

Kingborough

PUBLIC MINUTES

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COUNCIL MINUTES

8 April 2019



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 an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Monday, 8 April 2019 at 5.30pm.

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. 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 presented by Ms Sarah Wilcox.

ATTENDEES

Councillors:

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

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Deputy General Manager	Mr Tony Ferrier
Chief Financial Officer	Mr John Breen
Executive Manager Organisational Development	Ms Pene Hughes
Manager Environmental Services	Mr Jon Doole
Manager Development Services	Ms Tasha Tyler-Moore
Acting Executive Manager Governance & Community Service	Mr Scott Basham
Community Hub Coordinator	Mr Rob Rule
Strategic Planner	Mr Dustin Moore
Media & Communications Officer	Ms Sarah Wilcox
Acting Executive Assistant	Ms Kelly Nichols

C249/7-19

(Commences at ± 2 minutes of audio recording)

APOLOGIES

Cr Wriedt
Cr Grace
Cr Street

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 25 MARCH 2019

MOVED Cr Fox
 SECONDED Cr Bastone

That the Minutes of the open session of Council Meeting No. 6 held on 25 March 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

1 April - Kingborough Waste Services
 4 April - GHD Traffic & Parking

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items transferred.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr John Maynard submitted the following questions on notice:

1 Bushfire Strategy

Given that "More than 90% of municipality is mapped as being 'bushfire-prone', the majority of Kingborough has not been subject to a significant bushfire event since the devastating 1967 Black Tuesday bushfire and that the likelihood of a major bushfire event in the municipality is now greater than ever".

If recent expenditure has been \$216,000 pa (P18) and the risk has escalated over this period to a stage where it is now "greater than ever", how can the expenditure of \$245,000 pa, or just \$29,000 pa extra, turn the risk around & can the annual budget absorb this increase?

Officer's Response:

Bushfire Risk for the Kingborough area (and Tasmania as a whole) has been assessed as being high to extreme for a number of years - since strategic risk assessments for emergency management planning and (more recently) bushfire risk modelling first came into use. Along with an increased understanding of the risk that this natural disaster poses to Tasmanian communities, has come an increased understanding of the fact that bushfire safety is a shared responsibility and an obligation for all land owners and managers.

The vast majority of land within the Kingborough municipality (approximately 60% or 45000ha) is held in private tenure. Council owns or manages approximately 650ha of bushland within its natural area reserves network. Although this represents only a small percentage (approximately 2%) of the total municipal area, Council recognises the need to fulfil its responsibilities as a land owner in relation to reducing bushfire risk in the community. Whilst on-ground mitigation activities are important in reducing risk from Council reserves, increased community safety can also be achieved through conducting ongoing community bushfire awareness campaigns in conjunction with the Tasmania Fire Service. Community education, awareness and engagement programs are interventions intended to increase people's perception of their risk of bushfire and to generate changes in behaviour to reduce their bushfire risk. Such programs do not necessarily require great financial investment.

Background to the Bushfire Program

In response to the recognition of its responsibilities as a land owner, Council engaged a Bushfire Management Officer to develop a program for the management of bushfire risk on Council owned or managed land.

The objectives of the initial 3 year bushfire management program were:

- 1) Identify the location and determine the level of bushfire risk on Council owned or managed land;
- 2) Development of a Bushfire Risk Reduction Strategy for Council owned or managed land;
- 3) Prioritise Council's bushfire mitigation actions on the basis of risk;
- 4) Present recommendations to lessen the risk on Council land;
- 5) Develop and coordinate an integrated bushfire risk program for Council owned land – in cooperation with the Tasmania Fire Service;
- 6) Develop bushfire related policies, guidelines and procedures for Council operations.

2016 to 2019 – Establishment Phase of the Bushfire Program

The initial stages of the bushfire program (for the years 2016 to 2019) were anticipated to require the greatest amount of investment as Council worked through a 'catch up' phase associated with developing a new program. The budget for the establishment phase of the bushfire program was carefully costed and all the key activities (including baseline risk assessment of Council land, development of a strategy for managing bushfire risk and commencement of an on ground fuel reduction burning program) were delivered within budget.

2019 to 2023 – Implementation Phase of the Bushfire Program

The next phase of the program (2019 - 2023) has been costed using a realistic budget which is compatible with the resourcing available within the organisation. Estimates are based on the cost to implement a realistic number of bushfire risk mitigation activities over the next five years on Council land. The expenditure outlined in the budget will enable full implementation of the program.

