

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 13 September 2022 commencing at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 13 September 2022. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

Councillors present:

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

Officers in attendance:

Vince Lombardi	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Operations and Infrastructure
Blaga Naumoski	Director Manager Governance and Communications
Rosa Zouzoulas	Director Planning and Community Safety
Nichole Johnson	Acting Director Community Services
Rowena Cairns	Open Space Project Officer
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson, Cr Geoff Paine.

The Mayor, Cr Frances Eyre read the following message of condolence on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of Council I would like to convey our deepest condolences to His Majesty King Charles III, the Royal Family and everyone in our community and beyond who are mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Her passing marks the end of a distinguished life, devoted to service, duty, family and faith.

Most of us have lived through a time where we've known only the Queen as Monarch. Throughout her reign she showed a strong affection for Australia, visiting 16 times.

Her reign spanned a period of rapid and at times tumultuous societal and technological change but throughout, she was a constant and reassuring presence. Over this time she brought to bear all that was strong and unifying in her role and the institution she represented, while displaying an impressive capacity to recognise and respond to the necessary changes and evolution.

The combination of strength, fierce intelligence, humanity and dedication with which she imbued her reign, set a standard for all leaders and mapped a path for women in leadership.

Her dedication to duty, to serving the community and to family, are things to which we can all relate, regardless of background or philosophy and they resonate strongly with our Nillumbik community.

Her passing marks the end of a long life, an historic reign and the closing of the second Elizabethan era.

Our deep respect and affection for Her Majesty will live on however.

3 Apologies

An apology has been received by Cr Richard Stockman for this meeting.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy

That the apology from Cr Richard Stockman be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/22 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9 August 2022

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2022.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

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 9 August 2022 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports**PCC.029/22 Response to public consultation for the Eltham Gateway project**

Item: Consultation Matter**Distribution: Public****Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure****Summary**

Council resolved on 12 July 2022 to proceed with public engagement on the Eltham Gateway concept.

This is a project to revitalise underutilised public land along Main Road Eltham, between Falkiner Street and the Diamond Creek Bridge to recreate a southern gateway to Nillumbik as part of a legacy initiative following the State Government Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade.

Major Roads Projects Victoria (MRPV) are funding the project, with contribution by Nillumbik Council.

This report summarises the community response to the public engagement, via 'Participate Nillumbik'. Information presented to the public via this portal is available on [Eltham Gateway Project | Participate Nillumbik](#).

Community feedback on a draft concept plan via Participate Nillumbik was accepted from 13 July 2022 until 7 August 2022. 146 survey responses and 18 submissions were received.

The community response clearly indicates an interest in, and support for, the project as a whole, with suggestions to reduce the 'human' impact put forward in the initial draft concept plan, in summary by reducing the area proposed as paths, minimising structured plantings, and providing more plantings of indigenous vegetation wherever possible.

Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee (PCC) to speak to their submissions.

Following the PCC, the updated plan is expected to be presented to a Council meeting on 27 September 2022 for endorsement.

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

1. Sue Dyet on behalf Friends of the Diamond Creek (Eltham Lower Park)
2. Barry Pearce
3. Denis Johnson - Convenor - Southern gateway Renewal Group
4. Sue Ormerod on behalf of Friends of Eltham Lower Park

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre**SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the community response to the consultation for the Eltham Gateway Project.
2. Notes that a further report with revised plan is expected to be presented to a subsequent Council meeting.

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.029/22 Response to public consultation for the Eltham Gateway project

3. Requests Officers to write to all respondents to the community engagement to express Council's gratitude for their contribution.
4. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted copy of submissions to the exhibition of the public engagement for Council's Eltham Gateway Plan Project (**Attachment 7**) remains confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Geoff Paine, Chairperson Consultation Matters