

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

20 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, 20 December 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.

The Mayor paid tribute to Uncle Bill Hodge of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community who recently passed away.

The Mayor, Councillors and staff also observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the victims, their families and loved ones of the Hillcrest Primary School tragedy.

3 ATTENDEES

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	✓ (arrived at 5.42pm)
Councillor C Street	✓
Councillor S Wass	✓

Staff:

Acting General Manager	Mr Daniel Smee
Chief Financial Officer	Mr John Breen
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Director Environment, Development & Community Services	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Customer Services Coordinator	Mrs Stephanie Velini
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C656/25-2021

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.24 held on 6 December 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

No workshops had been held.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no questions on notice from the public.

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C657/25-2021

11.1 Barking Dogs

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

I have had numerous phone calls from Middleton residents about barking dogs. It's been going on now for a year and we need to address this and find out what is going on down there. I've been told by the progress group which I am a member of that it's not a major problem. I would ask that Council please monitor the situation there.

Mayor responds:

We would need somebody to lodge a complaint.

Cr Grace:

I believe they have. I believe that several complaints have been lodged.

Mayor:

Ok, because we would need some specifics about whereabouts, times etc. Mr Smee has made a note of it and will follow it up.

C658/25-2021**11.2 Extension of Time for DAS-2021-1**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

I'm very disappointed and upset of the fact that consistency, as you know, I've always been a part of, been consistent in our Council in whatever we do. I am very disappointed that DAS-2021-1 was rushed through with delegated authority and some applications have taken 5 years (Deputy Mayor interjects).

Deputy Mayor:

Point of order. It's questions without notice from councillors.

Gr Grace:

Sorry, what is the point of order?

Deputy Mayor:

You are supposed to be asking a question.

Cr Grace:

Well, the question is, if you listen carefully as I said, I am disappointed in the consistency within this Council.

Mayor:

Ok, that is a statement. Can you frame it in a question because I know that Dr Stephenson would like the opportunity to respond about why that has come by delegated authority. Is that the question?

Cr Grace:

Well, the question is, why didn't the applicant, like most, accept an extension of time? It's not quite what I wanted but it's something to satisfy the Deputy Mayor.

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

This was a complex application that has required some to-ing and fro-ing, not just on Council's part but included a six month or so delay while we waiting for information from the Applicant. Essentially, the reason that it had to go to the General Manager for a delegated decision was that the representors submitted information on 23 November, which was quite complex and included traffic reports. We would have needed to assess that within two days and complete the report within two days in order to make the 6 December Council meeting. We requested an extension of time from the Applicant on 1 December, which they denied. They would not wait for this meeting and so therefore we can't stop the clock in relation to some of these matters so the time would have run out and it would have been decided anyway, so we thought that the General Manager review their report under delegation. It's not ideal but it was unfortunate in that up until towards the end we had had indications that the Applicant would be prepared to extend the time frame and they determined that ultimately that they wouldn't. There were four representations.

Some of these were minor and did not raise planning matters but one of them provided significant traffic reports that did need to be fully assessed.

Cr Midgley arrive at 5.42pm

C659/25-2021

11.3 Bus Shelter, Snug

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

I'm wondering if you have been down to Snug at late or down Coningham area? When you first came into office you were going to help us resolve the problem with the bus shelter that is not painted pink.

Mayor responds:

Yes, and I have been regularly in Snug and Coningham. Unfortunately the General Manager isn't with us this evening but he was tasked with the action of speaking further with Metro Tasmania. I think I indicated previously when you had asked this question that I had actually raised it myself personally with the CEO of Metro when I met her at a Greater Hobart Mayors' Forum that she was addressing. We haven't unfortunately progressed, as far as I know, any further. There is a very large project going on at the moment involving the State Government and Metro and ourselves as to who actually owns all the bus stops, because we don't actually own that bus stop and so that's where the dispute is. We don't own it and therefore we can't give the authority for anyone to go and paint it. It is actually, as we understand it, owned by the State Government or Metro. Neither of them can decide who owns it and that is not just that bus stop. It's every bus stop in Kingborough.

Cr Grace:

I don't want to argue but there were three bus shelters built and Cr Wass and some of the other councillors know by the local progress which my late brother was involved in that and that's one of the bus shelters that they built for the community. Not Metro. I can provide written evidence to that if you wish.

Mayor:

We are trying to resolve it because it seems like a ridiculous impasse and I will undertake to ask the General Manager, when he returns, if he can provide me with an update and I can pass that on to you.

C660/25-2021

11.4 Fill

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

Last meeting I raised the question about fill that's available on several projects throughout Kingborough that Kingborough could take delivery of. I'm looking at the budget workshop 2020/21 and it says here 'Hobart City Deal' and I'm not sure if I've got the right project, I think I have, it says 'Spring Farm Road Extension'. The General Manager said at the last meeting when I raised it that there is nowhere that it's mentioned on the works program. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Mayor responds:

I'll ask Mr Reeve to respond to that given that the document that you are quoting from is from our budget workshop, that is a working document and as you know, when we workshop something, we extensively look at all the options and then prioritise when we know what capital funds we have available, but I'm sure Mr Reeve can provide some further detail.

