

# Kingborough



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 February 2021

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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, 1 February 2021 at 5.30pm

**1 AUDIO RECORDING**

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open, 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 received confirmation that the audio recording had commenced.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS**

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The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land, paid respects to elders past and present, and acknowledged today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

**3 ATTENDEES**

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**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	✓

**Staff:**

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Director Environment, Development & Community	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Customer Services Coordinator	Ms Kelly Nichols
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

**C1/2-2021**

**4 APOLOGIES**

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Cr P Wriedt (LOA)

**C2/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 3 minutes of audio recording)*

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.1 held on 18 January 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

**.CARRIED**

**6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

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At the time the Agenda was printed, there had been no workshops held.

**7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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There were no declarations of interest.

**8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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There were no agenda items transferred.

**9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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There were no questions without notice from the public.

**10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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There were no questions on notice from the public.

**11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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**C29/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 4 minutes of audio recording)*

**11.1 Memorial Trees, Beach Road, Snug**

**Cr Grace** asked the following question without notice:

*The trees at Beach Road in Snug were planted 4 years ago for the fire memorial. Those trees have never blossomed. When they were put in, according to the fancy brochure that we got, they were supposed to have blossomed that next year. Are they ever going to bloom?*

**Mayor responds:**

I do remember that being part of the 67 Bushfire Commemoration. We will take it on notice.

**C30/2-2021****11.2 Tracks and Trails Update**

**Cr Grace** asked the following question without notice:

*Can Council give us an update on our tracks and trails, which ones need to be brought up to standard, if there are any, particularly, Snug Falls Track.*

**Mayor responds:**

Snug Falls is managed by the State Government but Mr Smee may be able to add more.

**Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:**

We have a Tracks and Trails Strategy that does aim to progressively improve our network of tracks and trails throughout Kingborough and we also have a tracks maintenance team. If there are any specific issues in relation to the condition of an existing track, I'm happy to receive that information and our tracks maintenance team can look at it. Otherwise, the community have a lengthy list of new trails that they would like to see developed and our strategy does prioritise the development of those.

**Cr Grace:**

Snug Falls track was constructed by Council but whether we still maintain that or not, as far as I'm aware we do.

**Mayor:**

Cr Grace, the reason that I know that we don't is because during Covid lockdown, whilst Kingborough left all of our tracks and trails open to the public to use for exercise and keep themselves fit and healthy, the State closed their tracks and trails including Snug Falls. When I arrived during lockdown with my family to go for a nice walk, it was shut, having forgotten that, like you, we don't maintain it anymore.

**C31/2-2021****11.3 Huntingfield Development**

**Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice:

*Is there any updates as to the social housing development and Huntingfield?*

**Director Environment, Development & Community responds:**

We have the first sub-division DA in, the fees were paid on 18 January it's currently in the initial assessment stage. The 21 days expires on 8 February and we anticipate a further information request to be issued at the end of this week. The Huntingfield roundabout DA at 1287 Channel Highway, a further information request was issued on 15 December and we are awaiting a response from the applicant. The Huntingfield park and ride DA further information request was also issued on 18 December and again we are waiting for a response from the applicant. An officer meeting has been scheduled for 17 February between Council staff and Community Tas staff and the idea is to have more regular engagement to help understand their future planned activity, where the key engagement points should be, possible risks and issues and probable solutions. I've also had a meeting with the Minister's office to raise a number of broader cross agency issues such as school capacity, transport and traffic planning as well as future engagement and they are taking that onboard.

**Cr Midgley:**

Thank you. Specifically around the social and affordable housing, I understand there are four stages and we still don't know as to what stage that is as yet.

**Director Environment, Development & Community:**

The only advice I had was that there is the commitment to 15% affordable and social housing within the whole development but some of that will be triggered by the particular title development which is like the terrace housing and that is not in this first stage.

**Cr Midgley:**

In regards to the park and ride, specifically regarding bicycle parking, and I understand that Bicycle Network Tasmania Public Affairs Manager and some other people have provided some input as regards to the best design and things like that. One of the things they had considered was looking at bike cages that were similar to Victoria and best practice models over there. How can we ensure that we get a best practice model for the bicycle parking to ensure we are getting something that is of current standards and meeting the suitability of cyclists in Tasmania. When it comes to us for planning approval we might not be able to ask questions like this when it's not best standard.

