

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10 August 2020

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Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



Mayor
Councillor Dean Winter



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Jo Westwood



Councillor Sue Bastone



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor David Grace



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Christian Street



Councillor Steve Wass



Councillor Paula Wriedt

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MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Monday, 10 August 2020 at 5.30pm

1 AUDIO RECORDING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.30pm, welcomed all in attendance and advised that Council meetings are recorded and made publicly available on its website. In accordance with Council's policy the Chairperson requested confirmation that the audio recording had commenced.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The Mayor paid his respect and Council's respect to the traditional and original owners of this land, the muwinina people. The Mayor acknowledged the contemporary Tasmania aboriginal community who have survived invasion and dispossession and continue to maintain and fight for their identity, their culture and indigenous rights.

3 ATTENDEES

Councillors:

Mayor Councillor D Winter	✓
Deputy Mayor Councillor J Westwood	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor D Grace	✓
Councillor A Midgley	✓
Councillor C Street	✓
Councillor S Wass	✓
Councillor P Wriedt	✓

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Deputy General Manager	Mr Tony Ferrier
Chief Financial Officer	Mr John Breen
Executive Manager Governance & Community Services	Mr Daniel Smee
NRM Coordinator	Ms Liz Quinn
Communications & Engagement Advisor	Ms Sarah Wilcox
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C439/15-2020

(commences at ± 2 minutes of audio recording)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.15 held on 27 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

3 August - Kingston Park

C440/15-2020

(commences at ± 3 minutes of audio recording)

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Cordover declared an interest in an item in closed session headed "State Gymnastics Centre Lease".

8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items transferred.

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions without notice from the public.

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

C441/15-2020

(commences at ± 4 minutes of audio recording)

10.1 NRA 40km/h Speed Reduction Community Consultation

Ms Tricia Ramsay submitted the following question on notice:

- 1 *Can the General Manager confirm that 62.78% of respondents to the survey were in support of a reduction in speed on NRA? Why wasn't this figure acknowledged on the survey summary provided to the Transport Commissioner?*
- 2 *Can the Communications & Engagement Advisor confirm that on 12 June 2020 advice was provided by phone that most of the 485 respondents completing photocopied survey forms did so on the basis of the content of a flyer-sized list outlining the following concerns:*
 - *Excessive speeding is the main concern. Council road traffic counting in 2017 confirmed that between 50-70% (depending where the traffic counters were sited) of all traffic on NRA exceeded the speed limit of 50km/h.*

- *Excessive speeding and traffic volumes (approximately 7,000 vehicles/day) cause a range of traffic and pedestrian safety issues because the road was designed to carry only 2,000 vehicles per day.*
 - *A considerable percentage of NRA residences have concealed driveways (from either 1 or both directions) and hard to access/egress driveways.*
 - *The single footpath is too narrow and too close to the road for pedestrians to walk safely given proximity of speeding traffic.*
 - *Flexible plastic guideposts erected by Council to give a 'psychological' barrier to speeding traffic are ineffective.*
 - *Accidents on the street and frequency of near-misses.*
 - *Noise related issues for residences sited close to the road.*
 - *Domestic and wildlife carnage.*
 - *Lack of visitor/service vehicle parking.*
- 3 *More recently, in the last 2 years residents have also reported:*
- *Increasing verbal abuse/road rage incidents when residents try to access driveways, or park legally on the road.*
 - *Increasing use of NRA by heavy vehicles cause noise and vibration/amenity issues for residences sited close to the road.*
 - *and that witnesses reported many respondents had attached this list of concerns to their survey form?*
- 4 *Why then, in the Summary's comment regarding 'printed and photocopy results' was it noted that "A high percentage (90%) of photocopy respondents provided no additional comments or reasoning for their vote"?*
- 5 *Given 62.78% of respondents supported the speed reduction, why did the Survey Summary highlight respondents "NOT" supporting the initiative (p.1,2,4 &5)?*
- 6 *Can the General Manager ensure that when next the Communications & Engagement Framework and Policy are reviewed, guidelines will be included to ensure impartiality of reporting of engagement projects?*

Officer's Response:

The Transport Commissioner has provided reasoning for his decision on the request for a speed limit change on North Roslyn Avenue which recognises the concerns of local residents but also points to the technical reasons why this is not supported.

