

# Kingborough Community Consultative Forum

## Annual General Meeting

Kingborough Council Civic Centre, Kingston

9.30am, 8 September 2018

## Minutes

### Present:

Initials	Organisation	Representatives present
KCCF	Kingborough Community Consultative Forum Executive	Wayne Burgess (Chair)
		Mike Jackson (Vice Chair)
		Tony Ferrier (Secretary)
BBPA	Blackmans Bay Progress Association	Wayne Burgess
BHCA	Bonnet Hill Community Association	Rae Wells
BICA	Bruny Island Community Association	Rosemary Sandford
CALSCA	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Ass.	David Bonny, Mike Jackson
FoNB	Friends of North Bruny	Alex Matysek, Di Blackwood
HPA	Howden Progress Association	Deborah Chadwick
KCA	Kettering Community Association	Chris Ireland, Sue Hoyle, Peter Laud
KLAG	Kingborough Land Care Advisory Group	John Cox
KBCA	Kingston Beach Community Association	Roger Tonge
TCA	Taroona Community Association	Roger Kellaway
	Unaligned	Rob Crosthwaite

**Council:** Mayor Steve Wass, Cr Flora Fox, Cr Sue Bastone, Tony Ferrier (Deputy General Manager), Sarah Wilcox (Media and Communications Officer)

**Apologies:** Cr Graham Bury, Gary Arnold (General Manager)

### Business:

#### 1. Minutes of AGM held 2 September 2017

These were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting. There was no business arising from these Minutes.

#### 2. Chairman's Report

This was provided by the Chairman and is attached as Attachment 1.

#### 3. Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor reported on what has been a busy year for Council and mentioned the following relevant matters:

- The Snug to Margate pathway has been designed and approved and now construction has commenced.

- Major housing development is occurring at Spring Farm and Whitewater Farm with blocks selling fast. The DHHS Huntingfield residential development is expected to follow.
- A Tribunal decision on the Villa Howden development application is expected shortly.
- A public consultation trial was conducted for this year's budget and the level of public engagement will be expanded next year with feedback encouraged.
- Work has continued on the planning scheme and it was good to hear from the Planning Minister that the focus needs to be on getting it right rather than rushing it.
- The waste management strategy has been finalised and a Waste Wise policy adopted for public events held on Council land that will reduce plastic usage.
- A new road building product is to be introduced that uses recycled plastics and other products – which also results in an improved long-lasting asset.
- The Dog Management Policy has been reviewed and will be considered at the next Council meeting.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> May storm resulted in a great deal of damage and 4 months later there is still much to do.
- The Kingston Park project has progressed well with successful in obtaining a \$2.8M grant for the Community Hub – with its construction to be completed by the end of 2018 and a public opening planned for February 2019. The roof is to be installed next Tuesday.

The Mayor thanked all Forum members for their time attending the quarterly meetings and that Council appreciates the views and suggestions provided. The Forum has been a helpful sounding board for Council.

Rob Crosthwaite asked a question about the financial status of Council, noting the scope of responsibilities that must be met and the revenue constraints. Mayor Wass responded by saying that Council's financial situation is healthy. While in past years there has been an underlying deficit, there has been a cash surplus in each year – plus he understands there should be an underlying surplus for the last financial year. Council is able to fulfil its essential obligations. The only borrowings are in association with Kingston Park and these do not impact on normal rate revenue. Kingborough doesn't have the same amount of commercial rate revenue as other Hobart councils.

#### **4. Election of Office Bearers**

Chair: Wayne Burgess  
 Deputy Chair: Mike Jackson  
 Secretary: Tony Ferrier (Council)

were nominated and elected unopposed.

#### **5. Meeting Dates**

It was agreed that the Forum would continue to meet on Saturday mornings and every three months – with the December meeting to be again combined with Council's AGM.

Meeting closed at 9.55am.

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

Chairman's Report Annual General Meeting 8-9-2018

### **2018 A.G.M. OF THE KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The role of the Forum in providing a valuable communication conduit between the community and Council has, I believe, continued successfully during the preceding period.

A change in the order of business at the meetings, whereby community organisations report on their local concerns and issues before the reports from Council, was implemented at the beginning of the

Forum year and seems to have been welcomed by the community organisations representatives.

As in past years, attendance at the meetings has varied, with particular current issues of concern being a major contributor. However, there is a fairly stable group of regular attending organisations.

Again, as in past years, we have received very comprehensive reports from Council on a wide range of matters. Some of these are of an on-going nature, such as planning and local government reform, and Kingston Park development, whereas other matters have been more 'once-off'. As representatives of our respective community organisations we have certainly been kept well informed by these reports presented by GM Gary Arnold and DGM Tony Ferrier.

We have also appreciated the attendance and contribution of Mayor Steve Wass at many of our meetings, and likewise the attendance at times of other Councillors.

Kingborough is currently experiencing a substantial 'growth spurt' as regards residential development, in particular due to the large subdivisions being constructed on the fringe of Kingston. The continued engagement of the growing community with Council will, in my view, be very important for the on-going benefit of the whole community.

Our municipality was very severely impacted by the extreme weather event of 10/11 May; although recovery is far from complete, I believe the resilience displayed by affected individuals, businesses and service providers, especially Council, has been commendable.

It is to be hoped that the community as a whole participates enthusiastically and positively in the forthcoming election of the next Kingborough Council.

Finally, on your behalf, I express our appreciation to Tony for his considerable efforts in support of the Forum by way of Notices, Agendas and Minutes of our meetings.

Wayne Burgess  
Chairman