Future bushfire mitigation actions have been prioritised and activities will not require a large amount of additional investment.

- Council's ongoing bushfire mitigation program will be more effectively targeted as a result of the completion of the risk assessment for Council owned land;
- Annual fuel break maintenance is ongoing with little anticipated increase in costs;
- The annual fire abatement program is ongoing with no anticipated increase in costs;
- Community awareness campaigns in Kingborough's most 'at risk' communities in conjunction with the Tasmania Fire Service will be delivered.

The majority of increased costs in the program are associated with the cost of specialist services; including threatened species surveys, specialist arborist services post fire and specialist heavy plant operators for fuel break and planned burn operations.

The Bushfire Risk Reduction Strategy for Council owned or managed land has been designed and budgeted to ensure ongoing mitigation actions are achieved over the next 5 years. The increase in budget allocation to the Bushfire Program over the next five years has been endorsed in principle by Council, but will be subject to approval as part of the annual budget cycle.

Meg Lorang - Bushfire Management Officer

C252/7-19

(Commences at ± 4 minutes of audio recording)

2 Climate Change Strategy

- 1 *The International Panel on Climate Change's latest report (6th October 2018), produced after its 48th Session of Working Groups, held in Korea, compared the more severe impact of a 2°C increase in global temperature to a 1.5°C increase. Why has Council chosen 2°C, rather than the internationally recognised 1.5°C, as its target limit?*
- 2 *Key Priority Area KCA1 (Climate Change Adaption Planning & Research) (P67) states that climate change risk and adaptation planning projects are planned to be completed for Kingston Beach, Snug, Adventure Bay over the period from the end of 2020 to the end of 2023. Why aren't other vulnerable areas, such as Blackmans Bay, included in these projects?*
- 3 *If Council plans to have Zero Net Emissions by 2050 (P67), what are Council's current net emissions and what are the key methods by which they will be reduced to zero by 2050?*
- 4 *How does Council plan to include one of its key areas of responsibility ie. town planning and development, into its Climate Change Strategy?*

Officer's Response:

1. A maximum 2°C increase in global temperature was identified with a view to reflecting the commitment contained in the Tasmanian Government Climate Action 21 document ie: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017 – 2021. This was linked to a commitment to zero net emissions by 2050 which is considered to be an actual and tangible target that council, as an entity, can strive to achieve. The Paris agreement aimed to keeping a global temperature rise this century to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5°C. Practical progress towards this aim on a global scale is near impossible to ascertain.
2. KCA 1.1 highlights that Kingston Beach, Snug and Adventure Bay will be vulnerable community case study sites until the end of 2023. These localities were highlighted based on a coastal hazard assessment undertaken in 2014 by UTAS and a follow up priority coastal hazard adaptation response report undertaken by UTAS in 2016.

Each of these localities have modelled future climate change related impacts, due to inundation, that are potentially significant but with each having circumstances that make consideration of response and adaptation quite different. This is why they are being used as case studies in detailed risk modelling, adaption options evaluation and community interaction.

Blackmans Bay was not included at this stage as it was not identified as being as at significant risk in the UTAS reports for either coastal inundation and / or coastal erosion.

3. An audit of the energy use and greenhouse gas emissions for Kingborough was undertaken in 2018 and this will form the basis of Kingborough Climate Change Plan actions KCS2.3.1 and KCE3.1.1 relating to the drafting of a Greenhouse and Energy Policy and a position paper on the practical implications of Kingborough striving to have Zero net emissions by 2050. Both of these actions are scheduled for completion prior to the end of 2019.
4. Action KCS2.4.1 identifies that a position paper evaluating the implications of the provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme on climate change decisions and responses will be completed prior to the end of 2019.

Action KCS4.4.1 and KCS4.4.3 relate to the practical implications of climate change impacts on council's asset management and infrastructure systems and procedures.

