

Submitters Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 7.01pm
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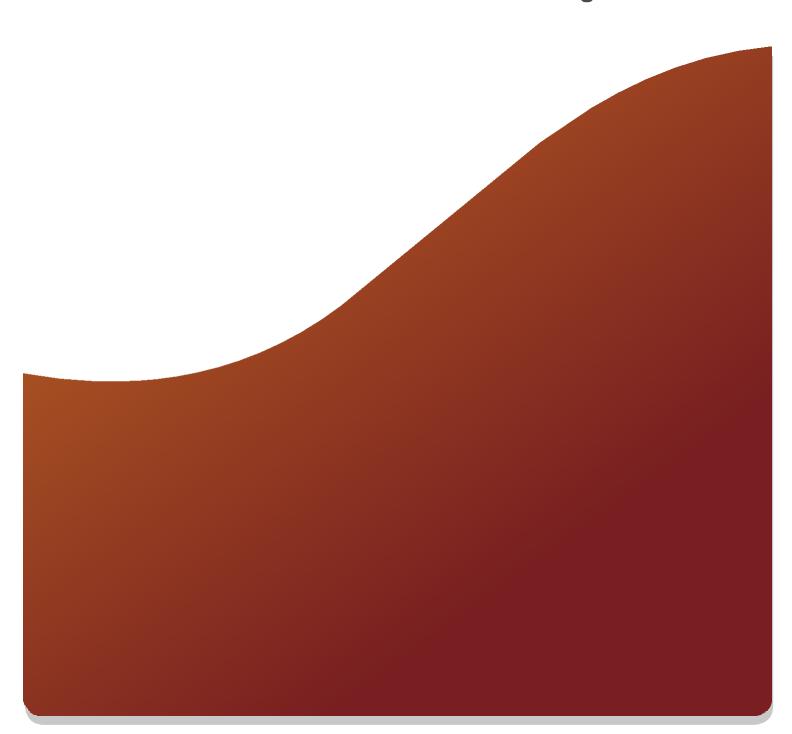


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It was moved by Cr Guthrie and seconded by Cr West that the Committee appoints the Deputy Mayor to Chair this meeting of the Submitters Committee in the absence of the Mayor.

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. RECORDING AND LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson advised those present that the meeting would be recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's *'Live Streaming and Publishing Recording of Meetings'* Protocol, which can be viewed on Council's website.

The recording will be bookmarked, archived and made available on Council's website 48 hours after the meeting.

The chairperson noted the meeting was being held online and Councillors were attending via digital platform.

The meeting was conducted in accordance with Council's Governance Rules, noting that as indicated in some parts of the agenda, procedures were slightly modified to ensure the meeting remained compliant but could run effectively in the online environment.

As this meeting was held online there was no one present in the public gallery.

The chairperson reminded those present that Local Government decision making, unlike State and Federal Government, does not afford the benefit of parliamentary privilege and hence no protection is afforded to Councillors and Council officers for comments made during meetings which are subsequently challenged in a court of law and determined to be slanderous.

2. PRESENT

Cr Mark Ridgeway (Deputy Mayor)	West Ward
Cr Janet Pearce	West Ward
Cr Geoff Neil	East Ward
Cr Bill West	East Ward
Cr Annette Death	East Ward
Cr Rob Guthrie	South Ward
Cr Anne Moore	South Ward

In Attendance

Mr John Nevins

Ms Angela Hughes

Ms Kate Young

Ms Allison Watt

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Director Planning and Environment

Manager Legal and Corporate Governance

Coordinator Governance

Ms Jessica Baguley
Ms Wendy Le Brocq
Senior Governance Officer
Customer Service Officer

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Jennifer Anderson and Cr Dominic Bonanno.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Pearce declared a conflict of interest in the agenda item on planning application PLN 2020/159 1427 Rochford Road, Newham.

Cr West declared a conflict of interest in the agenda item on planning application PLN 2020/159 1427 Rochford Road, Newham.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Submitters Committee Meeting: Wednesday 10 March 2021

Officer Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Submitters Committee Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 as circulated be confirmed.

It was moved by Cr Neil and seconded by Cr Death that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Suspension of Standing Orders

[7.13pm] It was moved by Cr Guthrie and seconded by Cr West that standing orders be suspended in order to hear from submitters regarding items on the agenda.

