

# Kingborough



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6 December 2021

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# 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 an Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston  
Monday, 6 December 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 P Wriedt	✓
Deputy Mayor Councillor J Westwood	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor C Glade-Wright	✓
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
Manager Environmental Services	Mr Jon Doole
Senior Manager Capital Works	Mr Craig Reid
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Customer Services Coordinator	Mrs Stephanie Velini
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

## 4 APOLOGIES

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There were no apologies.

**C635/24-2021****5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No. 23 held on 15 November 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED**

**6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

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29 November - Climate Change

**C636/24-2021****7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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Cr Westwood declared an interest in the report headed "Nominations for the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee"

**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.

**C637/24-2021****10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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**10.1 Kingston Beach**

**Mr Roger Tonge** submitted the following question on notice:

*In response to a question asked at the Council meeting on 15 November. Advice was given that an amount of \$1.6 million dollars had been allocated for works in Kingston Beach, including the Esplanade in years 22/23 and 23/24.*

*Can you please advise the following?*

- 1) *Does the amount of \$1.6 million as advised include the total upgrade of Osborne Esplanade?*
- 2) *If it does not, is the amount of \$1.6 million sufficient to complete the upgrade of the pedestrian walkway?*
- 3) *If it is not, what is the quantum of funds required to complete the walkway upgrade and when will those funds be allocated?*

- 4) Does the \$1.6 million provide for the upgrade of the Rotary playground car park and repairs to Balmoral Road?
- 5) If not, when will funds be allocated for the works to be undertaken?
- 6) What is the estimated total of funds required to complete the works in Kingston Beach as identified and included in 2010 Master Plan?
- 7) If the 1.6 million dollars as advised is NOT sufficient, can Council advise what plans are in place to source the funds required and the timeframe for implementation?

**Officer's Response:**

The allocations suggested in the five year forward works plan are an estimate to undertake works, primarily on the Osborne Esplanade foreshore to complete path and landscaping but will also include some funding for general pedestrian amenity and traffic calming in the wider Kingston Beach precinct. Other works identified as part of the Master Plan will be considered in future years in accordance with all the competing priorities throughout the municipality. Many of the identified improvements for Kingston Beach have been completed and others will continue to be considered amongst all the competing priorities. The estimated costing to deliver other projects, such as an upgrade to the Balmoral playground will be determined as part of detailed design for these projects at a future date.

*David Reeve, Director Engineering Services*

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**11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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**C638/24-2021****11.1 Landfill**

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

*Regarding the link road from the overpass to nowhere, as we know it, up to the sports centre. I believe that Council will require a significant amount of fill to undertake that project because of the nature of the ground. Is that the case?*

**Mayor responds:**

I don't believe that we actually have that road on the capital works program at the moment because it is quite a substantial commitment, but the General Manager might be able to provide some more advice.

**General Manager:**

It is possible that it may require fill but at this point in time we don't have a final design and given the topography in that location, whilst I said it is possible, we won't know until we get to that stage.

**Cr Grace:**

Why I ask this question is that I do know that there is quite an amount of rock fill from a project that our Council is doing with Purple Pink at the school and there is another massive amount of fill, if Council wanted, on the other side as you come up the outlet. I raise this question because this is how we got to think positive and try to save our ratepayers money because I've been notified that a contractor has been fined \$13,000 for placing fill on a private property to extend a dam, which as I said was a Council contract. Council should be more up to date on our projects, whether they are on the works program tomorrow or the next day, whenever our staff can see fill when it is going to absolutely be wasted and could be put to better use and save our ratepayers thousands of dollars we should jump for it.

**Mayor:**

Just in relation to the fill that you are referring to at Kingston Park from Traders in Purple, the majority of the fill that they have had to remove from that first stage of the residential development has already been removed and taken to the quarry and that occurred some 6 or 8 weeks ago. There is nothing more to come out of there are the moment. The other works that are being done at Kingston Park, I don't know whether you are referring to the second stage of the Kingston Park playground or the public open space, there is work going on there at the moment. But that's work that we are doing ourselves via a contractor. There is certainly at this stage no more large amounts of fill that Traders In Purple have indicated that they will be taking out.

**Cr Grace:**

Could Council check that out because that is different to what I'm told and I believe, somewhere in the contract between Council and the contractor, that Council allowed them to take the fill to the place where they got fined. I would ask if the General Manager could please look into that. I could be wrong, I'm only quoting what I have been told.

**General Manager:**

I am happy to look into that but I can assure you that your information is not accurate.