**Director Engineering Services:**

Certainly through the planning process when they are going for the DA the officers involved at Council, including my own department, looks at some of the issues including catering for cyclists and part of that is to actually look at what are the most contemporary ways of trying to manage that type of traffic through the area and that would form part of the DA process in terms of the assessment at an officer level. Once there is some satisfaction that that has been addressed, bearing in mind that particularly for the Huntingfield park and ride, it's a fairly large park and ride and would need to cater for that type of traffic, then that will provide a fairly robust DA. But that doesn't preclude Council from them questioning anything that may be within that DA process as part of the planning process at the completion of that. Certainly, at an officer level it will be addressed through those means.

**C32/2-2021****11.4 Rent Increases in Kingborough**

**Cr Cordover** asked the following question without notice:

*According to the 2016 census, 21% of Kingborough households were renters. Has the number of renters in Kingborough significantly increased or decreased over the past 5 years and to what extent have rents risen in Kingborough in the last 5 years?*

**General Manager responds:**

We will have to take that question on notice. We don't have that data at our fingertips.

**Cr Cordover:**

Does the Council offer any support, service, advice or assistance to help renters in our municipality who may be facing housing stress over the next few months?

**Mayor responds:**

The Hardship Policy that we endorsed for two years is in place for hardship and under the Hardship Policy you will find that there is provision in order to secure support from Council or a remission that the owner of the premises has to prove that they will pass the benefit on to a tenant. From the top of my head that is commercially focused but any support for renters would have to go through that Hardship Policy and if you would like to see changes to the Hardship Policy you would have to look to amend the Hardship Policy in terms of the support we provide for residential or commercial tenants.

**Cr Cordover:**

Is there any indication as to how well utilised that has been and also do we have any proof that it is being passed on to tenants?



**Mayor:**

I think we will take that on notice but I do recall from our Long Term Financial Plan workshop that we haven't received a letter of hardship support that we expected. It's easy to take that as a positive sign and it probably is but there is also a need to ensure that we are communicating that the Hardship Policy is available and I was pleased to hear that our staff are proactively reaching out to people who have not been able to pay their rates, for example, to say that there is a Hardship Policy in place. The Hardship Policy is the document that we have been using, it has been in place for almost a year now but being a fairly new policy and document, it may be something that could be reviewed. It's fair to say that everyone is a bit uncertain as to what is going to happen when the changes take place in the next week or so around rent and what level of impact that is going to have on people, but certainly Council would be interested in how that looks and policy makers across the State are interested in what the outcome of the changes are going to be.

**C33/2-2021****11.5 Zoning of Sub-Division at Tiers Road, Snug**

**Cr Grace** asked the following question without notice:

*I'm interested to know where the zoning is going for the sub-division up Tiers Road and is Council working with the developer?*

**Mayor responds:**

The first part of your question Ms Stephenson might want to take on notice but Council has, in December 2019, endorsed its draft Local Provisions Schedule so that information about what zoning is proposed at that site will be contained within that Council agenda. On the second part of the question about Snug Tiers Road, Mr Reeve, would you like to take it now or on notice?

**Director Engineering Services:**

We are currently designing a section of Snug Tiers Road with the viewpoint that it will probably come up for a potential bid for next financial year. When we are designing any road, not just this one, we take into account any particular affects that we know about that might be happening in the area, including any major developments. I will certainly check to make sure that that is the case.

**C34/2-2021****11.6 Margate Development**

**Cr Grace** asked the following question without notice:

*Has Ms Stephenson had time to look at the Margate development known as the Margate Shopping Centre because the community are just uproaring about that hole in the ground. Could Ms Stephenson come up with an idea of how we can get this thing moving?*

**Mayor responds:**

The two people that have been dealing with that particular developer has been Mr Arnold and myself. Just before Christmas we were still in discussions. I also provided a community update to the Margate community through the Kingborough Chronicle in the last edition before Christmas to explain to people what the situation is and that is that there is an active DA that has been in place now for almost a decade and remains active and we are working with, as much as we can, with the developer, Mr Kalis of the Kalis Group, but it is something that Ms Stephenson in her role as Director of planning I'm sure will have some involvement in in the future. Any information that you have about the history and community sentiment, Ms Stephenson would love to hear.

