

Kingborough Community Consultative Forum General Meeting

9.30am 3rd December 2016
Civic Centre, Kingston

MINUTES

Present:

Initials	Organisation	Representatives present
KCCF	Kingborough Community Consultative Forum Executive	Wayne Burgess (Chair)
		Tony Ferrier (Secretary)
BBPA	Blackmans Bay Progress Association	Wayne Burgess
BHCA	Bonnet Hill Community Association	Mark Florusse
FNB	Friends of North Bruny	Di Blackwood
HPA	Howden Progress Association	Deborah Chadwick, June Walker
KCA	Kettering Community Association	Chris Ireland, Peter Laud
KLAG	Kingborough Land Care Advisory Group	John Cox
KBCA	Kingston Beach Community Association	Rob Scallon
TCA	Taroona Community Association	Roger Kellaway, Jill Hickie
	Unaligned	Rob Crosthwaite

Council: Mayor Steve Wass, Cr Paula Wriedt, Cr Dean Winter, Cr Sue Bastone, Cr Richard Atkinson, Cr Mike Percey, Gary Arnold (General Manager), Tony Ferrier (Deputy General Manager)

Apologies: Mike Jackson (CALSCA), Gina Hurn (THSA), Neil Broomfield (KCA)

Business:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Wayne Burgess welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 17 September 2016

It was agreed that the Minutes were an accurate account of the previous meeting.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes from the previous meeting.

4. Reports from Community Organisations

Chris Ireland (KCA) raised a concern about the potentially dangerous bus stop on the Channel Highway at Kettering, opposite the Post Office. A sign for the bus stop went up 3 months ago. There is poor road visibility and the parking in this area is not formalised. People will also do U-turns on this main road as well. A previous meeting with Council and Metro (seeking to move the bus stop) did not resolve the issue. The Dept of State Growth has land closer to the community hall that may be suitable but there has been no reply yet to a letter to them in this regard.

Di Blackwood (FNB) reported on a recent presentation to their group from an environmental representative about the increase in salmon farming in their area. This was very informative and they are now seeking a similar presentation from an industry representative. Di also reported on a local incident that would have required access to a defibrillator and she sought advice on how their group might obtain one. In response to this it was suggested that there are a number of small grant opportunities that could be pursued.

Deborah Chadwick (HPA) said that their group recently had their AGM and the main topic was in regard to foreshore walking tracks and the difficulties in them being sited without local objections. Their group is also interested in the study the Council is conducting to compile places and buildings that have local heritage significance (for potential inclusion in the Local Provisions Schedule in the next version of the Kingborough planning scheme).

Rob Scallon (KBCA) expressed a concern that Council will allocate large amounts of money for capital projects within a particular financial year and that this is then not spent as scheduled. This is potentially the case at Kingston Beach, where it would not be possible to do any major work during the busy summer season and as a result the work would not commence until April next year.

Mark Florusse (BHCA) reported on the imminent construction of the next stage of the Bonnet Hill safety lane. This next stage will be more difficult to construct and will total about 750 metres of road widening (in two separate sections). There is still almost 2km of road length yet to be done after that which is not currently funded. Their group has written to the Minister seeking further funding to meet the original commitment to upgrade the whole length of road. Confirmation has recently been received from the Minister that confirms that original commitment.

Mark expressed concern about the standard of the gravel material used by Council to seal the carpark at the Christopher Johnson Park. All of the other work is good but the material has a high clay content that results in it being muddy and slippery after rain. A similar concern was raised by the KBCA. Further advice from Council is that some additional site work is proposed soon and that over time this type of surface (as used elsewhere) will harden up and not be so prone to being soft and muddy. Nevertheless, if the problem is ongoing, Council will have to rectify the situation.

Mark also mentioned of the need to check on some maintenance on the Alum Cliffs walking track – in regard to a lot of growth – mainly grass and weeds in the ‘paddock’ area.

Roger Kellaway (TCA) reported on the recent advertisement of a proposed subdivision of Department of Education owned land within the Tarooma High School property. The local community has regarded this, mostly natural area, as being public open space for many years. Roger said that the local community thought that the process was particularly “shoddy” as the community engagement has been limited to the school council and not with the local Tarooma community. He felt that the school may be motivated by the fact that revenue from the sale of the land would be retained by the school. The land has a complex ownership and zoning history, and has been used for a variety of recreational purposes since 1939. Residential lots are proposed along those sections of the property that fronts the Channel Highway and Karingal Court (8 new residential lots). The balance of the land is to be retained by the Department but there is no information about its future use. The development application includes three major reports that are only available at the Council office and this limits public access to that information.

Jill Hickie (TCA) explained that the application was lodged in early 2015 and is subject to the requirements of the former Kingborough Planning Scheme 2000 (requests for further information from Council have only been responded to recently). Under that scheme the

affected land was zoned Residential and so Council may have little choice but to approve the subdivision. The land is now zoned as Community Purposes under the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 – and so there is now an inconsistency with the application that was lodged so long ago. The TCA is very disappointed with the process to date and is asking for Council's support in requesting that the current development application be withdrawn. This will then enable some genuine consultation to occur with the local community. Jill stressed that this is the biggest current issue in Taroom. She also highlighted the recent success of the Taroom Art Trail and the high level of attendance. She thanked Council for the quick response to address an access problem at a bus stop at Orana Place.

June Walker (HPA) commented that Council, had over the years, taken money from developers in Howden as the open space contribution, rather than parcels of land. Although these funds are available, there is now very little public open space within Howden. The HPA would like to see a local park for children but it is very difficult to find a suitable site. There are a number of walking trails, but no playground or children's play area. June also expressed some concerns about the safety of the Howden Road intersection with the Channel Highway. There are sight distance issues and it is becoming increasingly dangerous with the fast moving traffic on the Channel Highway (which is a 'black spot' a little further south).

John Cox (KLAG) expressed concern about the ongoing weed problems alongside the Channel Highway and Huon Highway. The recent windy weather has also caused some safety concerns for trees alongside the Huon Highway. He asked as to whether Council maintained a database of dangerous trees along the roadside. The response to this was that Council is only responsible for its own roads and that, although a formal audit is not done, regular inspections are made for potentially dangerous trees – and these are subsequently removed or lopped as necessary. Information is forwarded on to the State agency where dangerous trees are brought to Council's attention alongside the highway.

Rob Crosthwaite expressed his concerns about how the planning scheme changes will not accommodate local needs and values. He said there is a growing groundswell of concern about the potentially adverse impacts on local communities. He encourages Council to actively promote and protect these local interests. The recent Hobart Town Hall public meeting was an expression of the level of community concern. On the 9 December, the Planning Commission will submit its report to the Minister on the draft State Planning Provisions. Rob requested that all Forum organisations lobby the Minister to release the TPC report as soon as possible after he receives it.

5. Other Business

Mark Florusse (BHCA) said that there are some coastal erosion problems alongside the carpark at Christopher Johnson Park. Council's response was that this will be referred to engineering and environmental officers for further advice.

6. Next KCCF Meeting

The next Forum meeting will be at 9.30am on 4th March 2017. The comment was made that an earlier meeting could be considered if there were some urgent planning scheme reform issues to consider.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.