

Kingborough Community Consultative Forum General Meeting

9:30am 8 December 2018

Civic Centre, Kingston

MINUTES

Present:

Initials	Organisation	Representatives present
BBPA	Blackmans Bay Progress Association	Wayne Burgess (Chair)
CALSCA	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association	David Bonny, Mike Jackson
BICA	Bruny Island Community Association	Rosemary Sandford
HPA	Howden Progress Association	James Fox
KCA	Kettering Community Association	Sue Hoyle
KLAG	Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group	John Cox
TCA	Taroona Community Association	Roger Kellaway, Maureen Robinson
WCA	Woodbridge Community Association	Luca Vanzino
	Unaligned	Rob Crosthwaite

Council: Cr Jo Westwood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sue Bastone, Cr Flora Fox, Cr Amanda Midgley, Cr Steve Wass, Cr Richard Atkinson, Gary Arnold (General Manager), Daniel Smee (Executive Manager, Governance and Community Services)

Apologies: Cr Dean Winter (Mayor), Cr Paula Wriedt, Roger Tonge (KBCA), Chris Ireland (KCA), Tony Ferrier (Deputy General Manager)

Business:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Wayne Burgess welcomed everyone in attendance and called for apologies.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 8th September 2018

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

BICA - Rosemary Sandford advised that it had been a difficult year, with the proposal for a Bruny Island Community Board causing division within the community. The matter will be discussed further at the Bruny Island Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday 13 December. BICA held its AGM in October, with Megan Weston appointed as President. A new doctor is due to commence on Monday, providing consistent access to general practitioners and comprehensive primary health care on the island. Issues with the capacity and suitability of the ferry service continue to be discussed with the Ferry Reference Group. It is understood that a consultant has prepared an Emergency Plan for Bruny Island and it was stated that this should be made available on Council's website. Sales of Bruny News have seen \$130k distributed throughout the community.

HPA – James Fox reported that management of population density and infrastructure pressures are the most pressing concerns for the HPA. The decision by Council to approve the Villa Howden has been appealed by residents, with the outcome yet to be determined. There are ongoing concerns at the lack of public open space in Howden, along with the speed limit on the Channel Highway at its intersection with Howden Road. During peak traffic periods, it is very difficult to exit Howden Road onto the Channel Highway, forcing many residents to take the alternative route through Blackmans Bay. The TasWater sewer pipeline route has been resolved and HPA continues to support the Howden Fire Brigade.

CALSCA – David Bonny noted that CALSCA had held a Special General Meeting in September, at which its constitution was updated. Members attended a recent fire safety presentation and residents have been provided with information on bush fire preparedness via a letterbox drop. A development application has been advertised for the new public toilet block.

Rob Crossthwaite expressed concern that the forum was becoming a one-way communication exercise. He also commented on the approach to the development of Kingston Park, stating that Council was “selling the farm” and was too focussed on the financial value of assets rather than the community value.

Mike Jackson supported Rob’s views, indicating that Council should be leasing not selling land in Kingston Park.

KCA – Sue Holye advised that the KCA continue to work on ongoing issues with Ferry Road traffic and have renewed their efforts to reduce the speed limit through Kettering to 50km/hr. Attempts to secure funding for a pedestrian path between Oxleys Road and Trail Bay Hill have thus far been unsuccessful. The sealing of Oxleys Road has been completed to a higher standard than expected but is appreciated by residents.

TCA – Roger Kellaway thanked Council for the Community Grant to support the “Taroon Targets Trash” event. He reported that residents in Jenkins Avenue are keen to see the vacant block in this street developed as a park rather than sold. The TCA have been lobbying against the sale of Crown Land to UTAS and are keen to see the bushland block adjacent to Taroon Park be transferred to Council. Council’s Dog Management Policy elicited split views amongst TCA members and it was decided as a group to maintain a neutral position. He noted that now the declared areas had been finalised, there was a need for improved signage.

Maureen Robinson reiterated the concerns of the community regarding the sale of Crown Land to UTAS and advised that the TCA had been working hard behind the scenes to keep the local community informed.

WCA – Luca Vanzino reported that the WCA had applied for a grant of \$90k to develop the vacant land adjoining the St Simon’s and St Jude’s Anglican Church at Woodbridge as a community park. The land has been gifted to the WCA on the basis that it be used as a public recreation area and the South Channel Garden Club is assisting the WCA in the project. He also noted that the new owners of the Kyle Cherry Orchard would not be employing any locals this summer.

5. Responses from Council Representatives

- Gary Arnold noted that four hectares of Kingston Park would be retained in Council ownership as public open space, along with the Community Hub.
- Daniel Smee advised that signage to support the implementation of the Dog Management Policy was progressively being rolled out, with new signs installed at Taroon Beach yesterday.

- Cr Fox stated that she values the feedback provided through the KCCF and appreciates the time given up by community volunteers to contribute to the forum. She noted that the exchange of information provided by the forum has empowered both the community and Council and acknowledged the contribution of Tony Ferrier in ensuring the ongoing success of the group.
- Cr Midgley thanked forum members for their contribution and encouraged them to share information within their local communities.
- Cr Westwood said that she has valued listening to the issues raised by each of the groups and hopes to catch up with each one individually in due course.
- Cr Wass indicated that he hoped to see more Councillors attend the forum in the future. He noted that the Department of State Growth had commenced design work on the Howden Road intersection and that he understood that the Minister for Infrastructure was looking at the speed limit reduction in Kettering. He also advised that it was his understanding that the State Government had given a commitment that the land adjacent to Taroona Park would be retained as parkland.

6. Other Business

Wayne Burgess reiterated Cr Fox's comments in relation to the contribution of Tony Ferrier to the KCCF and thanked him for his dedication and professionalism.

7. Next KCCF Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 2 March at 9:30am.

The meeting closed at 10:30am.