*Cr Midgley left the room at 5.37pm*

**C639/24-2021****11.2 Bruny Island Boat Club Petition Listed in the Minute Resolutions**

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

*I was at the Bruny Island AGM yesterday and they say that it was already finished and I'm wondering why we are still saying it is in progress?*

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

The boat club have not signed a lease with the Crown and that is their ultimate aim. We have been negotiating with them in terms of signing a short term licence but their desire to sign a direct lease with the Crown has not been achieved as yet.

**Cr Bastone:**

They did say that they had signed an agreement with the Council as the head and then when the Council stopped leasing from the Crown that they would go on and lease from the Crown and they said that was already done and yesterday they were signing under seal. I will go back to them and enquire again.

*Cr Midgley returned at 5.38pm*

**C640/24-2021****11.3 Firthside Park and Ride**

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

*How many parking spaces for cars are there at the Firthside park and ride?*

**General Manager responds:**

I believe it is in the vicinity of 180 but we will get ...

**Mayor interjects:**

That's for Huntingfield.

**Cr Bastone:**

Yes, I went and had a look and I couldn't see where 180 cars fitted.

**C641/24-2021****11.4 Aquatic Centre for Kingborough**

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

*If Scottsdale is less than 20% of our size, can we please have an aquatic centre? Now that we are coming into an election year, will you as Mayor be lobbying the politicians to make an aquatic centre part of their election commitments?*

**Mayor responds:**

I think the key point is that Scottsdale received an upgrade of their facility that they are value adding to, which is far different in the economic climate that we have at the moment of building a new purpose built aquatic facility that we know has come in at \$42 million in today's figures to build. The other important point to make is that Scottsdale is indeed in the marginal electorate of Bass and there is a very generous \$3 million that they have received from the State Government. I have to say, in the discussions that we have had with State politicians and indeed Federal politicians of all persuasions and, as you can appreciate in the lead up to a Federal election, there have been many requests to find out what our priorities are, there is really no appetite from anyone, including this Council that voted unanimously back in August, to not proceed with an aquatic centre in Kingborough because of the significant capital projects, there is certainly much more appetite to assist us in expanding the Kingborough Sports Centre with much needed indoor courts, than there is for an aquatic centre. I think the difference with Scottsdale is that they don't have a major aquatic centre 20 minutes up the road that their residents can access easily. I think the key point, in addition to the capital expenditure, is that we would have to borrow significant funds to provide a capital injection into an aquatic centre and we would also have to fund the depreciation and we do know that there is one swimming pool in Australia that actually turns a profit, the other's don't, and that was in the feasibility study. I think it is for all of those reasons and the fact that we would be looking at an additional \$1 million a year just to fund the depreciation and the loss that we would occur from operating an aquatic centre, that would be a significant impost on our residents. Just that loss would equate to a 2% or 2.4% rate increase per household and that's without taking into consideration the cost of serving any loans that we would have to make. We could potentially be facing at 10% rate increase for our portion of building and also then servicing the operational expenditure on an aquatic centre and I think for all of those reasons, and I believe it was a unanimous decision which you were included in that at that time, it is not something that we have been pursuing funding for at other levels.



**Cr Cordover:**

The feasibility study report into an aquatic centre which was passed unanimously, am I correct that the recommendation to which we all agreed in that was that Council should set up a project funding committee that will review funding grants and investment options and opportunities and develop a final project funding strategy? Where are we on setting up a project funding committee?

**General Manager:**

We are mindful of the Council resolution and it is something that Council officers will be looking to action in the New Year.

**C642/24-2021****11.5 Water Restrictions**

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

*The Mercury newspaper has reported that despite the heaviest rainfall in October since 1943, from 14 December Stage 1 water restrictions are going to apply to areas of greater Hobart, including Tarooma, Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Margate and Howden. What is Council doing to pressure TasWater to improve drinking water, reliability and supply? TasWater has identified a range of existing environmental and usage factors that affect drinking water supply and those include potentially nutrient pollution from fish farm hatcheries in the upper Derwent River and agricultural operations which directly impact the rate at which water can be made safe for drinking. Will Council be making demands of the State Government to improve river catchment health so that we don't have water restrictions despite having the highest rainfall in 80 years.*

**Mayor responds:**

We did have quite a discussion about this at the LGAT General Meeting on Friday because I think it caught most Councils unaware in the south that we would have the restrictions given the high level or rainfall that we have been experiencing unseasonably lately, but my understanding is that it is related to the turbidity that has caused the water situation to become one where we would have to have restrictions, but I will ask the General Manager to expand on that.

