

Kingborough Community Consultative Forum General Meeting

9.30am 2nd December 2017
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
BICA	Bruny Island Community Association	Rosemary Sandford
CALSCA	Coningham & Lower Snug Comm Ass'n	Mike Jackson
FNB	Friends of North Bruny	Alex Matysek, Di Blackwood
HPA	Howden Progress Association	James Fox
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	Jill Hickie
	Unaligned	Rob Crosthwaite

Council: Mayor Steve Wass, Cr Paula Wriedt, Cr Dean Winter, Cr Flora Fox, Cr David Grace, Cr Sue Bastone, Cr Mike Percy, Cr Dr Graham Bury, Tony Ferrier (Deputy General Manager)

Apologies: Deborah Chadwick (HPA), Roger Kellaway (TCA)

Business:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Wayne Burgess welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 2 September 2017

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

Alex Matysek (FoNB) asked as to whether Council was aware of the flight path proposals of Airservices Australia that could have an impact on parts of Kingborough. Tony Ferrier responded by saying that Council was not previously aware of this and that the public exhibition period had closed earlier in November. Since then Airservices had produced a report outlining the results of their public consultation and concluding that Alternative 2 was now favoured (which involved moving existing flight paths to avoid some towns like Copping and Nubeena) and that Alternative 4 (which involved flight paths over north Bruny

and Oyster Cove) was not being further considered. However Airservices will be reconsidering the various alternatives over the next 18 months and will be conducting further public consultation.

Alex also raised his group's concerns about the fish farm proposals in Storm Bay. Huon Aquaculture, Tassal and Petuna all have plans to expand into this area and FoNB are concerned about the environmental impact, particularly on the eastern coastline of Bruny Island. Their group has met with representatives of the companies and is seeking some form of moratorium. This should be in place until an overall management plan for Storm Bay is in place that is based on a comprehensive scientific assessment of potential environmental impact. Alex said that he had obtained relevant information from the industry and that he could circulate this to other Kingborough community groups so that they may consider making representations in regard to this issue. Alex will be forwarding this to Council so that it can be forwarded on to the various groups so that they may be better informed.

James Fox (HPA) provided a list of matters that were the main issues in Howden. The first was that the foreshore walking track proposal at Stinkpot Bay had still not progressed following an unsuccessful grant application. The group felt that they should not have had to have been the applicant for the grant. HPA has written to the government about fish farms affecting North West Bay and are pleased to see the removal of the Tinderbox lease. The road widening along Brightwater Road has been successful and Council has responded well to any local road repair needs. HPA has been successful in reducing some speed limits along Brightwater Road but would like to see the speed limit within Howden itself be brought down to 50km/hr. HPA is unsure of the future changes to the planning scheme and is worried about any urbanisation of rural areas, particularly the introduction of units in Howden. The Fire Brigade is a strong local community focus and a recent fundraising bar-be-cue attracted 100 people. HPA continues to lobby for improved local internet services and are very sceptical about what is being currently offered. Previous TasWater pipeline concerns are now largely resolved with it being re-routed away from Howden.

Rosemary Sandford (BICA) expressed her group's ongoing concern about the cumulative impacts of tourism on Bruny Island. There is insufficient local infrastructure to deal with the local impacts. A major concern in this regard is the road speeds and the number of accidents that have been occurring. In recent months 11 people have been taken by helicopter following accidents on Lighthouse Road. There is also a concern about the potential reduction of existing health services on the Island. The Aged Living survey has been completed and a report is being prepared by the consultant.

Jill Hickie (TCA) said that the Taroon High School is commissioning a master plan for its property and that the TCA want them to include the 'reserve' area that was previously subject to a subdivision proposal. The TCA has been informing Council of traffic and parking issues and has a long list of matters that should be addressed. Some of these can be resolved relatively easily. Of particular concern are the safe crossings over the Channel Highway. Pedestrian refuges are required for young children walking to school. This is an issue that both DSG and Council need to consider. The Fire Brigade have constructed a new road to their building and the walking track within this reserve now needs to be upgraded. Council will be contacted about better connectivity through this park.

Jill also said that TCA is preparing for a bad fire season coming up this summer. Community awareness needs to be raised, particularly in regard to when residents should not leave their homes. The TCA is distributing an information sheet on fire safety. They would now like to work with Council in identifying vulnerable residents within Taroon – who they are and how they might be protected. Council's Emergency Management Officer should be able to assist. Parking in the vicinity of Hinsby Beach (Hinsby and Jenkins

streets) has become overly congested to the extent that residents cannot get out of their driveways. A parking management plan is required for this area.