CARRIED

Cr Pearce and Cr West left the meeting due to conflicts of interest at 7:14pm.

6. HEARING OF SUBMITTERS

PLN/2020/159 (item 7)

Two submitters addressed the committee

- Natasha Gayfer
- Andrew Nicolas

Cr West and Cr Pearce returned to the meeting at 7.26pm.

PLN/2020/335 (item 8)

One submitter addressed the committee

Jack Richmond

PLN/2020/52 (item 9)

Seven submitters addressed the committee

- Tamsyn Murray
- James Murray
- Rosy Mclean
- Wayne Ingleton
- Gary Ingleton
- Noelene Davis
- Chris Banon

Resumption of Standing Orders

[8:40pm] It was moved by Cr Guthrie and seconded by Cr Moore that standing orders be resumed in order to consider the Officer Recommendations regarding items on the agenda.

CARRIED

Cr West and Cr Pearce left the meeting at 8.41pm due to conflicts of interest in the following agenda item.

7. HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT - PLN/2020/159 – 1427 Rochford Road Newham

Background:

The subject site is located on the western side of an unmade portion of Highland Lane approximately 1.4km south of the Newham central township area. The lot currently forms part of 1427 Rochford Road. The site is approximately 210m to the north of the Hanging Rock Reserve with views to and from the summit of Hanging Rock. The rectangular site has a road frontage to the unmade section of Highland Lane for a distance of approximately 108m and a maximum depth of approximately 2.428 hectares.

The site is vacant except for a small shelter located in the central area of the southern boundary. The site is relatively level and is moderately vegetated with a concentration of native canopy trees and shrubs on the northern half of the lot.

The proposal was advertised and received two (2) objections.

Officer Recommendation:

- 1. That the Submitters Committee note the submissions received in relation to Planning Application PLN/2020/159; and
- 2. That recommendations be prepared, based on all relevant information, including the submissions received, for consideration and determination at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 May 2021.

It was moved by Cr Moore seconded by Cr Guthrie that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Cr West and Cr Pearce returned to the meeting at 8.42pm.

8. HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT - PLN/2020/335 - 136 Main Road, Lancefield

Background:

The subject site is located at the north-eastern edge of the Lancefield Township around 400m from the Lancefield central commercial strip. The allotment abutting the site to the north is within the same ownership although on a different title. This lot contains a dwelling and associated outbuildings in addition to a garden supply business, known as Lancefield Garden Supplies, which has been operating for a number of years. In addition to the residence and the Garden Supplies business, the property (including the two titles) is used as a general farming property.

The immediate abutting lot to the south is occupied by an accommodation building known as Karinya Home.

The application was advertised and one (1) submission received.

Officer Recommendation:

- That the Submitters Committee note the submissions received in relation to Planning Permit Application PLN/2020/335 – Use and Development of the Land for Garden Supplies and alteration to access to a Road Zone Category 1 Road; and
- 2. That recommendations be prepared, based on all relevant information, including the application received, for consideration and determination at the Scheduled Council Meeting on 26 May 2021.

It was moved by Cr Moore seconded by Cr West that the Officer Recommendation be adopted

CARRIED

9. HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT - PLN/2020/52 - Gradys Lane, Kerrie

Background:

The subject site is located on the north-east side of Gradys Lane, approximately 320m north of its intersection with Eatons Road. It is an irregular triangular shape site with a frontage to Gradys Lane of 966m and falls from the north-west to the south-east with expansive views to the south-east.

The site is largely vacant with the exception of a shed located in the south-east corner. The north-western section of the site is heavily vegetated with native vegetation. The site is fenced with post and wire along all boundaries and is fenced into two separate paddocks. It is also dissected by a number of overhead power lines.

Access is existing from Gradys Lane. The land is largely screened from the road by extensive roadside native vegetation.

The surrounding area comprises a mixture of lot sizes with most containing dwellings with associated outbuildings on significantly vegetated blocks.

Officer Recommendation:

- 1. That the Submitters Committee note the submissions received in relation to Planning Application PLN/2020/52; and
- 2. That recommendations be prepared, based on all relevant information, including the submissions received, for consideration and determination at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 May 2021.

It was moved by Cr Guthrie seconded by Cr Death that the Officer Recommendation be adopted

CARRIED

Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Councillor Ridgeway Deputy Mayor / Chairperson