Jon Doole - Manager Environmental Services

C253/7-19

(Commences at ± 4 minutes of audio recording)

3 General Rate Exemption to Charitable Organisations

Given that the High Court has declined to hear an appeal by the Kingborough Council (and others) against a decision handed down on 12th November 2018 by the Tasmanian Supreme Court, which determined that, under the Local Government Act Section 87(1)(d), land owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes were exempt from general rates, can the General Manager please advise;

- 1 *Assuming all charitable organisations within the Kingborough municipality satisfied Section 87(1)(d) of the Local Government Act and thus qualified for general rate exemption, what would be the total annual amount of rate relief granted to these organisations? and,*
- 2 *The Mary Knoll property, located at 15 Home Avenue, Blackmans Bay, is proposed to be rezoned and subdivided with a reported 70 social housing units to be constructed and managed by CatholicCare. Assuming this development proceeds and each unit is valued at the average for similar developments in other parts of the municipality, how much rate relief would they be eligible for? and,*
- 3 *Will the quantum of rate exemption granted to charitable organisations have any material impact on the forecast annual rate increases recently approved in the Long-Term Financial Plan? and,*
- 4 *Is Council and/or the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbying the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government Act to remove the inequity in rate payments which flows from the Supreme Court decision?*

Officer's Response:

- 1 Approximately \$464,000 per annum, which equates to a 2% general rate increase.
- 2 That will depend on the valuation of each house but there would be a total rates exemption of approximately \$105,000.
- 3 That is a decision for Council but officers will now be recommending a 2% increase on top of the 3.5% increase in the Long Term Financial Plan for next financial year only.
- 4 Yes.

Gary Arnold - General Manager

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms Tricia Ramsay asked the following questions without notice

C254/7-19

(Commences at ± 5 minutes of audio recording)

1 Budget

Can you advise how many workshops this year have been attributed to the development 2019-2020 budget?

Mayor responds:

The answer is one.

Ms Ramsay:

Can you advise the date of that workshop?

Mayor:

18 March 2019

Ms Ramsay:

Can you advise why the councillors weren't advised in that workshop the extra \$1m deficient attributed to the carrying amounts of assets retired that was noted in last meeting's agenda?

Mayor:

The workshop was about the 2019-20 budget and the issue that you are referring to is an issue that is going to impact this year's budget, the 2018-19 budget. We didn't discuss during that workshop issues associated with this financial year, it was all about next financial year's budget.

Ms Ramsay:

Do you think you have all the information about next financial year's budget?

Mayor:

The very public uncertainty that we have with next year's budget is around the Southern Cross Care decision and the exact amount of rates that will be forgone, we are estimating somewhere close to \$500,000 in lost revenue next financial year and that's lost revenue compared to what we predicted in our long term financial plan. The issue that Council Officers are dealing with and Councillors will have to make a decision on, on the first Monday in June, is how Council deals with that, in the very likely event that the State Government won't have changed the legislation to resolve the matter before then.

Ms Ramsay:

Can you advise what remaining projects fall into the category "carrying amounts of assets retired" that have been flagged in tonight's agenda. Can you tell me how many remaining projects there are and the individual amounts associated with those projects?

Chief Financial Officer:

Every time we capitalise an asset there is a potential for there to be a write down in the previous asset. For this financial year our estimate is \$1.5m in carrying of assets retired. Next year our budget and best estimate at this point in time is \$500,000.

Ms Ramsay:

Has that amount been given to the Councillors?

Chief Financial Officer:

Yes Councillors are well aware that amount has been built into the budget for next financial year.

Ms Ramsay:

Is that the only future year you predict there will be substantial write offs is this category

Chief Financial Officer:

The long term financial year plan has a prediction of \$500,000 every year.

Ms Ramsay:

Is that factored into the workshops?

Mayor:

Yes.

Mr John McDonald asked the following question without notice:

C255/7-19

(Commences at ± 9 minutes of audio recording)

2 Budget & Savings

Noting the extraordinary, that is unplanned, costs incurred by the carrying amount of assets retired (as noted in Agenda item 3 in tonight's agenda), costs from the charitable rates litigation that has just concluded, together with current expenditure estimates for Kingston Park, what measures are being undertaken to assess savings for each major line item in the current budget? Specifically, are there any projected savings estimates for 2018/19 for employee costs, materials costs, contract costs and other costs, which I know represent \$4m in the current budget. If not, what process will be adopted to determine potential savings for 2019/20 compared with the current budget?