Director Engineering Services:

If Councillors cast their minds back they will probably remember that originally when we were putting forward for City Deal funding we were looking at the Spring Farm connector plus also potentially a park and ride at the Sports Centre and some work on Kingston View Drive and that's what that particular matter would refer to. After various discussions with State Growth, that project changed into what we are actually doing at the moment which is the Transform Kingston in the CBD, so it's still a valid project. We have certainly done the design work on that project and it's still available for future funding but it is a fairly expensive project to complete, one that is probably going to be well suited for some future grant funding. But it does sit, if you like, in our future plans, just not immediate.

Cr Grace:

As I understand, there is going to be a lot of fill required up through that swamp land up towards the cemetery onwards and I only raised it because I know a couple of contractors that have considerable amount of fill that they would make available and it is very good stone fill.

C661/25-2021**11.5 Ambulance Station**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

What is the Council doing to progress the ambulance station for the Channel which was promised in the last State Budget? Hobart has less ambulances and less paramedics than the North West Coast and that is actual numbers, not per capita, and after the tragedy this last week, if such an occurrence was to happen either at Woodbridge, at Cygnet or at Huon, we would be severely under staffed.

Mayor responds:

It's not something that has come across my desk in the last few months but certainly in light of what you have just raised, we can write to the Premier and to the Minister for Emergency Services to seek an indication of the time frames for that budget commitment. I can't recall whether it was included in the last State Budget or not but certainly I can write to them and impress upon them the need for that just as we have also impressed upon them the need for additional police in Kingborough and also recently Councillor Glade-Wright and I and some discussions with the Kingston Fire Station about their needs. So there are significant needs in the Kingborough region in relation to the growth aspects that we are seeing and the need for equitable access to emergency services, so I would be more than happy to write and lobby for that.

C662/25-2021**11.6 Safety of Metro Bus Drivers**

Cr Bastone asked the following question without notice:

What discussions have been held with Metro regarding the upsurge in violence towards bus drivers on our route, including two who were attacked in Franklin Square when off duty. The perpetrators are a young group known as the Red Caps and appear to live in the Channel area.

Mayor responds:

Once again, that's not something that I was aware of. I didn't realise that there was a connection to this area with those but certainly, I know that the State Government has made a range of statements on this matter about wanting to work with Metro to protect the safety of their drivers, which of course should be paramount because we don't want to see a situation where buses are pulling out of routes because of the behaviour of a small number of patrons.

C663/25-2021**11.7 Urban Bus Routes**

Cr Wass asked the following question without notice:

I'm wondering what, if any, input there is or does Council have in relation to Metro regarding urban bus routes?

Mayor responds:

I wish I could say a lot but I think as we are all aware as Councillors who sit around this table we have, from time to time, workshops with Metro Tasmania representatives and we offer them the opportunity to have an insight into the needs of our community and the growing sub-divisions and where the routes should be and their response, generally, is that they are paid to operate the existing routes and any changes need to come through the passenger division of the Department of State Growth. Strangely enough though, when we have State Growth here, they tend to tell us that the routes are up to Metro. Certainly, I believe that we should be advocating as much as we can for some of our new sub-divisions to be included on the routes, we can make representations but ultimately that's a matter for decision between State Growth and Metro Tasmania.

Cr Wass:

We used to have absolutely none and we were promised that we would have, as would every other local government area, have an input into where routes ought to be. If that has not changed then I think that we need to become active because there are a number of things that have occurred in the last 5 years and unless Metro come to the party and run the service as the community wants they ain't gonna put bums on seats, as they say.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C664/25-2021**12.1 Road Widths and Parking**

At the Council meeting on 6 December 2021, **Cr Street** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Queens Parade in Kingston is 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?

Officer's Response:

Recommended widths for roads are incorporated in various standards and guidelines. However, it is not unusual to have varying widths in roads for many reasons including changing standards over time, difficult topography, and older abutting development patterns that reduce the available road reservation width. Queens Parade will be investigated as to the suitability for the current traffic and what, if any, improvements are required.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

C665/25-2021**12.2 Pop Up Youth Space**

At the Council meeting on 6 December 2021, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

How is the pop up youth space going?

Officer's Response:

The pilot pop up Youth Space at Kingston Park went very well and is now a weekly activity that will take place during the school term and school holidays. Council has partnered with Mission Australia to deliver this program. Mission Australia follow up their sessions at Kingston Park with one at the Blackman's Bay Skate Park. Youth Services will also be delivering weekly workshops in the Whitewater Room commencing in February.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, Director Environment, Development & Community Services

C666/25-2021**12.3 Hub Booking Fees**

At the Council meeting on 6 December 2021, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on 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?