The survey of the community was an amalgamation of two parts, one undertaken by Council (online and to affected residents) and one undertaken by residents (campaigning for a yes to a reduction of the speed limit). Council provided a summary of all the survey information to the Transport Commission. In answer to the specific points raised the following is relevant:

- In total 695 out of 1107 respondents supported the proposal, as outlined in the survey summary. This equals 62.78% and is represented in a pie chart of the data.

- Council was advised on what basis the resident delivered surveys would be sent out, however of these returned surveys only 48 out of 485 entered any comments with 23 of those 48 just attaching the flyer (these were counted as comments).
- The word NOT was capitalised to clearly differentiate between support and non-support. Without the word being capitalised the sentences could easily be misunderstood. This is a common way of differentiating between the reporting of two opposing positions.
- The Communications and Engagement Policy was reviewed in January 2020 and specifically refers to procedural fairness, transparency and accountability which is what has been applied in the case of this survey. The survey report is an accurate summary of the responses.

David Reeve, Executive Manager Engineering Services

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C442/15-2020

(commences at ± 5 minutes of audio recording)

11.1 Sustainable Hobart Action Plan

Cr Cordover asked the following question without notice:

Hobart City Council is to create it's own pumped hydro power while purchasing solar energy from households under it's draft Sustainable Hobart Action Plan released yesterday for public comment. What is our Council's response to this announcement?

Mayor responds:

We will take that on notice.

Cr Cordover:

Inside this action plan, goal 2 under Mobility includes "installing infrastructure to fast charge electric vehicles in Hobart" and that is listed as having a short time frame. Will Hobart's public push for a much large fast charge electric vehicle network disincentivise economic investment in Kingborough from fast charging networks and if so, what are we going to do to rectify this?

Mayor:

We will take that on notice.

C443/15-2020

11.2 Quarterly Summary Action Report

Cr Cordover asked the following question without notice:

On page 154 of this agenda, the Kingborough Community Resilience Working Group is not currently operating. Is there any detail that we would like to share on that and when is it planned to reinstate that group's operations?

Executive Manager Governance & Community Services responds:

The working group was working up until December of last year but due to poor attendance it was agreed to close down that group for the time being. There has been a school of thought that it is best to deal directly with communities in terms of their local resilience rather than try and have an over arching municipal working group, but that's something that our Emergency Management Coordinator is still working through. I'm not sure if we will be reinstating that group.

Cr Cordover:

Thank you. On page 156 in the section where it says “prepare a local historic heritage code to protect historical cultural heritage” there is no comment in that section. Could you please explain that?

General Manager responds:

That is directly answered by the fact that it is a resourcing issue. For example, last month we received a record number of development approval applications, just under 80 for the month, so it’s a resourcing issue.

Cr Cordover:

Regarding the “Kingborough Climate Change Action Plan”, my understanding is that that is also under resourced, I believe it might be to the tune of \$300,000. My question is, to what extent is it under resourced and what is the plan to get that back on track?

General Manager:

That has previously been the subject of a report to Council. As Council would be aware, the funding in this financial year was not available in the budget that Council adopted to address all of the actions identified and in relation to anything specific I would have to take that on notice.

Cr Cordover:

Thank you. My final question is concerning the Coningham public toilets. What is the time frame for the Coningham public toilets.

Executive Manager Governance & Community Services responds:

The hold up is due to the fact that it is a mainland contractor involved but we remain hopeful that the project will be completed in time for the forthcoming summer.

C444/15-2020**11.3 Cool Store, Bruny Island**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

When the Gateway Café at Kettering was sold and the designated cool room within there was unavailable for residents on Bruny Island, a mobile cool store was put in at Kettering. The six months for that cool store are up. Will a DA be required to have the cool store extended as it was only for six months?

Deputy General Manager responds:

I’ll take that on notice. I’m not aware of the ongoing arrangements.

C445/15-2020**11.4 Car Park at Cape Queen Elizabeth Track, Bruny Island**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

The car park is quite inadequate and the traffic is right along the main Bruny road. Recently there was a five car accident there which had to be attended to by SES. Can the Council compel Parks to increase the size of their car park and, if so, is a DA required?

Deputy General Manager responds:

The road is a sub-road and the parking area is on national parks so Council doesn’t have any direct involvement. We can certainly talk to Parks about the issue as we are in conversation with them about a number their tracks on Bruny Island but ultimately it is a Parks problem in relation to the parking area and the capacity of that parking area. In terms of a development

application, yes, if they wanted to extend their parking area, they would require a development application.

