

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4 September 2023

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Kingborough Councillors 2022 - 2026



Mayor
Councillor Paula Wriedt



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Clare Glade-Wright



Councillor Aldo Antolli



Councillor David Bain



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Kaspar Deane



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Mark Richardson



Councillor Christian Street

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MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Monday, 4 September 2023 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 C Glade-Wright | ✓ |
| Councillor A Antolli | ✓ |
| Councillor D Bain | ✓ |
| Councillor G Cordover | ✓ |
| Councillor K Deane | ✓ |
| Councillor F Fox | ✓ |
| Councillor A Midgley | ✓ |
| Councillor M Richardson | ✓ |
| Councillor C Street | ✓ |

Staff:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| General Manager | Mr Gary Arnold |
| Chief Financial Officer | Mr David Spinks |
| Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services | Mr Daniel Smee |
| Director Engineering Services | Mr David Reeve |
| Manager Environmental Services | Ms Liz Quinn |
| NAB Coordinator | Ms Rene Reichart |
| Media & Communications Advisor | Ms Sam Adams |
| Executive Assistant | Mrs Amanda Morton |

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4 APOLOGIES

Mayor Councillor P Wriedt

C278/17-2023

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.16 held on 21 August 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED**6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

| Date | Topic | Detail |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 28 August | Tasmania Police | Community safety discussion |

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.

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10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**10.1 Browns River Bridge**

Mr Roger Tonge submitted the following question on notice:

1. *Can Council provide one logical reason why the Browns River Bridge is to be demolished?*
2. *Can Council please provide the reasons for the expenditure predicted to be in the vicinity of \$750K on the construction of a new bridge, when a perfectly good one currently exists?*

Officer's Response:

As outlined in previous responses to similar questions on 4 July 2022 and 21 August 2023, condition is not always the only driver in replacing an asset, functionality and capacity are of equal importance. The current commitment is to look at the options for replacing the structure with something more suitable for the needs of the users, in particular this will look at increasing the width of the bridge. The funding of this as a construction project will depend on competing priorities in the future capital work deliberations of Council.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

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11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 Summer Bushfire Risk

How is Council helping residents to plan and prepare for the coming fire season?

General Manager responds:

Council has a supporting role insofar as it supports the Tasmanian Fire Service to encourage our community to be fire aware, and that involves a range of measures that we take which include working with TFS to undertake community information sessions throughout Kingborough and fuel reduction burns. We also undertake fire break maintenance, particularly during the bushfire season and we undertake, with the assistance of local fire brigades and the TFS, fuel reduction burns on Council road reserves. We also have a road slashing program for roadside verges and earlier this year, Council received a report on a roadside risk assessment project that had been undertaken on our behalf by the University of Melbourne and that will inform future actions moving forward.

Cr Cordover:

In relation to the firebreaks specifically and the notion of a network of green firebreaks, do we have plans to increase investment in bushfire mitigation strategies, such as by expanding our network of green firebreaks around strategic urban areas?

General Manager:

One of the outcomes of the work of the University of Melbourne on our behalf will inform actions in that area. It's anticipated that there will be budget implications and because the software tool is in its infancy, it's early days yet, but we are hoping that we will be in a position to put a project forward for Councillors consideration as part of the next budget deliberation.

11.2 Ball Sports at the Hub

What is our current policy regarding the playing of sports with a ball in the Kingborough Community Hub? The reason for my question is that somebody mentioned to me that it's now forbidden or there is some signage around it and I want to understand what that signage is and are we directing people, through that signage, to a more appropriate area to chuck the ball around or is it completely forbidden throughout the whole area?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

The Hub, given its both an office space for our staff and given that hirers use the space for a range of activities, activities that occur outside such as ball sports, skating etc do cause disruption to the activities that occur in the Hub. I understand that there has recently been signage put in place indicating that those activities are prohibited on that space but as to the exact detail, I will have to take that on notice.

Cr Cordover:

Would it be appropriate to direct people to more appropriate places, rather than just having signs that say 'don't do it here' maybe some information or navigation signage?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:

The basketball court would be an appropriate place to play ball games as would the new grassed area that I've seen as being very well utilised given the good weather we have had lately. But as I said, I would need to check what the signage says in relation to whether it directs users to other areas. But I would also note that our community services staff are located over there and they can also communicate that message and they do endeavour to engage in a positive manner with users of the site, so it's not all about getting out the big stick.

Cr Street asked the following question without notice:

11.3 Kingston Library Car Park

Can I get an indication as to whether we police that car park with respect to the sign that advises that the car park is only available for users of the library?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

We certainly do police the car park. Whether we have the ability to determine whether a car that is parked there is owned by someone who is using the library, I would be very surprised. Obviously the car park is owned by the Library and we have a contract to police it. It is certainly their desire for it to be used by library users only and our staff, in fulfilling their duties, would endeavour to ensure that, but I would suggest that it would be a very difficult matter to enforce.

Cr Bain asked the following questions without notice:

11.4 High Performance Training Facility

What dealings have Council had with State Government to date around possible locations for the proposed high performance training facility?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

Council has been approached by the Department of State Growth who are managing the project on behalf of the AFL. This approach has only been within the last week or so. We have indicated at this stage that we are open minded with respect to the opportunities that that might bring, but we need to understand what the detail of the proposal is, what the implications are, what the impacts are, what benefits it brings etc. It's really early days in terms of this particular project and at this stage we have just said that we have got an open mind but we are certainly not in a position to bring anything to Council or even provide any further information because, at the moment, my understanding is that we are one of a number of potential venues.

