

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2 October 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, 2 October 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:

Mayor Councillor P Wriedt	✓
Deputy Mayor Councillor C Glade-Wright	✓
Councillor A Antolli	✓
Councillor D Bain	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor K Deane	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor M Richardson	✓
Councillor C Street	✓

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Acting Director Environment, Development & Community Services	Ms Heather Salisbury
Program Manager Transform Kingston	Mr Dan Kaimatsoglu
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

C310/19-2023

4 APOLOGIES

Councillor A Midgley

C311/19-2023

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.18 held on 18 September 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Date	Topic	Detail
25 September	AFL High Performance Centre	Presentation from the Department of State Growth

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.

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions on notice from the public.

C312/19-2023

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 Opening Hours of Public Toilets

What is the plan to reopen toilets after dark in areas such as Kingston Park and Kingston Beach? What are the toilets that are affected by these closures and what's the plan to reopen?

Mayor responds:

I'll ask Mr Smee to talk to that, but just in some opening remarks, it is correct that we've had a substantial amount of vandalism in our public toilets at Blackmans Bay Beach, not as much Kingston

Beach, but certainly Blackman's Bay Beach. Also at not only the Community Hub ones at Kingston Park, but also the ones in the public open space area. And by substantial I mean we are talking probably in the order of \$40,000 to \$50,000 of damage had been done over a short space of time. What's happening with that damage is that it's not just people going in and graffitiing, we are talking destroying whole cubicles, setting fire to things and making those facilities totally unusable. Unfortunately, the parenting rooms at Community Hub was totally destroyed some time ago and that took a substantial amount of time for us to repair it. It is correct that we have surveillance, but the surveillance cannot prevent the vandalism being done at the time, it can catch the perpetrators afterwards, but when we're talking about the substantial amount of money that is being devoted from Council resources into having to have toilets out of action for a long period of time, but also then the money that's going into paying for those works is very, very disappointing and ultimately a cost to the ratepayers. My understanding is that with the change to daylight savings and the times that we will close the toilets will be altered to reflect the longer daylight hours. But at the end of the day, we've had a huge problem with what appears to be a range of different people in different locations, and it's very unfortunate that we've had to take this step, but it's not unlike the steps that other councils have taken around the State to close their toilets to prevent the vandalism, but as to more specifics, Mr Smee, would you like to assist us?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:

The the plan in terms of opening them 24 hours is a very fluid one. We would only do that if we had an indication from the community that there was demand to reopen after hours and bearing in mind it does only affect facilities at Kingston Park and the Blackman's Bay toilets and I think as the Mayor has indicated, the amount of vandalism and damage and the cost of damage has been significant, so at this point, as the Mayor indicated, we will be opening them for longer during daylight savings, but there is no proposal to reopen on a 24 hour basis unless we had a significant reason to do so.

Cr Cordover:

For Kingston Beach specifically, that to me appears to be the one where there's a lot of activity after dark at Kingston Beach from people who are just enjoying themselves, you know, going to the beach, going for exercise, going to the the various restaurants and bars, cafes that are there. I feel like there's more demand at Kingston Beach to have toilets that are available, particularly for the opening hours of places like Salty Dog and Robbie Browns in those places, while there's definitely people who are moving around that area. Why isn't there anything that we can do in terms of either security or what are the options that we have so that we just don't simply lock up these community assets? For Kingston Beach specifically.

Mayor:

So once again, before handing over to Mr Smee, . I think the extension to cover the the daylight hours with daylight savings time would certainly cover off on the community being around the Kingston Beach area after hours, and you mentioned the opening hours of some of the restaurants there, obviously the patrons of those places will patronise the toilets that are within those facilities. At the end of the day, it's how much risk do we want to take in incurring further expensive damage to our facilities that then become unusable at other times during the day? And in the case of, as it was for a long period of time at the Community Hub, totally without a parenting room because of the extent of the vandalism there. It's really a matter for weighing that up. Mr Smee, would you like to add anything further?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:

The most obvious solution is an increased security presence. We currently have random patrols, but obviously if we had a more permanent presence from security, that would be an option, but it's a costly one.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no questions on notice from Councillors.

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

C313/19-2023**15.1 MILLS REEF PARK RESERVE - PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Moved: Cr Aldo Antolli
Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That the Bruny Island Community Association be advised that Council will list their request for \$60,000 in funding for the purchase and installation of play equipment at Mills Reef Community Park for consideration in the 2024/25 capital budget.

CARRIED

C314/19-2023**15.2 THE TASMANIAN SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**

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

That:

- (a) Council Officers prepare a submission on behalf of Council to the discussion paper; and
- (b) express an interest to the State Government to be further involved in the development of the Strategy.

CARRIED

C315/19-2023**15.3 APPENDICES**

Moved: Cr Christian Street
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.

C316/19-2023**17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr David Bain

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 6.04pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 6.05pm

C317/19-2023

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 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	Nil

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.06pm

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 (Confirmed)

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 (Date)