

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

21 June 2021

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Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



Acting 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, 21 June 2021 at 5.30pm

1 AUDIO RECORDING

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

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

Councillors:

Acting 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
Chief Financial Officer	Mr John Breen
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Environment, Development & Community	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Manager Development Services	Ms Tasha Tyler-Moore
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C297/12-2021

(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.11 held on 15 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

No workshops have been held.

C298/12-2021

(commences at ± 2 minutes of audio recording)

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Midgley, Westwood and Wass declared an interest in the report headed "Naming Rights – Lightwood Park".

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

C299/12-2021

*(commences at ± 3 minutes of audio recording)***10.1 Development of Margate**

Mr Adrian Newbold submitted the following question on notice:

In contrast to the already booming suburb of Kingston, can Council advise of the strategies, masterplans and/or funding in place to address issues impacting the Margate community that will improve its attractiveness as a place to live and conduct business?

Specifically there appears to be an increasing number of vacant shop fronts for lease since I moved to Margate recently, together with limited growth and development, a vacant pub and hotel and a large demolished retail site in the middle of the main street that has apparently not seen any progress for years.

Officer's Response:

Kingborough Municipality's future population growth will be accommodated within residential areas that are a mixture of new subdivisions and infill development within the existing urban

areas and within rural areas on a limited number of vacant lots or where the zoning allows some limited subdivision. The main growth areas in the municipality for the next 5 to 10 years are Whitewater Park, Spring Farm, Huntingfield and Kingston Park.

The *Kingborough Land Use Strategy*, which was endorsed by Council in 2019, identifies additional growth opportunities at Margate and Snug, however the strategy also acknowledges that further strategic planning is required to ensure that new development in these localities is aligned with the roll out of infrastructure, social services and other supporting services. A key component of the work will include the compilation a structure plan (a long-term vision and plan) for Margate, that depicts how the township should be developed over time. It will identify opportunities and initiatives to improve the current situation in the main street and to make Margate a more desirable destination.

Our strategic planning resources are currently focussed on the finalisation of the Kingborough component of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (the LPS), participating in the metro planning under the City Deal and the Structure Plan for the Kingston CBD. We have identified that Margate and Snug require attention, particularly as part of any review of the Southern Regional Land Use Strategy, but the timing of this work is resource dependant.

In relation to vacant businesses on the main street, these are tied up with an existing development application from the Kallis group. As the development has substantially commenced (as defined in legislation) and the permit remains valid there is no ability for Council to force progress on their development.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, Director Environment, Development & Community

C300/12-2021

10.2 Walking Track, Spring Farm

Mr David Bain submitted the following question on notice:

In January 2020 Council resolved to accept an offer from the developer of Spring Farm Estate to construct a walking track through Spring Farm Estate in lieu of making public open space contribution.

At the 19 April 2021 Council Meeting it was advised that a Development Application had been received by Council from the Spring Farm Estate Developers for the walking track.

Can you advise:

- a) What is the status of the walking track Development Application?*
- b) Has the General Manager or any other senior members of staff contacted the Spring Farm Developers to pass on the Councils disappointment regarding how long this development has taken. (as referenced by Councillors at the 1 March 2021 Council Meeting Item 17.3)?*

Officer's Response:

- a) A development application has been lodged and a request for further information was issued however it is not yet valid as General Manager's consent (as a land-owner) has not been issued. There have been several discussions between relevant council staff and the developers to support the progression of the application to a point where consent can be granted. This includes a site meeting last week to walk and survey the route. Council is now awaiting amended plans to be submitted.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, Director Environment, Development & Community

- b) Staff have had a number of meetings with the developer and the surveyor both at the Civic Centre and on site to address some concerns Council had regarding the original alignment and tree protection zones to ensure a good outcome for the path, gradients and the two underpasses. Council expects that the developer will re-submit revised plans in the near future.

Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C301/12-2021

(commences at ± 4 minutes of audio recording)

11.1 Ambulance Station for the Channel

Cr Cordover asked the following question without notice:

Do we know if the undeveloped area on Channel Highway, Margate, has been in consideration of a new ambulance station and what role does Council have to lobby for more ambulance stations in the Channel?

Acting Mayor responds:

I'll answer the second part of your question first. Council is not responsible for the provision of ambulances. That is a State Government responsibility but we certainly have a role of advocacy on behalf of the community. I will hand to the General Manager to respond to the first part of the question.

General Manager:

I'm not aware of any discussions regarding any particular parcel of land in Margate in relation to an ambulance station.

C302/12-2021

11.2 Fish Farms

Cr Cordover asked the following question without notice:

Has our Council ever requested that the State Government legislate to make fish farms rateable entities for their on-water operations so that fish farms can start to pay their fair share, just like the other businesses that operate in Kingborough?

General Manager responds:

The short answer is no. Your question basically relates to an area of water that is beyond the remit of local government.

