Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

18 December 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, 18 December 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 A Midgley

Councillor M Richardson

Councillor C Street

Staff:

General Manager Mr Gary Arnold Director People & Finance Mr David Spinks Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services Mr Daniel Smee **Director Engineering Services** Mr David Reeve Director Environment, Development & Community Services Ms Deleeze Chetcuti Manager Development Services Ms Tasha Tyler-Moore Mrs Amanda Morton **Executive Assistant** Communications & Engagement Support Officer Ms Bianca Kleine

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No. 23 held on 4 December 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That the two reports headed 'AGM Motion - Environmental Reports' and 'Consideration of AGM Resolution - Stakeholder Engagement' be moved to the beginning of item 15 – Officer's Report to Council.

CARRIED

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9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Charles Biggins asked the following questions without notice:

9.1 Membership of the Body Corporate Entity known as Council

If the legal structure of Council is that of a body corporate and section 19 of the Local Government Act clearly states that it is then who are the members of that body corporate?

General Manager responds:

The members of Council are elected at the Local Government elections that are held in Tasmania every four years. The last election was held in October 2022.

Mr Biggins:

Do land holders of this municipality automatically become members of the body corporate and pay a membership fee in the form of rates to the body corporate?

General Manager:

The answer to the first part of your question is no. The elected members of the Council are the councillors duly elected at a Local Government election and the second part of your question, the answer is yes. Under the Local Government Act 1993, the Council is empowered under legislation to charge a general rate to all ratepayers in the usability.

Mr Biggins:

Are we at a body corporate meeting this evening? Did we attend the body corporate AGM a couple of weeks ago?

General Manager:

We are at a Kingborough Council meeting this evening and a couple of weeks ago we attended the Kingborough Council annual general meeting.

Mr Biggins:

At the AGM, were motions from the floor moved and seconded and voted on by the membership of that body corporate?

General Manager:

The motions at the Annual General Meeting were moved by residents of the municipality and voted on by residents of the municipality.

Mr Biggins:

Are councillors the directors of the body corporate elected by the membership to represent the interests of the membership?

General Manager:

Councillors are elected by the ratepayers in the municipality that are eligible to vote at local government elections.

Mr Biggins:

Is one of the primary responsibilities of the Council to collectively direct the General Manager? Is the General Manager the only member of staff that councillors can direct?

General Manager:

The Councillors are empowered under the Local Government Act to appoint a General Manager and the General Manager has certain functions under the Local Government Act, which include the employment of all other staff.

Mayor:

If I can just add to that under Section 28, sub-section 3A, it indicates in the Local Government Act that "in performing any function under this act or any other Act, a councillor must not direct or attempt to direct an employee of the Council in relation to the discharge of the employees duties." So I would take that to also include the General Manager who is an employee of the Council, in addition.

Mr Biggins:

Will the incoming General Manager retain that title, or will they be referred to as the CEO of the body corporate?

Mayor:

We have recently started the recruitment process which we are shortly finalising and within that we, in line with some other councils around the State, have chosen to retitle the position of General Manager to be Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Biggins:

Is it still appropriate in this day and age to be referring to the membership of the body corporate as ratepayers, which implies that the payment of rates is the only body corporate function and responsibility they have?

General Manager:

I would not refer to the Council as a body corporate as you have, Mr Biggins. I have previously this evening answered your question about the Council's ability under the Local Government Act to set and charge a general rate for those residents of and ratepayers of the municipality that own property within Kingborough or any other Council in Tasmania.

9.2 Greater Hobart Bush Fire Index

Is Kingborough Council aware that the Greater Hobart Bush Fire Index was launched on the 13th of December by Hobart based business GeoNeon?

Mayor responds:

Yes, we are. I was supposed to attend with the General Manager. Unfortunately, at the last minute we had to attend to other matters, but we were represented by our Manager of Environmental Services at the launch.

Mr Biggins:

Was Council aware that the project was funded by the National Emergency Management Agency and that GeoNeon partnered with several information technology companies and the University of Tasmania to produce specialised climate change adaptation software tools?

Mayor:

Yes, we were. We have been briefed on that and further, some time ago, only about six weeks ago as part of my role as Vice President at the Local Government Association, I had occasion to have a visit here from the National Emergency Management Authority from their director and also tour the national Situation Room. So I'm fully aware of the work of that organisation and what occurs on a national level in the event of an emergency.

Mr Biggins:

Kingborough Council's logo appears on the front page of the Bush Fire Index. What was the scope of involvement from Kingborough Council in the federally funded project?

General Manager:

We will take that question on notice to provide a detailed response.

Mr Biggins:

How does Council plan to use the Greater Hobart Bush Fire Index that allocates a Bush Fire risk score to each individual property within the municipality of Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough?