11.5 Footpaths on Channel Highway

In relation to the footpaths on the Channel Highway between United Servo and Mertonvale Circuit, do we have any indicative start and finish dates for the footpaths and also, is that likely to include an upgrade for the bus stop on the Channel Highway?

Director Engineering Services responds:

We are waiting on DSG to provide back a concept design for the footpath. They are looking at the width of the lanes, the shared path proposal that they would like to see in place and they will also be looking at the existing bus stop in terms of how that might fit in with that project. That won't cover the proposed new bus stop that they are planning for the Spring Farm development which was

opposite Bunnings, but it certainly will cover where there is an existing bus stop at the moment and making sure that the buses can use that and will probably make it an accessible bus stop as well.

Cr Antolli asked the following questions without notice:

11.6 Line Markings

Could staff please update the community on any decisions that have been made regarding line markings for Redwood Road and in particular the stretch of road in front of Calvin Christian School on Maranoa Road?

Director Engineering Services responds:

At the moment submissions are open to DSG for line marking and Redwood Road is one that has been put forward. We hope to hear back from them very shortly as to whether that is successful or not. If it's not successful, it would be likely that Council will be line marking that out of our own budget, mainly because of the amount of complaints that we have had about that particular stretch of road. The one on Maranoa Road, we were actually lucky enough to get some black spot funding to do some work in that area.

Cr Antolli:

And any idea when we are likely to start the work on Maranoa Road?

Director Engineering Services:

It's under design at the moment so I would imagine that construction will be later on this calendar year.

11.7 On Going Works in the CBD

Could staff provide the community with a progress update on the ongoing works for the Channel Highway in front of Channel Court and Council Chambers? Where are we at and particularly when could the end of works be forecast?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

Obviously we are getting towards the end of the project. The construction works by Black Cap are complete. We still need to install street furniture, the bulk of the street trees and plantings have gone in, there is the bus interchange to open and a little more work required to complete that. First and foremost is the relocation of some optic fibre for which we needed to give the bank 30 days notice and there are also bus stops to go in, but on the whole we are 95% through the project and should be totally finished by the end of this month.

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12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

12.1 Temporary Food Stall Fees

At the Council meeting held on 21 August 2023, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the General Manager, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Has there been a change in application fees for temporary food stores? I've heard previously that there was no fee and now there's a \$20 fee for each event?

Officer's Response:

Council introduced a new fee for one off stalls in the 2023-24 financial year. The new fee for a Temporary Food Business permit (non-commercial) is \$20 per day. This fee was introduced to partially cover the administrative costs for assessing and generating charitable temporary food applications. The charitable temporary food fee is a 55% reduced fee when compared to Council's existing commercial temporary food charge of \$44.

If a community/charitable organisation is likely to run multiple stalls/BBQ's etc over the year, they may elect to apply for an annual food licence. Depending on the assessed health risk of the food being sold the fees range from \$79 - \$349 per year. A 50% discount applies to organisations that have a six-month seasonal sports ground lease. Eligible organisations may apply for a fee exemption as per Council's Fee Exemptions and Reductions Policy.

Liz Quinn, Manager Environmental Services

12.2 Bicycle Parking, Kingborough Community Hub

Cr Midgley submitted the following question on notice:

It has been noted that the bicycle parking has been removed from the Kingborough Hub. Will they be replaced? If so, what will they look like and where will they be located?

Officer's Response:

New DDA compliant bicycles racks have been purchased and they will be installed at the front of the Hub within the next two weeks.

Carol Swards, Coordinator Community Services and Hub

12.3 Margate Main Street Master Plan

Cr Midgley submitted the following question on notice:

What will be the approach to engaging and involving community (including traders and residents), and stakeholders in the development of the Margate Main Street Master Plan? Will it be a place making approach similar to Hobart local precincts and Clarence City Heart projects?

Officer's Response:

The intention is to consult with all stakeholders as part of the Master Plan development, this includes Department of State Growth, businesses, residents, community groups and advisory committees. The work will be undertaken by a consultant and the consultation phase will be undertaken as part of the brief with assistance from Council. The study area being considered is more compact than for the Kingston CBD and for similar areas such as Hobart and Clarence where place making studies have occurred, as such although it is intended to include place making it will be undertaken in the context of the study area and site constraints.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

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

C282/17-2023**15.1 COASTAL HAZARDS POLICY**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That Council endorse the Coastal Hazards Policy (6.9) as attached to this report.

CARRIED

C283/17-2023**15.2 NATURAL BURIALS**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council approve natural burials in a dedicated area of the North West Bay cemetery subject to legislative requirements being met and standard fees for a single burial plot to apply.

Moved: Cr Aldo Antolli
Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That the matter be discussed.

CARRIED

The motion was then put.

CARRIED

C284/17-2023**15.3 APPENDICES**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That the Appendices attached to the Agenda be received and noted.

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion received.

C285/17-2023**17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

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*

AB2307 Supply of Road Sweeper Truck

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

Kingston Park Commercial Tenancy Lease

Regulation 15(2)(f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.*

Current Court Matters

Regulation 15(2)(i) *relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Cr Midgley left the room at 6.34pm

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 6.34pm

Cr Midgley returned at 6.35pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7pm

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Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
 Seconded: Cr David Bain

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 |
| AB2307 Supply of Road Sweeper Truck | Quotation from Webster Trucks accepted for \$281,872.44 excl GST |
| Kingston Park Commercial Tenancy Lease | Approved |
| Current Court Matters | Noted |

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.01pm

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 (Confirmed)

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 (Date)