Mayor responds:

Council is, and you will be please to know, with a much longer period of time allowed are about to release its draft budget for public consultation. Within that process the rates payers association individuals will be able to make their own assessments of Councils planned budget for this year and provide that feedback. I can tell you there are several areas within Council that will have a lower budget than they had in the previous financial year but there are no planned cuts to staffing for example in the budget at this stage.

Mr Mervin Reed asked the following questions without notice:

C256/7-19

(Commences at ± 11 minutes of audio recording)

3 Kingston Park Financial Position

On Page 94 of the agenda number 4 of 25 February 2019, the General Manager approved the comment in relation to loan interest being reported under operating expenses. The General Manager's comment was that due to delays in the capital works programme Kingston Park, interest charged on the loans is being capitalised against ongoing projects and therefore no operational loan interest is being incurred.

Can the General Manager now please detail for the ratepayers which ongoing projects these loans are being capitalised against?

Why is not the interest expense incurred on the loans already taken out for the Kingston Park development, being shown against the Kingston Park costs, rather than allowing the loans to blowout? Would the General Manager agree that this provides an incomplete picture to the ratepayers looking at the finances of the municipality and has his actions been approved by the Council formally?

Mr Breen responds

Under the current accounting standards it is possible to capitalise interest against ongoing projects while those projects are underway. Interest was capitalised the Goshawk Way Road project while that was undergoing and the same has occurred in regards to the community hub project. Now the community hub project has been finalised, for the last 3 months of the year the interest will be expensed against the operational expenditure so the Council be incurring will some expenditure over that period.

C257/7-19

(Commences at ± 9 minutes of audio recording)

4 Budget Overruns

From a starting point of a deficit budget, some \$450,000 which in itself is by your own description 2 years ago unsustainable, to the present position which appears that the outcome at 30 June 2019 will be an operating loss of some \$2.5m. Can you explain to the ratepayers how this \$2.5m operating loss is to be paid for?

Given these substantial operating losses and the inability of the community to sustain rate increases this coming year given wages are flat and have not risen, how do you propose to solve the problem? What will be your recommendations?

Mr Breen responds

The first thing to recognise is the operating surplus as reported in the results, The Tas Audit Office have indicating that the operating surplus is not a reliable measure of the financial performance of Councils. That is why they have moved to using the underlying result as being the measure of Councils performance. Part of the reason for that is you can see this financial year, the financial assistance grants were paid by the Commonwealth Government on the 30 June rather than 1 July and that had a million dollar impact on the operation of the surplus operating result figures for Council. The underlying result which is reported in the financial reports is a loss of \$1.3m and that contains the one off loss in regards to the carrying amount of assets retired of a million dollar which is not a cash loss it's a write back of assets that have been capitalised that had a remaining value. If you take those two out the ongoing result for Council is around about a \$300,000 operating deficit which is just below the budget amount.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C258/7-19

(Commences at ± 15 minutes of audio recording)

1 Bushfire Survival Plans

At the Council meeting on 25 March 2019, **Cr Wass** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Who undertakes bushfire survival plans for individual property owners? What clearing is permitted within their home zone? What clearing can be undertaken in the surrounding buffer zone?

Officer's Response:

The Tasmania Fire Service produces extensive documentation relating to Bushfire Preparedness and these can be found at www.fire.tas.gov.au. The Bushfire Survival Plan requires people to decide whether they will be leaving their property early to avoid the

danger, or whether they intend to make a plan and defend their home. Planning to stay and defend your home is a decision that should not be taken lightly and people should only stay if their dwelling and surrounding property are well prepared. A dwelling should be ember proofed and a defensible space created around the dwelling. Creating a defensible space involves vegetation modification and the removal of the most flammable material.

The TFS Bushfire Survival Guide sets out a defensible space guide based on the slope of the land and the type of vegetation, this includes distances for inner and outer zones and the document should be referred to for greater detail. This guide should be tailored for individual properties. The document also sets out that there is no need to remove most trees as they can be beneficial in trapping embers and reducing wind speeds and will not be involved in bushfire once fuels on the ground and the understorey have been modified.

The TFS have a list of accredited Bushfire Hazard Practitioners who can inspect sites and determine Bushfire Attack levels (BAL), determine suitable bushfire protection measures, prepare a bushfire hazard report and prepare and certify a bushfire hazard management plan (BHMP).