**C35/2-2021****11.7 Budget Consultation**

**Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice:

*In regards to the 2021/22 budget consultation, I'm wondering what the dates will be for this to go out to the community and what type of consultation will that be?*

**General Manager responds:**

I'm unable to give you the dates at the moment until Council's first workshop has taken place at the end of this month, on 26 February. At this stage we would envisage similar opportunities as the last couple of years so that the community will have a month to put submissions into the budget process.

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**5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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**C36/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 22 minutes of audio recording)*

**12.1 Adventure Bay Beach**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Wass** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Could I have a brief update on the Adventure Bay Beach and surrounding areas following the report of the burst bean bag, whether or not Parks and Wildlife were able to clean up the entire beach and the surrounding areas, whether Council has had to be involved and also including whether anyone has owned up to this incident or has been traced?*

**Officer's Response:**

Parks and Wildlife (PWS) organised a very successful community 'pop up' Discovery Ranger activity for the clean-up at Adventure Bay Beach with approximately 25 people assisting. The clean-up was led by PWS, primarily from a logistical perspective as they have a Discovery Ranger on the Island who is also working on a number of beach projects. Overall, despite being an unusual and less than ideal situation, it generated positive community input for a quick and ongoing response. At this stage there is no further information on who was responsible for the incident.

*Jon Doole, Manager Environmental Services*

**C37/2-2021****12.2 Efficiency Dividend**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Cordover** asked the following question without notice to the Mayor, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Do you agree with the reasoning provided in the government's budget that the removal of efficiency dividends will support the ongoing delivery of services and support the local economy to recover from Covid?*

**Response:**

The 2019-20 Tasmanian Budget introduced a 0.75% efficiency dividend on all spending. It was abandoned in March 2020 during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kingborough Council put an efficiency dividend in place for the 2020-21 Budget, where it sought to find savings of \$380,000 which was the equivalent of 0.12% of total spending. In December 2020, Council reported the completion of this work.

My view is that the Tasmanian Government's efficiency dividend was ambitious during a 'normal' financial year, but unachievable during a global pandemic. By comparison, Kingborough Council's efficiency dividend was more modest and proved achievable.

*Mayor, Cr Dean Winter*

### **C38/2-2021**

#### **12.2 Recent Dog Attacks**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*There have been two dog attacks in Middleton and in Kettering and I'm wondering whether the dogs that have bitten the people have been destroyed because they were both taken to the Council pound?*

#### **Officer's Response:**

Neither dog has been destroyed. The Middleton matter has been resolved by way of an abatement notice pursuant to the *Dog Control Act 2000*. This dog is required to be on a lead and muzzled at all times, when not contained to its primary premises. It is intended that the Kettering matter will be referred to the Magistrate's Court for determination.

*Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services*

### **C39/2-2021**

#### **12.3 Responsibility of Clearing of Land**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Who is responsible for clearing the areas of land that are either the result of a road re-alignment or a road reserve that it is not going to be progressed to a road in regards to clearing because of bushfire danger and things like this?*

#### **Officer's Response:**

Council's compliance team undertake a fire hazard inspection when matters of this type are brought to our attention.

Council's property officer is also requested to investigate whether the land is required as a future road. If the land is not required for road purposes we also investigate other options including possible sale to adjoining land owners.

*Darren Johnson, Manager Works*

### **C40/2-2021**

#### **12.4 City Deal Update**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*What is the status of the park and rides, the bus shelter audits and the possibility of the date for the frequent bus services?*

**Officer's Response:**

The Department of State Growth (DSG) have lodged development applications for a park and ride facility at Firthside and Huntingfield. A tender has been awarded for the first stage of the works at Firthside, including construction of footpaths and shelters.

Construction of the Huntingfield park and ride facility and the second stage of works at Firthside, including works to progress the parking facility, are anticipated to commence in early 2021.

