltham Town Centre Local Area Traffic Management and Pedestrian /
Cycling Improvements - Urban Congestion Fund

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the submissions received in response to community consultation on the Main Road Corridor Eltham Urban Congestion Fund and the Consultation Summary in **Attachment 1**.
2. Notes that a further report will be received at the 28 September 2021 Council Meeting with a recommendation to implement the projects, with modifications, identified as part of the community consultation and progress to the procurement and construction phase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.024/21 State Government's Car Parks for Commuters Projects for Eltham and Wattle Glen - Draft Council Submission

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety

**Author: Paul Fyffe, Senior Strategic Planner
Leigh Northwood, Strategic Planning Lead
Lawrence Seyers, Lead Transport Planner**

Summary

This report proposes a draft submission from Council to the State Government's *Car Parks for Commuters Project* (the project) regarding its proposals for Eltham and Wattle Glen.

In the Shire, the project primarily proposes to provide:

- 100 additional parks at Eltham railway station; and
- 50 additional car parks in vicinity of the Wattle Glen railway station.

The authority responsible for the project, the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP), is conducting public consultation on the proposals for the purpose of obtaining planning approval for the project from the Minister for Planning. Consultation plans released by LXRP are provided as **Attachment 1** (Eltham) and **Attachment 2** (Wattle Glen).

Officers have significant concerns regarding what is proposed at each station:

- For Eltham, these concerns particularly relate to anticipated significant tree loss and impacts on surrounding community uses, especially the Eltham Childcare Co-operative.
- For Wattle Glen, these concerns particularly relate to an anticipated visual impact on a key entrance to the locality and expected road safety risks for motorists and pedestrians.

A draft submission from Nillumbik Shire Council to the Car Parks for Commuters Project for Eltham and Wattle Glen is provided as **Attachment 3** (draft submission). It is recommended that the Committee endorse this submission to be forwarded to the LXRP before the close of programmed consultation (by LXRP) and also sends copies to the relevant Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

In Person

1. *Jim Connor*
2. *Carlota Quinlan on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group*

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.024/21 State Government's Car Parks for Commuters Projects for Eltham and Wattle Glen - Draft Council Submission

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Endorses the draft submission from Nillumbik Shire Council to the proposals of the *Car Parks for Commuters Project for Eltham and Wattle Glen*, which is provided as **Attachment 3**, to be forwarded to the Level Crossing Removal Project.
2. Sends a copy of the submission **Attachment 3** to the relevant Members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, the Member for Eltham, Vicky Ward and the Member for Yan Yean, Danielle Green.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9:42pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Ben Ramcharan, Chairperson, Consultation Matters