Mike Jackson (CALSCA) thanked Council for road markings that have improved road safety at Coningham. He said they need to be supplemented by mirrors at the blind corners (eg coming up from the beach) and that a record of accidents shouldn't be needed in order to justify them. They would improve driver confidence at such potentially dangerous locations. Mike also commented (by way of his involvement in the Kingston Men's shed) on the stormwater impacts at Gormley Avenue. The car park and the Men's Shed are affected by flooding following heavy rain and Council needs to address this problem as a priority as it will retard further development or improvements in this area.

Rob Scallon (KBCA) stated his group's concerns about the traffic and parking issues along Osborne Esplanade. Parked cars are reversing out into traffic. A one-way trial is needed and the KBCA believe parking would be better placed on the other side of the road. This would provide an improved foreshore reserve and the need for additional parking (due to the reduction of existing parking along Osborne Esplanade) could be met by providing more parking on properties along Beach Road. More parking could be supplied away from the beach and people could still walk the relatively short distances involved.

Chris Ireland (KCA) spoke about the potential for ferry services being provided into Kingborough and the information about this opportunity that has been previously reported in the media – plus a recent local Rotary presentation by Bob Clifford. Hobart Council are undertaking investigations. There is a need to integrate with Metro bus services. Ferries could reduce road congestion and bus use. The government seems keen to pursue the ferry proposals. Chris asked as to whether Council has been actively involved. Tony Ferrier responded by saying that staff had attended the relevant workshops and meetings and was monitoring progress. Chris also commented on the new Bruny Island ferry contract, parking problems in the vicinity of Ferry Road and the potential for smaller boats providing a quick service across from Kettering.

Chris also asked about Council's position on AirBnB's. The response was that there is no position as such – it is only necessary for any legal requirements to be met and if no additional approvals are required for certain types of holiday accommodation then that is how it is. Council would generally prefer that planning and building permits are obtained for holiday accommodation premises in order that dwellings are made safe and local impacts are minimised.

Peter Laud said that a local Kettering group of residents has been collecting roadside litter on a regular basis and taking it to the transfer station. He asked as to whether Council has a regular roadside litter collection program. The response was that this is done by Council's road maintenance crew, although it is noted that the highway is a State road and is maintained by a contracted service.

Mark Florusse (BHCA) said that the final stage of the highway improvements will be completed this summer on Bonnet Hill and Council is thanked for their support for this project. Drivers will need to show a little patience as this work is being done.

Di Blackwood (FoNB) reported on the proposed Dennes Point Heritage Walk that is proposed to be opened in late January 2018. The interpretation panels will be installed soon.

Wayne Burgess (BBPA) asked as to whether Council conducts regular inspections and commissions arborists reports for trees in high use public areas. The response was that this does occur on a regular basis – such as for the trees along the Kingston Beach foreshore. Wayne identified that there may be some problems alongside the Suncoast

Track and Council will review this situation. Wayne also commented on the bushfire risk that exists along the edge of many residential areas in the municipality – such as at Blackmans Bay and Tinderbox. He asked about Council's role in informing residents about bushfire risk and the need for regular roadside slashing. The response was that Council does not have a direct role in providing bushfire response services (this is a TFS function) but is taking a proactive approach to its own bushland properties with a dedicated officer dealing with fire management issues. Roadside slashing is being conducted according to highest priorities and more funds have been allocated to increase frequency of slashing.

Wayne also informed the Forum of the introduction of new legislation – *Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Act 2017*. This may have an impact on some people and aims to reduce neighbour disputes. RMPAT ultimately will have to deal with any unresolved matters.

5. Other Business

Mayor Steve Wass reported that the 24 November was the 375th anniversary of Abel Tasman making contact with Tasmania. Seven Dutch representatives from Grootegeest will be visiting Kingborough on 11 and 12 December visiting and then proceeding on to the Tasman municipality in New Zealand. Steve thanked Wayne and the Forum for shortening their meeting to enable the Council's AGM to follow. He wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

6. Next KCCF Meeting

The next Forum meeting will be at 9.30am on 3rd March 2017.

The meeting closed at 10.32pm.