General Manager:

As you're aware, the launch only occurred a few days ago. Council officers will work through the data that's been provided and in due course there will be a further report coming to Council to respond, not only to your question, but also to provide for Council's decision or options on utilisation of that software and data moving forward.

Mr Biggins:

The Bush Fire Index identifies 800 Kingborough properties to be at high to extreme risk. Is this assessment consistent with the many other bush fire reports received by Council in the last 10 years?

Mayor:

We'll take that question on notice as well. We don't have our Manager of Environmental Services with us here this evening.

Mr Biggins:

Kingborough's 800 at risk properties make up 80% of the total high to extreme risk properties for the entire greater Hobart Bush Fire Index. Is this an acceptable level of risk for the General Manager?

General Manager:

Once again, you raise some valid points about a recently launched data set that Council officers will work through over the coming weeks and months to determine the implications of that data set on properties within Kingborough.

Mr Biggins:

Of their 800 at risk properties, approximately 20 of them are at extreme risk. Will the General Manager investigate these extreme risk properties with the purpose of identifying any fire hazards on those or neighbouring properties that should be abated by Council to at least reduce the risk out of the extreme Bush Fire risk range?

General Manager:

Once again, the data set was only launched publicly a few days ago. Council officers are working through that data set and will continue to do so to determine the implications before reporting back to Council.

Mr Biggins:

Council commissioned its own Bush Fire risk report from Melbourne University at the beginning of the year that identified 35 kilometres of high to extreme risk Council roads and has subsequently engaged a contractor to ground truth the results of the Melbourne University report. How many reports does the General Manager need and when does Council intend to abate its own 35 kilometres of Bush Fire hazard?

General Manager:

We are currently working through that data set as well and the implications arising from it and taking action as appropriate.

Mr Biggins:

Over the last 10 years, has the General Manager fulfilled his duty under the Local Government Act to ensure the health, safety and environment of the municipality when at least 20 dwellings have

been identified as being at extreme fire risk, and everyone of those residents evacuating from the Bush Fire vent would need to pass through at least 2 kilometres of extreme fire risk Council roads?

General Manager:

Council annually undertakes a range of measures to address the risk of Bush Fire, mindful that over 90% of Kingborough is in an area of high fire risk and those measures include working with the Tasmanian Fire Service, community engagement sessions to prepare our community to get the message across that everyone has a role to play in being prepared to address any risk from a potential Bush Fire and we will continue to do that and we will continue to work through the datasets and new information as it becomes available to us.

Mr Biggins:

Given that property inspections, reports, abatement notices and Council approvals will take months and the actual fuel reduction works could take many months, if not years, to complete, will Council be prioritising this work in preparation for the 2024/25 Bush Fire season?

General Manager:

I've said few minutes ago, the Council annually undertakes a range of mitigation measures, including with local Fire Brigades and the Tasmanian Fire Service, cool burns on Council reserves, we have a maintenance programme for roadside vegetation and we will continue to look at every opportunity to work with our community to reduce the risk of Bush Fire.

Mr Biggins:

The General Manager is duty bound to abate a known fire hazard under the Local Government Act and a Council policy cannot be in conflict with an Act. So the only exemption in the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme for biodiversity offsets are for when a fire hazard has been identified in a. Bush Fire hazard management plan or when a prescribed burn off is approved by the TFS. Why are land holders still required to apply for a Council permit to remove trees within a Bush Fire hazard management plan when no offset is payable by the landholder?

General Manager:

I think you are intertwining a couple of issues which are not necessarily related, being an abatement notice that is issued where Council officers have determined that a property is a fire risk, is completely done in isolation to any Council Biodiversity Offset Policy or any requirement under the LUPA, the Planning Act, insofar as an application for a development approval for a dwelling that might require removal of vegetation. The two are not related.

Mr Biggins:

The exemptions that exist in the planning scheme for biodiversity offsetting, they are only there because a fire risk has been identified and technically the General Manager would need to abate that, and we've already established that if you needed to abate a hazard, the biodiversity offset is not payable. So those exemptions only exist in the planning scheme because of the Local Government Act requirement for a fire hazard to be abated, yes or no?

General Manager:

The Local Government Act allows a Council, through the General Manager, to abate a nuisance. LUPA, the Planning Act, allows biodiversity offsets to apply. I hope that provides the clarification you're looking for.

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10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

10.1 Abatement Notice

Mr Charles Biggins submitted the following question on notice:

If you're served with an abatement notice and a tree is cut down as part of that, that would otherwise attract a penalty under our Biodiversity Offset Policy, does that penalty still have to be paid?

