

Kingborough



MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4 December 2021

Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



Mayor
Councillor Paula Wriedt



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Jo Westwood



Councillor Sue Bastone



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor Clare Glade-Wright



Councillor David Grace



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Christian Street



Councillor Steve Wass

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MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Kingborough Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Saturday, 4 December 2021 at 11am

1 AUDIO RECORDING

The Chairperson declared the meeting open, welcomed all in attendance and advised that the Annual General Meeting will be 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 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:

Mayor Councillor P Wriedt	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor D Grace	✓
Councillor C Glade-Wright	✓
Councillor C Street	✓

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Environment, Development & Community Services	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Coordinator Community Services & Hub	Mrs Carol Swards
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Councillor J Westwood
Councillor A Midgley
Councillor S Wass

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Glade-Wright
Seconded Cr Street

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 February 2021 and marked as Attachment A to the Agenda be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Mayor, Cr Paula Wriedt, provided an introduction and summary of the year in review.

7 PRESENTATION

Mrs Carol Swards provided a presentation on Kingborough Council's Community Services Department.

8 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT

Submissions were invited from the public and closed on 30 November 2021.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1 Notice of Motion

Moved Ray Westwood
Seconded Tricia Ramsay

That Council consider the direction in the Strategic Plan, 'The community are at the heart of everything we do,' be reflected in future Long Term Financial Plans and Annual Budget documentation by incorporating an additional clause:

"It is important to balance rate revenue as a funding source with community sensitivity to rate increases, including rates affordability within the general community, and the level of service required by the community."

Amendment:

Moved Julian Punch
Seconded Brian Doran

Replace the word 'general' with the words 'diverse population and regional spread of the community, ...'.

For 2
Against 5

The substantive motion was then put.

For 4
Against 2

2 Notice of Motion

Moved Tricia Ramsay
Seconded Ray Westwood

That Council consider adoption of a Continuous Improvement Policy to facilitate advances in the quality of administrative processes, service delivery and accountability systems; reduce costs and waste; simplify work processes; and improve employee and customer satisfaction.

For: 3
Against: 5

3 Question Without Notice

Ms Tricia Ramsay asked the following question without notice:

Incorporating Notices of Motion into the AGM Agenda

I notice that Council only invited submissions to the Annual Report but in fact questions were included in the Agenda. Is there any reason at all, procedural or otherwise, that restricts Notices of Motion from being incorporated into Council's AGM Agendas?

General Manager responds:

One of the reasons it is not included is simply that because the Annual General Meeting requires a person to be in attendance to actually move the motion, it has not been protocol for this Council to include in advance any Notices of Motion. Anyone is welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting, notwithstanding that because of the pandemic requirements we have had to, for this particular year and last year, have an Eventbrite process whereby registration in advance was required.

Mayor:

Technically, would it matter if they were printed? If the person then wasn't here then the motion just lapses so for the information of everybody in the future we could print them in the Agenda and then if the person has put them forward is not here, that might be a better way to go forward in the future.

Ms Ramsay:

I would suggest that if people are interesting in moving a motion and seconding it that they would organise to be here.

Mayor:

I think it would be useful to have because it would allow others who are intending to come to consider the matter before it appears on the day. We are happy to take the suggestion on board and amend it for next year.

4 Notice of Motion

Moved Julian Punch
Seconded Brian Doran

On behalf of Rainbow Communities Tasmania Inc and the Kingston Chapter I wish to move a motion of sincere thanks to the two LGBTIQ+ liaison councillors, Cr David Grace and former councillor Michelle Higgins and their families who gave and continue to give our communities so much support.

For: 2
Against: 0

5 Question Without Notice

Mr Rob Crosthwaite asked the following question without notice:

Community Building

Could our community services program, in addition to making job ready programs, would engage in community program building as well?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

Mr Crosthwaite, could you please clarify what you mean by community building to help me address your question.

Mr Crosthwaite:

I could probably answer that in comparing it to the job ready programs. We are quite happy for our teenagers and so forth to be put through processes of getting job ready, in other words, become part of the economic community. We don't do the same sort of activity or the same intention with regard to community building. It seems to me that one of the areas which local government being, by it's own confession, closest to communities, ought to be engaged in at least support for a succession planning type activity with regard to making communities more viable and more effective. I think I would probably endorse the General Manager's comment during the forum earlier that like community organisations, local government is also a not for profit.

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

I confess I'm still a little uncertain. If you are referring to engaged citizenship, certainly I do think that collectively we can all play a part of that, not just community services, but through things like the community forums and the like and I would be happy to take that on notice to have a look at further.

7 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12pm.

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)