Belinda Loxley – Emergency Management Coordinator

C259/7-19

(Commences at ± 15 minutes of audio recording)

2 Graffiti

At the Council meeting on 25 March 2019, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Are we in discussion with the NBN regarding graffiti on their boxes?

Officer's Response:

Council will be contacting NBN in order to ascertain how this graffiti can be removed.

Carol Swords - Coordinator Community Services

Cr Westwood submitted the following questions on notice:

C260/7-19

(Commences at ± 15 minutes of audio recording)

3 Carrying Amount of Assets Retired

- 1. Can Council provide a breakdown by item, value and year acquired of the estimated \$(1,000,000) attributed to Carrying Amount of Assets Retired, as included in the most recent Financial Report submitted to Council on 25 March 2019?*
- 2. Why was this amount not identified earlier in the 2018-19 financial year?*
- 3. Does Council undertake regular processing of outstanding work-in-progress and has this now been completed for 2018-19?*
- 4. Has the recent write down of assets for 2018-19 been factored into the forecast underlying result for Council's 2019-20 budget and out years? If not, when does*

Council intend to include the estimated impact of works-in-progress for inclusion in Council's 2019-20 budget?

5. What processes has Council implemented to ensure large, unexpected write down of assets associated with capital works does not adversely impact the Net Operating Surplus of future budgets?

Officer's Response:

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CARRYING AMOUNT OF ASSETS RETIRED TO FEBRUARY 2019						
Project No.	Description	Cost	Accum Depr	% Depreciated	WDV	Asset Acquisition Date
C03136	Redwood Road - 2273 to 2853 - resealing	286,107.63	43,318.19	15%	242,789.44	2015 All
C01158	Powell Rd - Footpath/Drainage Improvemen	430,668.68	211,120.39	49%	219,548.29	1965 (Base), 2002 (Surface)
C01173	Kunama Drive Upgrade vic19-49	496,904.55	304,189.96	61%	192,714.59	1971 (Base), 1991 (Surface)
C01082	Dru Point Seawall & Road Widening	825,271.00	657,084.66	80%	131,813.66	1965 (Base), 2000 (Surface)
C00589	Illawarra Rd SW Upgrade St 2	207,373.61	100,645.52	49%	126,306.00	1971 (Base), 1999 (Surface)
C03050	Summerleas Rd Resealing - 1071 to 1451	152,267.93	56,251.95	37%	96,015.98	2007
C01174	Old Station Upgrade Ch0-418	279,316.18	212,466.89	76%	66,849.29	1965 (Base), 1999 (Surface)
C03139	Summerleas/Kingston View Drive Intersection-reseal	57,419.92	25,016.72	44%	32,403.20	2007
C03016	Blanche Avenue Reconstruction	53,723.59	26,716.45	50%	27,007.14	1965 (Base), 2003 (Surface)
C03021	Pelverata Road Upgrade	60,805.38	33,911.12	56%	26,894.26	1999
C01089	Summerleas Rd/Leslie Rd Junction Squarin	59,545.54	36,216.26	61%	23,329.28	1966 (Base), 1999 (Surface)
C03046	Nierinna Road Resealing	238,653.24	215,755.01	90%	22,898.23	2000
C00587	Taronga Rd SW Upgrade St 2	34,855.43	17,064.50	49%	17,790.93	2003
C03051	Redwood Road Resealing - 6 to 510	129,548.64	114,296.42	88%	15,252.22	1965
C03024	Blowhole Road Stormwater Upgrade	12,785.19	2,991.28	23%	9,793.91	2000
C03010	Kelvedon Avenue Turning Facility	17,820.98	9,705.56	54%	8,115.42	2005
C03018	Mountain Road Rehabilitation	53,011.49	45,748.40	86%	7,263.09	2000
C03013	Pearl Place to Opal Drive Footpath Upgrade	12,825.34	7,214.15	56%	5,611.19	1973
C03053	Hiern Street Resealing - 0 to 567	113,932.42	108,461.45	95%	5,470.97	1987
C03061	Krauses Road Resheeting - 10 to 2570	12,533.72	8,522.93	68%	4,010.79	1950
C03011	Redwood Road to Willow Avenue Lane Upgrade	6,813.36	3,321.77	49%	3,491.59	1979
C03033	Kaoota Road Drainage Upgrade	17,150.62	13,766.28	80%	3,384.34	1950
C00572	Channel Hwy/Cartright Res SW Upgrade	7,265.06	4,431.64	61%	2,833.42	1957
C03083	Huon Road Culvert Repair (vic 1122)	3,747.97	1,986.40	53%	1,761.57	1965
C03029	Besters & Clarks Road Stormwater Upgrade	5,335.62	3,628.22	68%	1,707.40	1950
C03145	Gumpits Road - resheeting	118,271.19	116,943.79	99%	1,327.40	1950
C02102	Margate Espl Rd Stabilisation	1,425.65	128.30	9%	1,297.35	2009
C03060	McKenzies Road Resheeting - 27 to 2011	34,446.67	33,426.63	97%	1,020.04	2009
C03028	Moodys Road Stormwater Upgrade	2,039.42	1,386.81	68%	652.61	1966
C03025	Aberys Road (Vic 7) Stormwater Upgrade	2,036.65	1,384.92	68%	651.73	1950
		4,203,060.99	2,886,260.89	69%	1,036,378.01	

