

# Kingborough



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2 May 2022

# 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, 2 May 2022 at 5.30pm

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 C Street	✓
Councillor S Wass	✓

**Staff:**

Acting General Manager	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Manager Environmental Services	Mr Jon Doole
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

**C198/8-2022**

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**4 APOLOGIES**

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Councillor D Grace  
Councillor A Midgley

C199/8-2022

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## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.7 held on 20 April 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED**

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## 6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

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There have been no workshops.

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## 7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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There were no declarations of interest.

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## 8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no agenda items transferred.

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## 9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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There were no questions without notice.

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## 10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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C200/8-2022

### 10.1 Beach Matting, Kingston Beach

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

- 1) *Can Council advise why the provision of Beach Matting was not part of the original submission to Council when considering the construction of the new \$200,000 mobility access ramp.*
- 2) *Currently the new ramp is a "ramp to nowhere" virtually unusable by a person with a disability. Is Council then by default required to fund Beach Matting or some other material that will facilitate disabled access to more firmer sand or be left with what some might describe as a "Lemon"?*
- 3) *Would it be accurate to say that at this point, Councillors have been put in an untenable position by staff to ensure the ramp becomes a usable asset regardless of cost.*
- 4) *The submission to Councillors indicates that there will be significant ongoing costs relating to the proposal, the submission also indicates the substantial monitoring of the asset, and predicted weather influences all to be monitored on a daily basis by a person appointed to*

*the task. Can Council advise if this person will be appointed from within current staffing levels or will a staff member need to be recruited?*

- 5) *In the submission to Council, there is an inference from staff that Council have a legal responsibility to provide access to the disabled and carers and therefore the beach matting is required at Kingston Beach, can I ask, why only Kingston Beach, why not Blackmans Bay or Nebraska Beach or indeed any other beach within our municipality.*
- 6) *In the budget submission to Councillors, will an estimate of the staff monitoring costs be included as part of the overall submission.*

**Officer's Response:**

1. The purpose of the ramp was not to access the beach via matting but to facilitate access by beach wheelchairs owned by Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club (and others). Council has provided a storage facility for the beach wheelchairs so that they can easily use the access ramp. The ramp also facilitates improved general public access to and from the beach, and by the KBSLSC for rescue equipment and other items stored in the storage shed behind the toilets (i.e. its use is not limited). To date it has been used frequently by a range of beach users. Beach matting is a relatively new concept, infrequently used in Australia and not yet provided anywhere in Tasmania.
2. As above, the access ramp facilitates access by beach wheelchairs, other mobility devices, prams and moving surf lifesaving equipment on and off the beach.
3. That is not accurate.
4. No decision has been made to provide and service beach matting. The resolution was that it be considered within the broader budget decision making. Because of the cost and issues around inspection, maintenance and removal of the matting, as identified in the report to Council, it is not a matter that has been included within the draft 2022-23 budget.
5. Council reports require us to flag broad statutory requirements. The reference to the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)* is made in that regard only.
6. The staff monitoring costs were addressed in the report to Council and therefore have been considered in the early budget deliberations.

*Dr Katrena Stephenson, Acting General Manager*

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## **11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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### **C201/8-2022**

#### **11.1 Cat Management**

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

*What is Kingborough doing to help neighbouring Councils to adopt and to implement better cat management? What lessons are we sharing with Councils and by what mechanism are we sharing our new-found knowledge about cat management with Councils?*

**Manager Environmental Services responds:**

The main mechanism is through the regional strategy which we adopted last year and the Regional Cat Management Project which we hosted for three years. That's been the main vehicle for passing information on. Nikki Brookman, who was the Project Officer, did workshops with virtually all of the Councils in the South on the Regional Strategy and that project is continuing, without us hosting. It's now hosted by Ten Lives Cat Centre and they have a new regional officer and I think it's safe

to say that that will put a different slant on how it's handled because they have really good education officers. So I think that local government will be well placed on the implementation of the strategy into the future and a better understanding of what resourcing is needed to do cat management, because we certainly have demonstrated that you don't have to spend a lot of money on it to have some really good outcomes. I'm confident that the smaller Councils are well supported, especially in the South.