C446/15-2020**11.5 Rubbish and Recycling Bins for Adventure Bay and Alonnah**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

When will these bins be installed?

Deputy General Manager responds:

Sorry, just to follow up on that last question about the parking, it may not require a DA if it's within their Park Management Plan within the National Park itself, but we will have to check on that first.

In relation to the bins, the arrangements are being made for those bins to be installed at Adventure Bay, Alonnah, Roberts Point, Lunawanna and Dennes Point and they should be in before Christmas.

C447/15-2020**11.6 General Store at Woodbridge**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

The general store has substantially changed its function to a restaurant with the opening hours to match. Does it now have to provide parking and toilets and did it need a DA to change the function?

Deputy General Manager responds:

I'll take that on notice.

C448/15-2020**11.7 Bruny Island Gateway Café**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

This café no longer has any parking at all, they used to lease parking. Is it obliged to have parking?

Deputy General Manager responds:

I doubt it. I imagine that store has been there for many years and is probably operating on an existing use provision. We would have to go back to check the original permit to see what the requirements are but I will take it on notice.

C449/15-2020**11.8 Cleaning of Playground Equipment**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

Is Council undertaking any special cleaning of the playground equipment because of Covid?

Executive Manager Governance & Community Services responds:

No, we are not. We did consider that but it's cost prohibitive.

C450/15-2020**11.9 Water over Slatterys Road**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

I noticed in the Works Department report later in the agenda that they have just resheeted Slatterys Road and the water is coming onto Channel Highway and it's right on a corner. I know the General Manager had something done about it when I first raised this.

Mayor responds:

Just for the minutes, did you have a question about Slatterys Road.

Cr Grace:

The question is, what are we doing about it this time?

General Manager:

Our Works Manager has been in contact with a couple of residents in relation to their private driveways and arrangements have been made to have Council replace at least one driveway that has already been agreed to by a resident of Slatterys Road, that will greatly improve that drainage situation.

C451/15-2020**11.10 Café at Electrona**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

The old café shop, the house burnt down but it seems that we are going to leave the other structure there and it's an absolute eyesore. It's atrocious for tourists driving down that road. Is Council aware of exactly what they have got planned for this building in the future?

Mayor responds:

We will take that on notice.

C452/15-2020**11.11 Green Waste Collection**

Cr Fox asked the following question without notice:

When I was at the Tarooma opening of the worm farm I was asked quite a few questions about Council's planned kerside collection of green waste being introduced in October and whether in fact it was appropriate to put weeds in the green waste. I looked up Council's brochure on the matter and it said that all weeds would be welcomed and I am concerned that mulch is produced from the green waste and it includes weeds such as twitch etc, will it still be available as mulch for people to be able to use throughout the municipality or will Council be spreading the mulch throughout the municipality and it might contain weeds?

Deputy General Manager responds:

The green waste will be taken away but Barwicks, it won't be staying within this municipality. Our best understanding is that it will be used for compost hence the weeds will be neutralised in a way which is not going to continue to be a problem as part of the ongoing use of that compost.

Cr Fox:

Can we be reassured of that please? It's just something that I think the community is quite concerned about

Deputy General Manager:

Currently all our green waste is taken away by Barwicks and composted. The future kerbside green waste will be the same but I will confirm that and notify all Councillors.

C453/15-2020**11.12 Various Questions Regarding the Appendixes**

Cr Midgley asked the following question without notice:

Regarding the General Manager's meeting on the 20th July with Metro, could we please have an update on that?

General Manager responds:

That was in essence an introduction to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Metro. That position has been advertised and I don't believe that an appointment for the permanent role has been made at this point in time.

Cr Midgley:

On page 110 of this agenda there is a note saying "the final results of the kerbside waste and recycling bin audit have occurred" and there are recommendations made in the audit. What would the recommendations be?

Deputy General Manager:

I don't have the audit with me so I can't spell them out in any detail. The audit is quite comprehensive and a lot of the recommendations have been distilled from very complex analysis of what was in those bins. We are currently trying to put those together in some sort of public format so that people can understand what the results of that will be. The results will also be presented to Council in an upcoming workshop but at this stage I don't have the information.

Cr Midgley:

Have we conducted the audit of the recycling bins at Kingston Beach yet?