- 2 The write-off associated with the carrying amount of assets retired was identified during January and February 2019 when a significant amount of work-in-progress was capitalised into the asset register and calculations were undertaken on the amount to be written off.
- 3 Council has had issues over the past few years in regards to getting the work-in-progress into the asset register in a timely manner. Since the implementation of the new asset management system, Council commenced a concerted effort to get the assets into the system and this has now been achieved.
- 4 The write-off in 2018/19 is a one-off amount associated with getting the asset management system up to date and will not be repeated in future years.
- 5 As part of the capital budget process an analysis was undertaken on the potential write-off in assets associated with the projects that were put forward for budget consideration. A couple of projects were delayed to future years because they would have caused a substantial write-off of the replaced asset.

John Breen - Chief Financial Officer

4 Asset Management System

- 1 *How much did Council's new asset management system cost and when was this implemented?*
- 2 *Is this new system expected to improve accuracy in the estimation and recording of the written down value of assets beyond 2018-19?*
- 3 *How will Council's asset management system be used to ensure asset write downs are accurately accounted for over the period of the recently adopted Long Term Financial Plan?*
- 4 *Is the estimation of written down values included as a standard process as part of the capital expenditure budget process?*

Officer's Response:

- 1 The Asset Management System (AMS) has largely been implemented, there is some more work still to be undertaken on integration to the financial part of the system and work orders but this is underway. The system was purchased as part of the replacement of the financial system as well but an estimation of the apportioned costs to the assets aspect is \$135K, which includes implementation costs.
- 2 The estimation of the written down value (WDV) is important for assets that may be affected by proposed projects that are submitted for capital improvements. Although, the scope of a project may change slightly from scoping and budgeting to full detailed design and construction it is possible to provide a good indication of what the likely effect on the WDV may be for any replacement/renewal projects. This is something that has been checked for capital projects in next year's budget and this will continue for future budgets. This is not a process related directly to the AMS but rather a double check using data from the AMS to ensure the selected projects take the WDV into account.
- 3 The AMS has, as do most similar systems, a financial accounting module that accounts for all financial changes to assets.
- 4 Yes this is now part of the standard practice as mentioned above.

David Reeve - Executive Manager Engineering Services

Cr Bastone submitted the following questions on notice:

5 Parking Policy

Can we relook at our parking policy and length of time for parking at Blackmans Bay shopping centre? I have been approached by both the dentist and the doctor as occasionally their patients are forced to stay longer than the 1 hour limit (if it is a complicated appointment or appointments are running late) Recently a patient at the doctors received a parking ticket (over staying by 15 minutes) while she was receiving a cancer diagnosis and discussions on treatment. Despite both she and the doctor applying for consideration in waving the fine she was refused. She just doesn't feel up to continuing to fight the fine. How can we remedy this situation?

Officer's Response:

The Blackmans Bay Shopping Centre (Bayview Market) time restrictions and periods of parking are determined by the land owner. Council Officers have previously brought community concerns of this nature to the attention of the land owner.

Applications to withdraw traffic infringement notices are assessed against the provisions of the *Road Rules 2009* and pertinent Council policies. On review this traffic infringement notice has been withdrawn.

Scott Basham - Acting Executive Manager Governance & Community Services

C263/7-19

(Commences at ± 16 minutes of audio recording)

6 Grant for Alonnah Hall

There was a grant awarded to the Alonnah Hall of \$150,000 last year.

