



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 10 JULY 2024**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.35pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following written presentations were received:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against
1	Glenn Pinnuck	9.1	DA.2023.0600 - Alterations and Additions to Dwelling House - 28 River Drive, Karabar	Against
2	Emma Brooks Maher	9.2	Submissions Report on Planning Proposal for Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Proposal, Majara Street, Bungendore	Against

The following presenters were heard:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against
1	Gerard Nicol via Zoom	10.4	Response to Questions with Notice - Maintenance of Roads	Against
2	Anne Goonan via Zoom	9.2	Submissions Report on Planning Proposal for Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Proposal, Majara Street, Bungendore	For
3	Peter Jansson via Zoom	10.4	Response to Questions with Notice - Maintenance of Roads	For
4	Matt Morrissey	9.5	Revised Expression of Interest Regional Sports Complex Café Licence	For

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 3 July 2024 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Nos	Received from	In relation to:
1 - 4	Robert Wilson	Proposed Vikings Club at Jerrabomberra

5. Presentations by Invitation from the General Manager

There were no presentations.

6. Closure

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 5.51pm.



ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 10 July 2024

‘Questions on Notice’ from the Public

Responses to the following ‘Questions on Notice’ received up to Wednesday 3 July 2024 were provided and tabled at the meeting.

Questions submitted by: Robert Wilson

At the Council meeting on 24 April 2024, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of Agenda Item 12.4 (Ref: 161/24 in meeting minutes) which included a recommendation that the Regional Planning Panel conduct a ‘Public DETERMINATION Meeting’ in relation to DA.2023.0635 (Vikings Club Jerrabomberra). In the published Regional Planning Panel procedures (November 2022) it is very clear that there are two types of meetings which Council could have recommended. They are:

- A. ‘Public BRIEFING meeting’; or**
- B. ‘DETERMINATION meeting’.**

The two meetings are fundamentally and significantly different. The appropriate meeting in this case is definitely a ‘Public BRIEFING meeting’ - NOT a ‘DETERMINATION meeting’.

1. Why did the motion at Agenda Item 12.4 refer to a ‘DETERMINATION meeting’ when undoubtedly a ‘Public BRIEFING meeting’ was the appropriate meeting?

At the 24 April meeting, it was resolved (**Resolution No 161/24**) that Council:

1. Acknowledges the community interest received, in the matter of the Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635 to construct a registered club premises at 37 Tompsitt Drive, Jerrabomberra.
2. Makes a submission to Regional Planning Panel (RPP) on this proposal noting these community concerns.
3. Recommends to the Regional Planning Panel that they conduct a public determination meeting in person at Queanbeyan prior to their determination.

Agenda Item 12.4 was a Notice of Motion from a Councillor. Despite some difference between language used in the motion and the Regional Planning Panel procedures, the intent of the motion was very clear. An in-person public meeting, to be held prior to the Panel making any determination, was sought by Council. A copy of the letter was provided on 26 June 2024.

The Panel has agreed to Council’s request that a public meeting be held, which is the intended outcome of this resolution.

2. Why didn’t either the QPRC General Manager or Director Development & Environment, who were at that meeting, provide advice to the Councillors of the significant differences between the two fundamentally different meeting options so that Councillors were properly informed before they voted on that item ?

The General Manager and Directors provide advice and respond to questions during Council meetings when asked by a Councillor, through the Mayor. The question of the difference between the two types of meetings was not put to the General Manager by any Councillors during the Council meeting.

QPRC has responsibilities under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act). QPRC's Community Engagement and Participation Plan (extracts below) makes a number of promises to its ratepayers and residents, consistent with the EP&A Act, including that *"Members of the community who are affected by proposed major development will be consulted by the proponent before an application for planning approval is made"*.

3. Why weren't any of the affected residents who only about 50metres from this proposed major development consulted by either QPRC or the proponent Vikings Club before the application for planning approval was made ?

The preamble for your question notes an extract from the QPRC Community Engagement and Participation Plan which correctly notes that it is the proponent who is responsible for consultation before an application is made.