Mayor:

I can tell you that in discussions with the Manager of Engineering Services last week there has been some audit work done and that the level of compliance was not as good as we had hoped. There is some discussion that will happen in terms of how we communicate with people better about what needs to be going in the recycling and what isn't. It's fair to say that we always expected that it wouldn't be 100% compliant but we have been somewhat disappointed as to what's gone in so far.

C454/15-2020**11.13 Bus Shelter, Coningham Road**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

I've had numerous calls regarding the bus shelter at Coningham Road. It's been repainted. It was painted by the public at no cost to anyone, pink, that was the request for it to be painted pink. Now I'm told it has been painted green or blue or something. Why was it repainted?

Mayor responds:

We will take that on notice.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C455/15-2020*(commences at ± 21 minutes of audio recording)***12.1 Green Waste Bins**

At the Council meeting on 27 July 2020, **Cr Wriedt** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

I noticed on social media that there was talk about that people should check their rates notices because people who had opted out on the green waste bins still had a fee on there. I checked mine and the next day I then got an amended notice charging me for a bin that I had opted out of which then prompted me to ring and I was told that there had been quite significant errors in amended notices being sent out after bins had been delivered.

Officer's Response:

The Opt Out process was a manual process involving approximately 12,500 ratepayers. Around 30 properties were charged for a green waste bin when they had opted out. These were due to a range of clerical errors. All have been corrected when the ratepayer contacted Council.

There have been a number of calls to Council about the implementation of the Green Waste Service. These have been mostly due to the timing of the green waste service, and late decisions to opt in/out. The original plan was bin delivery before a rate notice was issued, however COVID changes, and the bringing forward of the roll out from January 2021, has resulted in ratepayers receiving their rate notice before they received their bin. This has caused confusion with many callers asking why they were charged when they had no bin or service.

Tim Jones, Manager Finance

C456/15-2020**12.2 School Buses Stopping At Metro Bus Stops**

At the Council meeting on 27 July 2020, **Cr Wass** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Are school buses permitted to stop on Metro bus stops at present?

Officer's Response:

Any bus operator can stop at a Metro bus stop provided they do not dwell or park there. Private buses may also choose to let passengers off or on the bus at other locations but as is the case with all vehicles must take care that this can be undertaken safely.

David Reeve, Executive Manager Engineering Services

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

At the time the Minutes was compiled there were no Notices of Motion received.

14 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions still being actioned.

15 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN THE LAST PERIOD

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

16 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C457/15-2020

(commences at ± 22 minutes of audio recording)

16.1 KINGBOROUGH AWARDS POLICY

Moved: Cr David Grace

Seconded: Cr Paula Wriedt

That the Kingborough Awards Policy (4.2) as attached to this report, be adopted for a further two years.

In Favour: Crs Dean Winter, Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, David Grace, Amanda Midgley, Christian Street and Steve Wass

Against: Crs Jo Westwood and Paula Wriedt

CARRIED 8/2

C458/15-2020

(commences at ± 34 minutes of audio recording)

16.2 KINGBOROUGH POSITIVE AGEING POLICY

Moved: Cr Paula Wriedt

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Kingborough Positive Ageing Policy 4.10 as attached to this report, be adopted for a further two years.

CARRIED

C459/15-2020

(commences at ± 40 minutes of audio recording)

16.3 KINGBOROUGH ACCESS POLICY

Moved: Cr Paula Wriedt

Seconded: Cr Jo Westwood

That this matter be deferred.

CARRIED

C460/15-2020

(commences at ± 41 minutes of audio recording)

16.4 UNAUTHORISED VEGETATION DAMAGE SIGNAGE POLICY REVIEW

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Unauthorised Vegetation Damage Signage Policy (5.7) as attached to this report, be adopted for a further two years.

CARRIED

C461/15-2020

(commences at ± 51 minutes of audio recording)

16.5 FINANCIAL REPORT TO JUNE 2020

Moved: Cr Jo Westwood
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report as at 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

C462/15-2020

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

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

Confirmation of Minutes

Regulation 34(6) *In confirming the minutes of a meeting, debate is allowed only in respect of the accuracy of the minutes.*

Applications for Leave of Absence

Regulation 15(2)(h) *applications by councillors for a leave of absence*

State Gymnastics Centre Lease

Regulation 15 (2)(f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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

Open Session of Council adjourned at 6.30pm.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.09pm.

C463/15-2020

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

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	Nil
State Gymnastics Centre Lease	Approved

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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 (Confirmed)

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 (Date)