- 1 Who actually applied for the grant?*
- 2 As the Hall is Council property is the money held by the Council while work is done? If not, who holds the money?*
- 3 Do we know who has jurisdiction over the money and who are they accountable to?*
- 4 Are all groups who used the Hall able to have input into the use of the money?*
- 5 Do we know how much money has been spent to date, on what and by whom?*

Officer's Response:

- 1 Mr Fagan and Mr Adams (Alonnah Hall committee members), applied for the grant.
- 2 Yes, Council is holding the money.
- 3 Council has jurisdiction over the money and will work with the hall committee concerning the impletion of any projects.
- 4 The only other stake holder is the Bruny Island community Library. It is expected that the library and the Hall Committee will liaise concerning any implementation.
6. The following expenditure has occurred:
 - \$15k spent of moveable walls (hall committee agreed); and
 - \$23k on acoustic panels (hall committee agreed).

Michelle Allen – Liaison Officer Governance & Property

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Wass asked the following questions without notice:

C264/7-19

(Commences at ± 16 minutes of audio recording)

1 Bushfire Survival Plans

When an individual home and property owner wishes to have a bushfire survival plan completed, who do they contact to have the survival plan completed for them?

Upon receipt of the survival plan, what clearing is permitted within the home zone?

What clearing can be undertaken in the surrounding buffer zone?

Mayor responds:

We will take questions 1-3 on notice.

C265/7-19

(Commences at ± 16 minutes of audio recording)

2 Alonnah Hall Community Survey

I understand a community survey was undertaken regarding the Alonnah Hall. Has Council received a copy of this survey and will Councillors be provided a copy.

Deputy General Manager responds:

I am not aware of any community survey that has been conducted in relation to the Alonnah Hall and we are happy to receive and circulate to Councillors if we do receive one.

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

C266/7-19

(Commences at ±18 minutes of audio recording)

3 Grant for Alonnah Hall

The following expenditure from the officer says that \$23,000 in acoustic panels has been paid. The roof of the Alonnah hall has not yet been repaired so why have the acoustic panels been bought when they cannot be placed until the roof is repaired. Who actually decides what money will be spent on the Alonnah Hall. Is it the Council or is it the committee first? Since it is a capital works grant, can the remaining money in the budget be used to repair the roof at the Alonnah Hall?

Deputy General Manager responds:

I am not aware of the situation with the roof. Council holds the money and Council approval all expenditure of the funds. In regards to whether those funds can be used to repair the roof, I doubt that would be in accordance with the grant. Council signed a grant deed with the State Government that the money should be spent on specific items. If the repair of the roof is one of those items within the grant deed then yes it can be spent but if it is not then we will have to repair the hall out of normal hall maintenance funds.

Cr Bastone

So the \$23,000 on the acoustic panels was signed off by the Council?

Deputy General Manager:

That is correct.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

C267/7-19

(Commences at ± 19 minutes of audio recording)

Gun Control

MOVED Cr Atkinson
SECONDED Cr Fox

That Council:

1. Writes to the Prime Minister and the Tasmanian Premier affirming the council's position for strong gun control laws,
2. Writes to the leaders of national and state political parties urging them to stand firm against efforts to weaken gun control laws and to reject any donations from the gun lobby, and
3. Moves at the July 2019 Local Government Association (LGAT) General Meeting that LGAT lobby the State Government to ensure any amendments to the Tasmanian Firearms Act 1996 and associated regulations further align Tasmanian law with the National Firearms Agreement.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Midgley	Cr Winter	Cr Fox	Cr Westwood
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AGAINST

Cr Bastone	Cr Wass			
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Carried

PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions still being actioned.

PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD

At the time the Agenda was compiled no Petitions had been received.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

PLANNING AUTHORITY IN SESSION

Planning Authority commenced at 6:03pm

OFFICERS REPORTS TO PLANNING AUTHORITY

C268/7-19

(Commences at ± 32 minutes of audio recording)

DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD 13 MARCH 2019 TO 26 MARCH 2019

MOVED Cr Fox
SECONDED Cr Westwood

That the report be noted.