Officer's Response:

Staff are not aware of any not-for-profit organisation that has found the Hub fees to be prohibitive. Many not-for-profit organisations are repeat or regular hirers. Community grants have provided support for some larger scale events being trialled by not-for-profit groups. Very small not-for-profit groups looking for smaller and more affordable spaces are able to utilise our halls. Our fees have only recently been reviewed by Council and compare well to other venues, Government and private.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, Director Environment, Development & Community Services

C667/25-2021**12.4 Firthside Park and Ride**

At the Council meeting on 6 December 2021, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

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

Officer's Response:

- Firthside Park and Ride - 44 car parking spaces, 3 accessible spaces for people with a disability and 26 bicycles in a 5m x 7m parkiteer;
- The Park and Ride site at Huntingfield - 174 car spaces including 3 accessible spaces for people with a disability, bike storage for 23 bikes and toilets.

Gary Arnold, General Manager

13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions still being actioned.

14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD

No Petitions had been received.

15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C668/25-2021

15.1 KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Moved: Cr Jo Westwood
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Cr Bastone be appointed as the Council representative and chairperson of KCSC and the Committee members be advised accordingly.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Jo Westwood, Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, Amanda Midgley, Christian Street and Steve Wass

Against: Cr David Grace

CARRIED 9/1

C669/25-2021

15.2 PETITION: FOOD TRUCK TRADING KINGSTON BEACH

Moved: Cr Jo Westwood
 Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That:

- a) The Kingborough Food Truck Trading Locations be amended to provide three (3) days per calendar week per vendor trading at the Osborne Esplanade location at Kingston Beach.
- b) Council officers investigate the provision of one (1) reserved food truck space in currently unused road verge on Osborne Esplanade and pursue an online booking system to ensure compliance to set trading times and fair and equal access to the trading site.
- c) Council officers advise the petitioners of Council's resolution.

*Cr Grace left the room at 6.16pm
 Cr Grace returned at 6.19pm*

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Jo Westwood, Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, Amanda Midgley and Christian Street

Against: Crs David Grace and Steve Wass

CARRIED 8/2

C670/25-2021

15.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES - YOUTH

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
 Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That Council note the report on Council’s services and activities for young people in Kingborough.

*Cr Westwood left the room at 6.49pm
 Cr Westwood returned at 6.51pm*

CARRIED

C671/25-2021

15.4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE OF MOTION - INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE IN THE LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND ANNUAL BUDGET

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright
 Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council supports the inclusion of the following clause in both the Long-Term Financial Plan and the Annual Budget:

“It is important to balance rate revenue as a funding source with community sensitivity to rate increases, including rates affordability within the general community, the level of service required by the community and Council’s financial sustainability”.

CARRIED

C672/25-2021

15.5 COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOTION

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the report be noted.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, David Grace, Amanda Midgley, Christian Street and Steve Wass

Against: Cr Jo Westwood

CARRIED 9/1

C673/25-2021

15.6 REMISSION OF MINIMUM GENERAL RATE DIFFERENCE POLICY

Moved: Cr Christian Street
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council’s Policy 3.1 Remission of Minimum General Rate Difference Policy be withdrawn as it has been superseded by inclusion in the rate resolution.

CARRIED

C674/25-2021

15.7 RATE REBATE FOR CONSERVATION COVENANT POLICY

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council Policy 3.9 Rate Rebate for Conservation Covenant Policy, as attached to this report, be adopted for a further two years.

Moved: Cr David Grace
Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That this matter be deferred.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Jo Westwood, Sue Bastone, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, David Grace and Amanda Midgley

Against: Crs Gideon Cordover, Christian Street and Steve Wass

CARRIED 7/3

C675/25-2021

15.8 SUNDRY DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved: Cr Christian Street
Seconded: Cr David Grace

That the matter be discussed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Christian Street
Seconded: Cr Jo Westwood

That this matter be deferred.

CARRIED

C676/25-2021

15.9 FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

Moved: Cr Jo Westwood
Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report at 30 November 2021.

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

C677/25-2021**16.1 Smoke Free Sports Precinct**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council will advertise its intention to declare the Kingborough Sports Precinct a smoke-free area and seek user group and community feedback before a final decision after the feedback period.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Jo Westwood, Sue Bastone, Gideon Cordover, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, Amanda Midgley, Christian Street and Steve Wass

Against: Cr David Grace

CARRIED 9/1**C678/25-2021**

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

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 - AB2120 Gemalla Road Reconstruction

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.*

Tender Assessment - AB2121 Snug Tiers Construction and Sealing

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.*

Public Place Waste Bin Emptying Service

Regulation 15(2)(d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

Rate Rebate - Conservation Covenant

Regulation 15(2)(a) *personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.*

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 7.48pm

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OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session resumed at 8.55pm

C679/25-2021

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley

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	Approved
Tender Assessment - AB2120 Gemalla Road Reconstruction	Approved in the amount of \$818,445.15 excl GST
Tender Assessment - AB2121 Snug Tiers Construction and Sealing	Approved in the amount of \$907,815.58 excl GST
Public Place Waste Bin emptying service	Approved
Rate Rebate - Conservation Covenant	Approved

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)