Cr Cordover:

To the extent that there is a lot of damage being caused to Kingborough's coastlines as a result of the rapid expansion of fin fish farming in waterways near Kingborough, to what extent has Council mitigated that damage and what are some of the projects that we undertake in order to mitigate that damage.

General Manager:

Previously this Council has attended the Fin Fish Enquiry, that was attended by the then Mayor and myself, on behalf of Council. In relation to the mitigation of effects, Councillors would be aware that every year when Council set the budget, there are always items in relation to coastal erosion but those discussions in a budget context don't necessarily take into account how the erosion has been caused or the damage to any of the 330kms of coast line in this municipality.

Cr Cordover:

Do we have any estimation of what that ongoing cost is to the Council to do coastal remediation works that may or may not be as a direct result of erosion damage caused by fin fish farming?

General Manager responds:

I will have to take that question on notice.

C303/12-2021**11.3 Change of Speed Limit**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

As Crescent Drive is the end or the beginning of the Snug to Margate shared pathway, could we either have a change of speed limit sign or speed humps within Crescent Drive? Cyclists are speeding down from Margate and the road is narrow with no footpath of any kind and there have been several near misses of people who are walking.

Acting Mayor responds:

We will take your question on notice.

C304/12-2021**11.4 Breast Cancer Awareness**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

Does this Council believe in breast cancer? Do we really strongly believe in breast cancer for women in this municipality?

Acting Mayor responds:

Yes we do.

C305/12-2021**11.5 Snug Oval**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

When will Council come back with a report on how and when we are going to upgrade the park?

Acting Mayor responds:

Are you referring to the Snug Park near the oval?

Cr Grace:

The oval itself, around the park.

Acting Mayor responds:

So your question is when will be upgrading the football oval?

Cr Grace:

When will we be getting a report to Council, because I've raised the question before about the condition down there. We need a report on the drainage.

Acting Mayor:

So your question is, when will we be getting a report on the Snug Oval?

Director Governance, Recreation and Property Services:

There is an allocation in the budget for next financial year which is to do an assessment on the impact of inundation on that oval. Before we go and invest money in further infrastructure we need to know the lifespan of the oval and there is some money to engage a consultant to do that work. The stakeholders at the oval are all well aware of the need to do this work before we go and build infrastructure and they are supportive of that. It will be over the next 12 months that that work is undertaken and we will bring a report to Council accordingly.

C306/12-2021**11.6 Beach Road Works**

Cr Wriedt asked the following question without notice:

I am aware that there was an incident where a resident had to come out of the Salty Dog, tripped over a sign that had been placed by the contractors and I'm led to believe that there had been several other people who had drawn attention to the sign, that it was not clearly marked. The sign itself was reflective but its legs came out across the footpath and at night it could not be seen as there is no reflective tape on them, which is how this accident occurred. What discussions have taken place both with the person who had reported it after they fell over but also what has been put in place to ensure that it is clearly marked so that the same thing doesn't occur?

Acting Mayor responds:

We will take that on notice.

C307/12-2021**11.7 Environmental Management & Pollution Control Smoke Regulations**

Cr Wriedt asked the following question without notice:

Since these regulations came into existence in 2019, has Council had any complaints made in relation to people breaching those regulations by having smoke visible for a continuous 10 minute period after lighting their indoor fires? Have any complaints been made by the public in the last 2 years and, if so, what the outcome of those complaints were?

Acting Mayor responds:

We will take your question on notice.

C308/12-2021**11.8 Sewer Spill, Browns River**

Cr Wriedt asked the following question without notice:

Are we aware, at this stage, whether the overflow has impacted on the quality of water in Browns River? If the answer is yes, have groups like the sea scouts and kayakers been notified of it?

General Manager responds:

We received notification this afternoon from TasWater that they had completed the repair work. They had a vac truck that they had onsite to remove the residual overflow that was lying on the ground. They had, after completing that process, decontaminated the area but I'm not aware of any report at this stage whether there has been any impact on Browns River, so I will have to take that part of the question on notice.

Cr Wriedt:

And have we advised the sea scouts and kayakers who regularly use that area?

C309/12-2021**11.9 Kingston Park Playground**

Cr Wriedt asked the following question without notice:

Have the additional security cameras been installed at the playground?

Director Governance, Recreation and Property Services responds:

They have been contracted but not yet installed.

Cr Wriedt:

Do we have an approximate date as to when they may be?

Director Governance, Recreation and Property Services:

I believe it's going to be in the next few weeks.

C310/12-2021**11.10 Masterplan for the Margate Precinct**

Cr Midgley asked the following question without notice:

Have we ever completed or considered a masterplan for the Margate precinct?

