

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 8 August 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 8 August 2023. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

Councillors present:

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

Officers in attendance:

Vince Lombardi	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Rosa Zouzoulas	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Frances Eyre.

3 Apologies

Nil

4 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Summary

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.008/23 Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan - hearing of submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Renae Ahern, Manager Planning Services

Summary

The State Environment Protection Policy, SEPP (Waters) Clause 29 requires Council to develop an Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP) every five years in consultation with the community and local water authority.

Council endorsed the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024-2029 for public consultation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 April 2023. The four week public consultation period ended on 28 May 2023, and Council received one submission. An overview of the feedback received in the submission is attached. Yarra Valley Water also provided direct positive feedback.

The submitter to the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan has been invited to make a verbal presentation at the August Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.

This report recommends that the Committee, having received the written submission and heard any verbal submissions, refers a decision regarding the adoption of the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 September 2023.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the submission received for the Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (**Attachment 2**).
2. Considers the feedback contained in the submission and this report for finalisation of the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan.
3. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submission to the Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (**Attachment 2**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
4. Requests officers to submit a report to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023 to consider whether to adopt the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024-2029.
5. Requests that officers write to all respondents to the exhibition of the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan to express Council's appreciation for their contribution and to advise them of the Committee's resolution and the next steps of the project.

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PCC.009/23 Draft Nillumbik Youth Hub Concept Plans - Outcomes of Community engagement

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Corrienne Nichols, Director Communities

Author: Nichole Johnson, Manager Community Partnerships

Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from the recent engagement on the Draft Concept Plans for the Nillumbik Youth Hub, and to enable any submitters to the draft concept plans to make verbal presentations.

Nillumbik Shire Council has received funding under the Victorian Government's Youth Hubs Grant program 2022-2023, to redevelop its community facility located at 32-34 Elizabeth St, Diamond Creek, into a dedicated, stand-alone youth hub to provide centralised support for young people 12-25 years old.

The engagement period on the draft designs for the new Youth Hub (**Attachment 1**) ran from 30 June 2023 – 25 July 2023 on Council's participate Nillumbik website.

A range of considerations and opportunities were identified in the feedback and these are summarised in the Community Engagement Report (**Attachment 2**). Copies of all feedback received from the online survey are provided confidential and un-redacted at **Attachment 3** and redacted at **Attachment 4**. A summary of feedback from the stakeholder workshops held during the public consultation period are also provided in **Attachment 5**.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Considers the feedback provided during community engagement of the draft concept plans for the Nillumbik Youth Hub (**Attachment 1**), including:
 - a) Summary of community engagement feedback (**Attachment 2**)
 - b) Survey responses provided confidential and unredacted (**Attachment 3**) and redacted (**Attachment 4**)
 - c) Feedback from stakeholder workshops (**Attachment 5**)
2. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted survey responses to the draft concept plans (**Attachment 3**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Writes to all respondents to the engagement of the draft Concept Plans to express Council's appreciation for their contribution and to advise them of the Committee's resolution and the next steps in the project.

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Cr Geoff Paine read the following statement:

“Councillors, I wish to state that whilst I have previously expressed a view on this matter, as an elected Councillor I recognise and accept that I have a statutory responsibility to represent and act in the best interests of the Nillumbik community when participating in the decision-making of this Council. Accordingly, I will keep an open mind by considering all information both in favour of and against the matter before objectively casting my vote.”

PCC.010/23 Outcome of Community Consultation - 2 Bell Street Eltham (Fabbro Fields)

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Summary

At its Council Meeting on 27 June 2023, Council resolved to:

1. *Endorses the commencement of a community consultation process as outlined in Proposed Community Engagement Next Steps (**Attachment 1**) to seek the views of the Nillumbik community with respect to the potential use of land at 2 Bell Street Eltham for the purpose of an urban farm.*
2. *Following the conclusion of the community engagement period, hears from submitters at the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting on 8 August 2023 with respect to the potential use of land at 2 Bell Street Eltham for the purpose of an urban farm.*

Engagement was conducted over a three week period between 29 June 2023 and 20 July 2023.

The engagement was effective in reaching over 1000 people with the majority providing additional commentary to support their vote. Overall, 53.96% of the community that voted, voted yes to an urban farm, whilst 46.04% voted no to an urban farm.

With regard to the relevant feedback the following summarises the main themes arising from both the yes and no votes from those of the community that provided additional commentary:

Main themes arising from the community that voted yes	Main themes arising from the community that voted no
Increase local food security	We already have Edendale
Promotes family friendly social connectedness	Land is a floodplain and appropriate for use
Promote sustainable agriculture, provide education opportunities and grow community spirit	Maintain remaining open spaces
Need access to organic, locally produced fruit and vegetables	Loss of biodiversity and tree canopy – should seek to plant out the open space

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Main themes arising from the community that voted yes	Main themes arising from the community that voted no
Directly combats climate change	Not enough information upon which to make a considered decision
On the basis that there will still be open space available on the land for community enjoyment and local school involvement	Parking concerns

Based on input from the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting (PCC) and any additional feedback from submitters regarding the proposal, officers will compile recommendations for the 26 September 2023 Council Meeting. These recommendations will outline the course of action for Councillors to deliberate upon and decide how to address Local Food Connect's (LFC) application for written consent to apply for a planning permit for an urban farm 2 Bell Street Eltham.

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

- 1 Caitlin McKimm
- 2 Ann Hague
- 3 Dan Milne
- 4 Dan Milne on behalf of Chris Chapple – President Local Food Connect
- 5 Rachel Busbridge
- 6 Janine Thorpe
- 7 Jim Connor
- 8 Alli Coster
- 9 Sue Dyet on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group
- 10 Sue Dyet
- 11 Carlota Quinlan
- 12 Helen Coleman
- 13 Erin Byrne-Gurung
- 14 Helen Simpson
- 15 Hans Gregory
- 16 Mark Noonan
- 17 Jodi Mitchell – On behalf of Eltham Junior Football Club – President
- 18 Henry Haszler – USB tabled at the meeting containing documents relating to his submission
- 19 Greg Johnson

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Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the public responses, as outlined in this report and its attachments, to the public engagement of the 2 Bell St Eltham community consultation.
2. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted copies of written feedback and survey responses to the public engagement of the 2 Bell St Eltham community consultation (at Attachments 2 and 4) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Writes to all respondents to the public engagement to express Council's gratitude for their contribution and to advise them of the Committee's resolution and the next steps in the project on the updated Participate Nillumbik page.
4. Notes officers will bring a report to the Council meeting on 26 September 2023, to seek Council's resolution and respond to Local Food Connect.

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Peter Perkins Chairperson Planning Matters

Cr Frances Eyre, Chairperson Consultation Matters