The first stage of the DSG audit has identified 194 bus stops in the municipality, many of which are currently not DDA compliant. DSG have invited council officers onto a working group that will conduct an analysis of each bus stop and list the bus stops with the highest priority. Individual designs would then be done. The designs would then be costed and a final prioritisation of works and implementation schedule done. This planning work is proposed to be done in the first 6 months of this year and the on-ground works to be scheduled during 2021/22. The work has to be completed by the end of 2022.

A trial of additional bus services to service the park and ride facilities and improve provision of bus services in Kingborough will commence in mid 2021.

Gary Arnold, General Manager

**C41/2-2021****12.5 Annual Report 2019/20**

At the Council meeting on 18 January 2021, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

- 1 *As regards the Annual Report at page 181, it's in regards to the performance measures and the status at 1.4.1 it states 50% and the reasoning says that "it is unable to fully implement due to resourcing restraints". How can we aim to have 100% in that, what sort of resourcing restraints were there?*
- 2 *At 1.4.4 in regards to the development and implement strategy to reduce Council's carbon footprint, I understand that the draft strategy has been prepared but not endorsed by Council. Again, I'm hoping this will still be on the cards for this area. How can we again look forward to 100% in that regard?*

**Officer's Response:**

- 1 The Kingborough Council Climate Change Plan (2019 to 2024) was endorsed by Council in March 2019 "with resourcing of actions subject to annual budget deliberations."

During an Operational Budget estimate workshop for councillors for the 2020/21 financial year it was highlighted that to fully implement actions in the Plan identified for the 2019/20 (uncompleted) and 2020/21 financial years it would cost an estimated:

- Human Resourcing – Climate Change Officer (\$100,000 per annum) plus
  - Plan actions (\$200,000 total operational funding for 20/21).
- 2 Staff are continuing to progress initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of Council activities particularly with regards the avoidance and reduction of waste sent to landfill. In the Kingborough Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report (2019-20) it was highlighted that 92.7% of Kingborough Council's greenhouse gas emissions emanated from waste sent to landfill (ie: Copping). It is anticipated that progress towards an aspirational target of Net Zero Emissions for Council activities by 2050 will be maintained.

Gary Arnold, General Manager

**6 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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There were no Notices of Motion received.

**7 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED**

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A report on the petition headed "Repair or Replace Collapsed Road Surface in Village Drive, Kingston" will be submitted to Council in the near future.

**8 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD**

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**C42/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 23 minutes of audio recording)*

**15.1 DEVELOPMENT OF WALKING TRACK IN SPRING FARM AND WHITEWATER PARK ESTATES TO CONNECT TO HUNTINGFIELD, WITH PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE/PLAY SPACE IN THESE AREAS**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That the petition containing 546 signatures be received and referred to the appropriate Department for a report to Council.

**CARRIED**

**16 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

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**C43/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 24 minutes of audio recording)*

**16.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHERN TASMANIA REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY, 66 SUMMER HILL ROAD, WEST HOBART**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That Council notes the proposal being considered by the City of Hobart and indicates 'in principle' support for amendment to STRLUS.

**CARRIED**

**C44/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 28 minutes of audio recording)*

**16.2 KINGBOROUGH SPORTS PRECINCT GOVERNANCE MODELS**

Moved: Cr Christian Street  
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That the report in relation to alternate governance models for the Kingborough Sports Precinct be received and noted.

*Cr Bastone left the room at 6.07pm  
 Cr Bastone returned at 6.09pm*

**CARRIED**

**C45/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 50 minutes of audio recording)*

**16.3 KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY HALLS STRATEGY**

Moved: Cr David Grace  
 Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council endorse the Kingborough Halls Strategy 2021-2026 as attached to this report.

*Cr Bastone left the meeting at 6.25pm  
 Cr Bastone returned at 6.27pm*

**CARRIED**

**C46/2-2021**

*(commences at ± 1 hour of audio recording)*

**16.4 NAMING OF WOODBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That Council undertake further community consultation in relation to the proposal to name the Woodbridge Oval after Ms Lily Poulett-Harris.

**CARRIED**

**C47/2-2021**

**17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved: Cr Steve Wass  
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

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*

**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

**OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES**

Open Session of Council resumed at 6.39pm

**C48/2-2021**

Moved: Cr Christian Street  
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

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

**CARRIED**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.40pm

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