Manager Development Services responds:

Yes we have. We think that there is a great need to have a masterplan or strategic plan for Margate. We would also like to do one for Snug. We haven't had the opportunity to undertake that work yet but it is certainly in our plan to do so. We are currently working on the masterplan for Kingston which will be useful for setting out how we will go about the layout, the consultation and all the work that goes into that and it will be a good model for all the other townships.

C311/12-2021**11.11 New Kingston Bypass Upgrade**

Cr Midgley asked the following question without notice:

Will Councillors be provided with more information regarding the new \$60 million bypass upgrade and will there be an opportunity for a workshop regarding the plans in the future?

General Manager responds:

I'm happy to take that matter up with State Growth and I'm sure that they will be accommodating of that request.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C312/12-2021

(commences at ± 19 minutes of audio recording)

12.1 Kingborough Integrated Transport Strategy (KITS)

At the Council meeting on 7 June 2021, **Cr Cordover** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

- a) *The KITS makes reference to a series of implementations that are the responsibility of the then Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources and that department actually no longer exists. It was taken up by the Department of State Growth in 2014. When that merger took place, did the Department of State Growth make any formal commitments to*

progress those action items for which they were responsible in the KITS and, if not, how much of the implementation plan that they were responsible for fell by the wayside?

- b) *With the exception of the new park and rides at Huntingfield and Browns Road, have there been any significant improvements made to mobility in public transport?*

Officer's Response:

The Kingborough Integrated Transport Strategy (KITS) provides a set of recommended actions for Kingborough to consider many of which have been started, completed or planned for. Included within the action list were a number of regionally significant projects that listed DIER (now the Department of State Growth (DSG)) as the responsible authority. DSG did not formally commit to the actions listed but have many of them as their own priorities which they have progressed accordingly. Some actions may be considered a priority for Council but may have a lesser priority for DSG as they need to consider actions on a broader statewide basis. Notwithstanding this of the 17 actions that list DSG as the lead authority only 3 are considered to be actions that they have not progressed. In the last 10 years there has been a number of improvements made to mobility including:

- Development of shared and cycling routes, for example through the Channel Highway, Tarroona, Margate to Snug shared path, Summerleas Road shared path;
- Various walking/cycling promotion events;
- Various infrastructure improvements to improve access to and from buses and access to key centres. Note an upcoming key project will be redevelopment of Channel Highway, Kingston.
- Development of various plans, policies and strategies with their own subset of actions that support improve mobility. For example the Central Kingston Parking Strategy, footpath policy or from a state government perspective

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

C313/12-2021

(commences at ± 20 minutes of audio recording)

13.1 Climate Change Resourcing

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council considers an additional \$50,000 of funding in the 2021/2022 midyear budget review to address actions identified under the key priority areas in the Kingborough Climate Change Plan 2019-2024. These key priority areas are:

- Climate change strategic management;
- Energy and greenhouse gas management; and
- Climate change adaption.

CARRIED

14 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions currently being actioned.

15 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD

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

16 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C314/12-2021*(commences at ± 44 minutes of audio recording)***16.1 NAMING RIGHTS - LIGHTWOOD PARK**

Moved: Cr Christian Street

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the request from the Kingborough Lions United Football Club to name their home ground "Clennetts Lightwood Park" be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Council's approval relates to the Lightwood Park Number 1 ground and not to any other grounds; and
- (b) Approval is granted for a period of five years in the first instance;
- (c) Statutory and landlord approvals must be obtained for any signage associated with the naming of the ground.

In Favour: Crs Jo Westwood, Sue Bastone, Flora Fox, David Grace, Amanda Midgley, Christian Street, Steve Wass and Paula Wriedt

Against: Cr Gideon Cordover

CARRIED 8/1**C315/12-2021***(commences at ± 1 hour, 21 minutes of audio recording)***16.2 FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2021**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report as at 31 May 2021.

CARRIED

Cr Grace left the meeting at 7.03pm

C316/12-2021*(commences at ± 1 hour, 34 minutes of audio recording)***16.3 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley

Seconded: Cr Paula Wriedt

That the Development Services Quarterly report be noted.

CARRIED**C317/12-2021****17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

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***Tender Assessment - TS2888 Algona Road Stormwater Re-lining works**Regulation 15 (2)(b), and (2)(d) *information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business, and contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.***98 Beach Road, Kingston Proposed Lease to Raine & Horne**Regulation 15 (2)(f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.***CARRIED 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 7.13pm

*Meeting adjourned at 7.14pm**Meeting resumed at 7.19pm***OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS**

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open session resumed at 7.45pm

C318/12-2021

Moved: Cr Paula Wriedt
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

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
Tender Assessment - TS2888 Algona Road Stormwater Re-lining Works	Tender awarded to Nu-Jet for \$244,451 excl GST
98 Beach Road, Kingston Proposed Lease to Raine & Horne	Matter deferred

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.46pm

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 (Date)