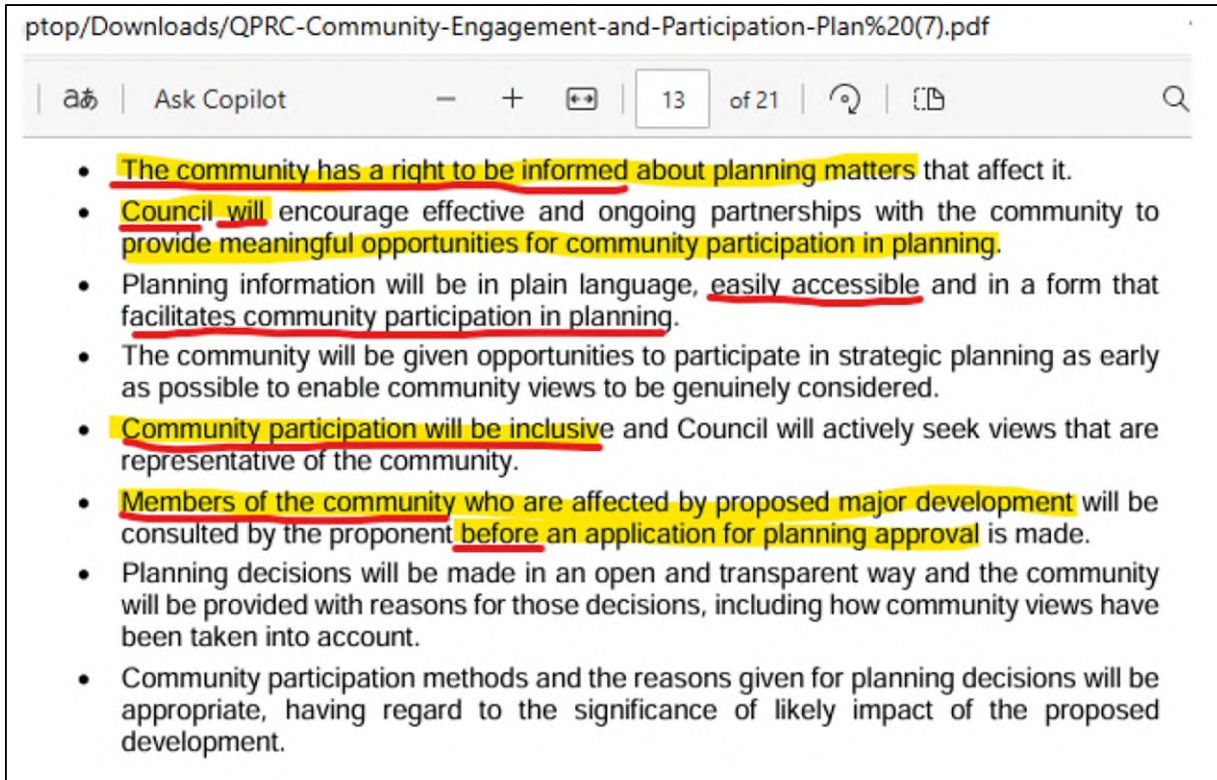
Council is not the proponent for this proposed development.

4. Given the failure to consult with those residents why did QPRC proceed to issue DA notification letters when there had been no consultation whatsoever with those affected residents ?

How well or otherwise the proponent has followed Council's QPRC Community Engagement and Participation Plan may be reflected in the Planning Panel's determinations.

Council has an obligation to notify residents when a DA is on public exhibition. Council did that through the three rounds of letters sent to more than 150 properties surrounding the site.

Screenshot provided by Mr Wilson referred to above:



The screenshot shows a PDF document titled "ptop/Downloads/QPRC-Community-Engagement-and-Participation-Plan%20(7).pdf". The document is on page 13 of 21. The content is a list of eight bullet points, with several phrases highlighted in yellow and underlined in red. The highlighted phrases are: "The community has a right to be informed about planning matters", "Council will encourage effective and ongoing partnerships with the community to provide meaningful opportunities for community participation in planning.", "Community participation will be inclusive", and "Members of the community who are affected by proposed major development will be consulted by the proponent before an application for planning approval is made." The other bullet points describe the language of planning information, opportunities for strategic planning, and the reasons for planning decisions.

- The community has a right to be informed about planning matters that affect it.
- Council will encourage effective and ongoing partnerships with the community to provide meaningful opportunities for community participation in planning.
- Planning information will be in plain language, easily accessible and in a form that facilitates community participation in planning.
- The community will be given opportunities to participate in strategic planning as early as possible to enable community views to be genuinely considered.
- Community participation will be inclusive and Council will actively seek views that are representative of the community.
- Members of the community who are affected by proposed major development will be consulted by the proponent before an application for planning approval is made.
- Planning decisions will be made in an open and transparent way and the community will be provided with reasons for those decisions, including how community views have been taken into account.
- Community participation methods and the reasons given for planning decisions will be appropriate, having regard to the significance of likely impact of the proposed development.