## **C202/8-2022**

### **11.2 Upgrade of Kingston Beach Bridge**

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

*I note the recent plans to upgrade the Snug pedestrian bridge and I'm wondering if there might be any plans to consider an upgrade of the Kingston Beach Bridge at Browns River?*

**Director Engineering Services responds:**

Yes, it's certainly on the plans at the moment. We are looking at design options for the replacement of the pedestrian bridge. Similar to the Snug bridge, it's getting towards the end of its life. We would also probably like to put in a bridge that is more suitable to current standards, including a wider bridge to allow others to use it rather than the issues we have at the moment where cyclists and pedestrians meet in the middle.

**Cr Westwood:**

Just to clarify, is that in our 5 year Capital Works Program?

**Director Engineering Services:**

Yes, it should be in our 5 Year Capital Works Program.

## **12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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### **C203/8-2022**

#### **12.1 Dog Poo Bag Dispensers on Bruny Island**

At the Council meeting on 20 April 2022, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Could we please re-visit having dog poo bag dispensers at four sites on Bruny Island at Adventure Bay, Alonnah, Barnes Bay and Dennes Point? The Bruny Island Community Association will undertake to keep them filled with bags, that was one of the reasons we were told before that we couldn't have bags there because there was nobody to refill the dispenser.*

**Officer's Response:**

The emptying of the public place bins on Bruny Island is currently carried out by an independent contractor and has no provision for servicing dog bag dispensers. Later this year the servicing will transition to Kingborough Waste Services (KWS) who will be able to refill the dog bag dispensers as part of this bin emptying service.

Once this transition has occurred KWS will investigate and install dog bag dispensers at suitable locations to service as part of this contract.

*David Reeve, Director Engineering Services*

**C204/8-2022****12.2 Traffic Counters on Lighthouse Road, Bruny Island**

At the Council meeting on 20 April 2022, **Cr Bastone** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

*Could traffic counters please be put on Lighthouse Road on Bruny Island in the short section of gravel road that leads to the area that Parks maintain? There has been an estimation that there were 15,000 cars between mid-December and the beginning of February and I think we probably take an accurate count rather than go on what the residents are saying.*

**Officer's Response:**

Traffic counters were last installed on Lighthouse Road between 12 April 2017 to 5 May 2017. This allowed a comparison of traffic volumes between Easter, the total school holiday period and during the school term.

- During the Easter period average daily traffic was around 480 vehicles.
- For the total school holiday period, including Easter and ANZAC Day, average daily traffic was 337 vehicles.
- For the first week of the second school term average daily traffic was around 70 vehicles.

The counters were located at the northern end of Lighthouse Road, approximately 325m south of Bruny Main Road junction.

Traffic counters can be installed on Lighthouse Road near to the Parks and Wildlife boundary in May 2022.

*David Reeve, Director Engineering Services*

**13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED**

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A report on the petition headed "Upgrade to Car Park – Tarooma Bowls and Community Club" will be provided at a future Council meeting.

**14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD**

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No Petitions had been received.

**15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

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**C205/8-2022****15.1 SMOKE-FREE AREA DECLARATION - KINGSTON PARK (PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STAGE 2)**

Moved: Cr Jo Westwood  
Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That Council approve the smoke-free area declaration for Stage 2 of the Kingston Park public open space in accordance with Attachment A and the process outlined in this report.

**CARRIED**



**C206/8-2022****15.2 REGIONAL STRATEGY - ADAPTING TO A CHANGING COASTLINE IN TASMANIA**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council endorses the Regional Strategy – Adapting to a Changing Coastline in Tasmania and advises the STCA Board accordingly.

**CARRIED****C207/8-2022****15.3 DELEGATED AUTHORITY POLICY**

Moved: Cr Christian Street

Seconded: Cr Jo Westwood

That Council *Policy 1.1 – Delegated Authority* as attached to this report be endorsed.

**CARRIED****16 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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At the time the Minutes was compiled there were no Notices of Motion received.

**C208/8-2022****17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

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Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Steve Wass

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 ceased.

Open Session of Council adjourned at 5.52pm

**OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES**

Open session resumed at 5.54pm

**C209/8-2022**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox  
 Seconded: Cr Steve Wass

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

**CARRIED**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.55pm

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