**General Manager:**

It's fair to say that like all Councils in the south of the State, as your GM, I only received less than 24 hours advance warning from TasWater. During that conversation, I put to them a number of questions along similar lines to what you have raised regarding the high rainfall etc. They insisted the reason for the introduction of stage 1 restrictions was purely related to the increased rainfall and the turbidity levels that were being experienced in the Bryn Estyn dam in the New Norfolk area. I put to them, did it have anything to do with any other water allocations. I particularly focussed on the fact that there has been recent expansion of irrigated land in Tasmania. I was mindful that of the available agricultural land in the State, irrigated land takes up only 8% yet it contributes 50% of the States GDP. So I put to them was that in any way inter-related to the stage 1 restrictions. They assured me that it was purely to do with turbidity in the river system that feeds the Bryn Estyn dam. I can assure Council that I have strongly advocated with TasWater to make sure that there was nothing other than what they have put out to the community, through the media.

**C643/24-2021****11.6 Road Widths and Parking**

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

*Does Council have a policy around road widths and on occasions on which it will allow members of the public to park on both sides of a public roadway?*

**Senior Manager Capital Works responds:**

Council doesn't have a policy specifically to deal with that issue. However, we certainly, as part of the design process, design roads and carriage ways cognisant of traffic volumes in accordance with design guides from AustRoads and other relevant standards.

**Cr Street:**

My second question is in relation to Queens Parade in Kingston. That's a road which is on the Metro bus route and it is quite a busy bus route as I understand. Often there are cars parked on both sides of the road and I understand that there have been a number of near misses and accidents on that piece of road involving both cars and Metro buses where cars have been parked on both sides of the road. I'm wondering, firstly, whether Queens Parade meets the width standards that would be expected for a road that has buses of that size and cars regularly parked on both sides and where we might be able to review the situation with a view to providing some rectification where possible?

**Mayor:**

I think we will take that question on notice.

**C644/24-2021****11.7 Pop Up Youth Space**

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

*How is the pop up youth space going?*

**Mayor responds:**

We will take that on notice.

**C645/24-2021****11.8 Hub Booking Fees**

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

*Do we have many community groups or non-government groups who decide not to proceed with a Hub booking due to costs, eg they might enquire about the Hub booking, but the cost might be a reason as to why they don't proceed?*

**Mayor responds:**

We will take that on notice.

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**12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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There were no questions on notice from councillors.

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**13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED**

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A report on the petition headed "Food Van Trading – Kingston Beach" will be submitted to Council on 20 December 2021.

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**14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD**

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No Petitions had been received.

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**15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

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**C646/24-2021****15.1 CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley  
Seconded: Cr David Grace

That

- a) The Kingborough Council Climate Change Adaptation Policy (No. 6.11) be revoked; and
- b) The Kingborough Climate Change Policy be adopted.
- c) Clause 1.9 be amended to read "is committed to sequentially reducing its carbon footprint and targeting Net Zero Emissions for Council activities by 2035 or earlier".
- d) The action contained in KCE3.1 of the Kingborough Climate Change Plan 2019-2024 be amended to read "Kingborough Council commits to zero net emissions by 2035 or earlier."

**CARRIED**

**C637/24-2021****15.2 NOMINATIONS FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved: Cr Sue Bastone  
Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Heather Anderson, Kevin Brown, Di Carter, Dr Don Hempton, David McQuillan, Wendy Nielsen, Anne Rathjen, Kim Strickland, Fran Thompson, David Vickery and Richard Witbreuk be appointed as members of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor vacated the chair at 6.48pm  
The Deputy Mayor assumed the chair*

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**16 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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**C648/24-2021****16.1 Biodiversity Offset Policy**

Moved: Cr Paula Wriedt

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That:

- a) Council officers provide a report with recommendations to amend the Biodiversity Offset Policy to increase the financial offsets required for the removal of high biodiversity values as identified in Table 2 of the Policy. As part of this review consideration be given to national best practice in relation to biodiversity offsets, and Kingborough Council becoming a leader in this area;
- b) The draft policy be the subject of a Council workshop before being released for a four week period of community consultation; and
- c) That the work, with a final policy to come to Council for endorsement be completed by the end of March 2022.

**CARRIED***The Mayor resumed the chair at 7.13pm***C649/24-2021**

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

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Jo Westwood

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 - AB2114 Garnett Street Stormwater Stage 1 Tender Acceptance**

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.*

**CARRIED**

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 7.15pm

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**OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES**

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.26pm

**C650/24-2021**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover  
 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	Approved
Tender Assessment - AB2114 Garnett Street Stormwater Stage 1 Tender Acceptance	Tender awarded to Bullock Civil Pty Ltd for the sum of \$494,672 excl GST

**CARRIED**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.27pm

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 (Confirmed)

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 (Date)