

Future Nillumbik Committee

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 12 February 2019 commencing at 7:30pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 12 February 2019. The meeting commenced at 7:32pm.

Councillors present:

Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward (Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Peter Clarke	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Matt Kelleher	Director Services and Planning
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Sustainability and Place
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance
Vince Lombardi	Executive Manager Finance
Mitch Grayson	Chief of Staff to Mayor and Councillors
Jonathan McNally	Manager Community Safety and Amenity
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome and apologies

Cr Jane Ashton has requested a leave of absence for this Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That Cr Jane Ashton's leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED

Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Chairperson, Mayor Cr Karen Egan.

2. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Grant Brooker

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan made the following address at the meeting:

Last week, our community stopped as we reflected the devastating loss of life and property caused by the horrific Black Saturday fires.

February 7, 2009 was a day forever forged in our minds. Australia's worst natural disaster – caused by heatwave and bushfires.

We reflect and remember those who died in the bushfires, 40 of which were from Nillumbik. We learn about how the fires changed the lives of many, and how our resilient communities have rebuilt.

On behalf of Council I once again recognise the first responders, the volunteers and the people who so bravely served our community during this time.

I also thank the dedicated community groups that organised tributes and commemorations around our Shire and around the state along with Council officers who helped in the planning of these events.

Those groups asked that their activities including services held on February 7, be carried out with dignity and sensitivity and a level of privacy.

I thank those who respected their wishes and gave our community the space they deserve.

I ask that we pause now upstanding for a minute's silence to remember and recognise those who lost their lives ten years ago.

Cr Grant Brooker assumed the chair at 7:37pm as the Councillor responsible for the Community Services Portfolio.

4. Officers' reports

FN.001/19 Withdrawal of the Injured Wildlife Euthanisation Service

Portfolio: Community Services

Distribution: Public

Manager: Matt Kelleher, Director Services and Planning

Author: Jonathan McNally, Manager Community Safety and Amenity

Summary

Councillors have previously been briefed on the Injured Wildlife Euthanising Service currently provided by Council, including the nature of the service, the costs of providing this service, and the significant workplace Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) risks associated with the management and use of firearms in the day to day duties of Community Safety Officers (Rangers). This report seeks a decision to support officers in engaging key stakeholders to develop an orderly exit from this service.

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

1. Sue Kirwan (Help for Wildlife)
2. Jennifer Gibson
3. Rebecca Fisher (Libby's Koala & Wildlife Crusade)
4. Libby Fisher
5. Lee O'Mahoney
6. Lee O'Mahoney on behalf of Krysti Severi (Wildlife Rescue)

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Immediately cease providing the injured wildlife euthanisation service on private property and only focus on risks within the public realm;
2. Direct officers to continue an engage with Victoria Police, Wildlife Victoria and other stakeholder organisations in formulating an exit of this service;
3. Direct officers to negotiate a support package for Wildlife Victoria for a period of 3 years to ensure that they continue to be adequately funded within Nillumbik to provide this service as they do across the rest of Victoria; and
4. Endorse a planned exit from the injured wildlife euthanisation service in its entirety by no later than 30 June 2019.

4. Officers' reports

FN.001/19 Withdrawal of the Injured Wildlife Euthanisation Service

Motion

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) receives a further report from officers no later than May 2019 meeting cycle regarding Council's Injured Wildlife Euthanisation Service addressing the options available and seek comment from community and other stakeholders.

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

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Peter Clarke assumed the chair at 8:27pm as the Councillor responsible for the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

4. Officers' reports

FN.002/19 Electoral Representation Review

Portfolio: Finance and Governance

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Executive Manager Governance

Author: Katia Croce, Governance Lead

Summary

In 2019 and 2020, the VEC will be conducting electoral representation reviews for 31 councils across Victoria. A review of Nillumbik Shire Council's structure will begin from Wednesday 13 February 2019. This report provides the community with information about the review, outlines key dates and explains how the community can be involved.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Bruce Ranken

SECONDED: Cr John Dumaresq

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor, Cr Karen Egan resumed the chair at 8:32pm.

5. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

6. Confidential reports

Nil

The meeting closed at 8:33pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Karen Egan, Mayor