

Kingborough

PUBLIC MINUTES

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MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 December 2018



Cr Richard Atkinson, Cr Amanda Midgley, Cr Paula Wriedt, Deputy Mayor Jo Westwood, Mayor Dean Winter, Cr David Grace, Cr Flora Fox, Cr Sue Bastone, Cr Christian Street
Absent: Cr Steve Wass

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MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Kingborough Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Saturday, 8 December 2018 at 11am.

AUDIO RECORDING

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5.30pm, welcomed all in attendance and read:

“All persons in attendance are advised that it is Council policy to record Council Meetings. The audio recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council’s website. The meeting was also live streamed to Facebook. In accordance with Council Policy, I now ask staff to confirm that the audio recording has commenced.”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Welcome to Country was provided by Sarah Wilcox.

ATTENDEES

Councillors:

Mayor Cr D Winter	✓
Deputy Mayor Cr J Westwood	✓
Councillor R Atkinson	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor D Grace	✓
Councillor A Midgley	✓
Councillor S Wass	✓

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Executive Manager Organisational Development	Ms Pene Hughes
Executive Manager Governance & Community Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Media & Communications Officer	Ms Sarah Wilcox
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

APOLOGIES

Cr Christian Street
Cr Paula Wriedt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2 DECEMBER 2017

MOVED Cr Fox
SECONDED Cr Atkinson

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 December 2017 (copy attached) be confirmed as a true record.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Bastone	Cr Fox	Cr Grace
Cr Midgley	Cr Wass	Cr Westwood	Cr Winter

Carried Unanimously

WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Mayor, Cr Dean Winter, will provide an introduction and summary of the year in review.

2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT *(previously circulated under separate cover)*

MOVED Cr Bastone
SECONDED Cr Fox

That the Annual Report of the Kingborough Council for the year ended 30 June 2018 be received.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Bastone	Cr Fox	Cr Grace
Cr Midgley	Cr Wass	Cr Westwood	Cr Winter

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE AND SUBMISSIONS

Questions on notice and submissions were invited from the public and closed on 28 November 2018. At the time the agenda was compiled, no public questions on notice or submissions had been received.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE, SUBMISSIONS AND MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms Rosemary Sandford, Bruny Island

1 Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan on Website

Will Council commit to putting the Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan on the Kingborough Council website as the official location of the Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan?

2 Infrastructure Funds for Bruny Island

The Tasmanian Government has committed \$8 million over 4 years, later changed to 5 years, for road infrastructure, public toilets, waste management services and other related infrastructure to assist in addressing tourism impacts on Bruny Island. Has Council received these funds yet? If so, when might Bruny expect to seek expenditure of these funds given we are now entering the 2018/2019 peak tourism period? If Council has not received these funds from State Government yet, can you please advise?

Executive Manager Governance & Community Services responds to question no. 1:

The Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan is still in draft format and where it ends up being hosted, bearing in mind that it has been developed as an online plan, but I would expect that it will exist in some form on Council's formal website.

General Manager responds to question no. 2:

During the recent Local Government election campaign, the then Mayor, Cr Wass and I met with the Deputy Premier, Minister Rockliff, to seek an update on the \$8 million dollars which is the subject to the question. The short answer is we have not received any of the funding. They took our interest on board and gave an undertaking to get back to us this year with some indication as to when we would see the commencement of that funding stream actually occurring. We await that information.

Mr Mervin Reed, Blackmans Bay

1 Financial Accounts

It is noted that in accordance with Note 3 to the Annual Accounts, there was an increase of 5.7% in the overall General Rate, Stormwater Rate and Garbage Charge. These increases occurred in a year where adjustment factors were provided by the Valuer-General and rating increases were obtained as usual from new buildings and subdivisional development. Does Council admit that its rating increase policy in the Long Term Financial Plan stated at 4% per annum is misleading and should be adjusted downwards to account for the above reoccurring unbudgeted rates increases?

General Manager responds:

In asking the question you actually gave part of the answer. The 4% that you refer to in the Long Term Financial Plan is the 4% on the general rate. Note 3 in the Financial Statements refers to the fact that over and above the 4% of the general rate, there was in fact the garbage charge, a stormwater charge and most importantly, a charge imposed by the State Government, the fire services levy. And that would probably give the 5.7% that you refer to.

2 Kingston Park

As income and expenditure on the Kingston Park Project are included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, should there be a separate note to the accounts isolating the Kingston Park income and expenditure and project cash flow?

General Manager responds:

I think you make a good point. It is certainly one that I will take up with the Chief Financial Officer and I will ask him to prepare a report to the Audit Panel prior to taking it to the Council to see whether that is something that we can accommodate under the Accounting Regulations.

3 Request for Information on Sale of Land

In the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows there is recorded an item "Proceeds of sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment". In Note 11 it is stated that an amount of \$755,000 has been obtained from the sale of land. Could information be given on the land transaction details and the associated reasons?

General Manager responds:

Note 11 actually refers to the purchase by TasWater of a parcel of land containing a dwelling that adjoins the Blackmans Bay treatment plant. You would be aware that TasWater are currently doing a \$45 million plus upgrade to the sewer line from Margate through Electrona to the Blackmans Bay plant and at the start of that construction they determined that it would be in their best interests and indeed the Council's, if they were to purchase that land. Council agreed and the \$755,000 referred to in Note 11 reflects the sale to TasWater.

4 Interim Planning Scheme

I noticed that the process of the Interim Planning Scheme requires that there be consultation with residents and stakeholders in relation to the Local Area Plans. When will this be advertised for each of the Local Area Plans and will we get a chance to make a contribution to where the Local Area Plans should be?

General Manager responds:

I will take your question on notice and provide a written response and ensure that that written response is not only provided to you but also published on Council's website so that the community, particularly the members that have taken the time to come to the AGM, are aware of the response.

Mr Rob Crosthwaite, Lower Snug

1 Kingston Park Retention of Land

In response to the General Manager’s comment to the forum a little earlier suggesting that at the Kingston Park development there will be a retention of something of the order of 40% to 50% of that parcel of land within the public ownership. What is the Council’s policy and strategy to consolidate and retain its physical infrastructure, real estate and human assets and to add value of those assets to the public balance sheet, as benefits to the community and future generations?

General Manager responds:

Council, by legislation, is required to have a Strategic Plan in place. It is also required to have a Long Term Financial Plan, a Long Term Asset Management Plan. The Local Government election recently occurring has provided a golden opportunity at the commencement of a four year term of this Council to review its Strategic Plan. Informally, we have already commenced those discussions and that would provide this Council the opportunity to review that plan and take that out to the community for feedback and that will be occurring early in the New Year.

Mr Crosthwaite:

What will the Council’s approach to this new Strategic Plan be with the consideration of short term outcomes with respect to the longer term outcomes?

Mayor:

I’m happy to take that on notice but I will also alert you that in the presentation number 2 ‘Priorities in Kingborough’ we will be speaking a lot about the Strategic Plan and our consultation process.

There were no Notices of Motion moved.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Kingston Park – public open space and playground design from Playstreet.
- 2 Priorities in Kingborough – consultation across Kingborough from the Mayor.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.40

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