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

C269/7-19

(Commences at ± 34 minutes of audio recording)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PLANNING PERMIT – DAS-2014-30 – SUBDIVISION OF ONE LOT AND BALANCE AT 1 GOLDEN GROVE DRIVE, BLACKMANS BAY FOR LARK & CREESE

MOVED Cr Fox
SECONDED Cr Atkinson

That the request for a further extension to the Planning Permit issued for DAS-2014-30 – subdivision of one lot and balance at 1 Golden Grove Drive, Blackmans Bay under section 53(5B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* be refused on the basis that it is not consistent with the current subdivision standards of the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 and that the developer has had four (4) years to act on the Permit.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Midgley	Cr Bastone	Cr Fox	Cr Westwood
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AGAINST

Cr Wass	Cr Winter			
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Carried

PSA-2018-4 – PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT REQUEST – KINGBOROUGH INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME 2015 – REZONING OF COMMUNITY PURPOSE ZONE TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ZONE AND INTRODUCE A SITE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION FOR THE LAND AT 31 & 41 NUBEENA CRESCENT, TAROONA

MOVED Cr Westwood
SECONDED Cr Fox

That Council resolves that the report of the Manager Development Services be received and that:

- (a) Pursuant to section 34(1) (b) of the former provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council resolve to initiate Amendment PSA-2018-4 to the *Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015*;
- (b) Pursuant to section 35 of the former provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council certify that Amendment PSA-2018-4 to the *Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015* meets the requirements of section 32 of the former provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and authorise the General Manager to sign the Instrument of Certification;
- (c) Pursuant to section 56S of the *Water and Sewer Industry Act 2008*, Council refers Amendment PSA-2018-4 to TasWater; and
- (d) Pursuant to section 38 of the former provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council place Amendment PSA-2018-4 to the *Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015* on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days following certification.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Winter	Cr Wass	Cr Fox	Cr Westwood
Cr Bastone				

AGAINST

Cr Midgley				
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Carried

PLANNING AUTHORITY SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 6:23pm

OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C271/7-19

(Commences at ± 52 minutes of audio recording)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT DECEMBER 2019

MOVED Cr Westwood
SECONDED Cr Bastone

That Council approve the formation of a working group to report back to Council, co-Chaired by Councillors Westwood and Midgley and with representatives from both Community Services and the Community Hub, to work with the community to develop a final proposal for a low cost community Kingborough Carols by Candlelight event at an appropriate location.

The final proposal will be presented to Council for approval, following further investigations into the actual costs, potential sponsorships and the possibility of partnerships with community organisations to provide a Kingborough Carols by Candlelight event.

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

C272/7-19

(Commences at ± 1 hour 4 minutes of audio recording)

RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY STRATEGY FOR KINGSTON BEACH AND BLACKMANS BAY BEACH

MOVED Cr Fox
SECONDED Cr Wass

That Council endorses the Recreational Water Quality Management Strategy for Kingston Beach and Blackmans Bay Beach with the resourcing of its implementation subject to budget estimate deliberations.

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

KINGBOROUGH SPORTS PRECINCT FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

MOVED Cr Fox
 SECONDED Cr Westwood

That funding for a feasibility study for an indoor swimming pool at the Kingborough Sports Precinct be considered by Council as part of the 2019/20 budget process.

FOR

Cr Atkinson	Cr Midgley	Cr Wass	Cr Fox	Cr Westwood
Cr Winter				

AGAINST

Cr Bastone				

Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

MOVED Cr Wass
 SECONDED Cr Fox

That the following information reports be noted:

- 1 General Manager's Diary.
- 1 Current and Previous Minute Resolutions.
- 2 Infrastructure Works Progress Report.

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

MOVED Cr Atkinson
 SECONDED Cr Midgley

That in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* Council, by absolute majority, move into closed session to consider the following items:

Item	Regulation
Confirmation of Minutes	34(6)
Applications for Leave of Absence	15(2)(h)
Current and Previous Minute Resolutions	15(2)(c)

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

In accordance with the Kingborough Council *Meetings Audio Recording Guidelines Policy*, recording of the open session of the meeting ceased.

Open Session of Council adjourned at 7:41pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7:54pm

C280/7-19

MOVED Cr Fox
SECONDED Cr Westwood

The Closed Session of Council having met and dealt with its business resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Item	Decision
Confirmation of Minutes	Confirmed
Applications for Leave of Absence	Approved
Current and Previous Minute Resolutions	Noted

FOR

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

Carried Unanimously

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7:55pm

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