Officer's Response:

Where a planning scheme and/or by-law that regulates tree removal provide an exemption for abatement notices issued under the *Local Government Act 1993* then the biodiversity offset policy would not apply. The abatement notice would need to specifically require the removal of the particular tree for the exemption to be met. The Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 does have an exemption (5.4.1 (d) related to vegetation removal required in accordance with an abatement notice issued under the Local Government Act 1993. The requirement for offsets sits in the regulations not the Policy'

Liz Quinn, Manager Environmental Services

10.2 Biodiversity Offset Policy

Ms Jo Landon submitted the following question on notice:

Has Council ever sought legal advice about any aspect of the Biodiversity Offset Policy? If so could Council share a summary of that advice please? When was that legal advice provided?

Officer's Response:

Section 20(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 includes in the functions and powers 'A council may do anything necessary or convenient to perform its functions either within or outside its municipal area'; that includes the development of policies that can assist in delivering those functions and powers.

Consistent with other new or revised Council Policies, legal advice was not sought when the Biodiversity Policy was developed or revised. Via the process of planning appeals and Commission hearings, the merits and validity of the policy have been accepted. The Commission has approved application of the policy through references within the Scheme on behalf of the Minister of Planning.

The policy is not the power to request offsets, that is held by the provisions of the Planning Scheme. As the Planning Scheme is an instrument approved by the Minister of Planning, it is not deemed appropriate or necessary to have legal review of its content and application.

Tasha Tyler-Moore, Manager Development Services

10.3 Kingston Park

Ash Towns submitted the following question on notice:

Does Council have a policy or process for limiting the amount of school groups attending Kingston Park simultaneously during the school day? This morning we observed x4 bus loads of primary school children all swarm the Park at the same time, detracting from the experience of the area for

local residents. If not, would Council consider establishing such a policy and communicating with schools?

Officer's Response:

Council does not have a policy limiting attendance by schools at Kingston Park. Given that the playground is classified as a regional facility, it is expected that it will attract visitation from a wide range of schools, making a booking system or restrictions on use difficult to implement.

Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

10.4 North West Bay Cemetery

Ms Rebecca Lyons submitted the following question on notice:

On 18th September 2023 I met with Mel Staples and other representative from the Council (John and Janelle?) at the site proposed for natural burial at the North West Bay Cemetery in Margate. At the time we discussed the location, the need to check out the drainage and the investigations to be done around the budget allowance to set up the site, perhaps create a path and do the surveying of the plots. I also offered, as a Churchill Fellow and head of Australia's Natural Death Advocacy Network, to be involved in the discussions and development of policies about how the natural burial would be done and managed. So my questions are —

- 1. Can we have an update as to where the abovementioned investigations and developments are at;
- 2. Is the Council content to engage me in consulting with them as to the development of policy around natural burial to ensure their adherence to natural burial standards;
- 3. Will Council consider becoming a natural burial cemetery member of the Natural Death Advocacy Network;
- 4. How far away will the grid/survey be that will allow the first naturals burial to be done at the site; and
- 5. How many natural burial plots have been pre-purchased to date?

Officer's Response:

- 1. Investigations are continuing in relation to required drainage works to ensure that the preferred site is suitable.
- 2. Council does not intend to develop a formal policy in relation to this matter, however, procedures will be developed to provide guidance for staff.
- 3. Information regarding the Natural Death Advocacy Network has been received and will be considered, however as there is a cost to become a member, this will need to be considered alongside other operational budget requirements.
- 4. Once the nominated site is deemed suitable, surveying of the site will be conducted.
- 5. As the site is not ready to receive burials yet, no plots have been pre-purchased, however we have received five expressions of Interest, who will be invited to pre-pay for a plot once the site is ready.

Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

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11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Cordover asked the following question on notice:

11.1 Road Safety, Van Morey Road

A constituent has raised with me a possible road safety issues on Van Morey Road, south of Petit Road between poles 51 and 53, there is a corner that is apparently unsafe and I'm led to understand that bus drivers have made a complaint to Council about that corner. Is there any road widening, visibility improvements or other construction or remediation work planned for that corner?

Director Engineering Services responds:

We have done a fair bit of work on Van Morey Road over the last two to three years, including a number of different areas where we have done some localised widening and benching to improve sight distance. There is no immediate plans for any additional work but happy to take it on notice, have a look at it and see whether any additional work is required and needs to be put forward for a future budget bid.

Cr Bain asked the following question on notice:

11.2 AFL High Performance Centre

Kingborough's submission to host the AFL High Performance Centre has been gaining a lot of interest over the last few days. Firstly, can I congratulate all the staff involved to put together an excellent submission with detailed responses to every single criteria that State Growth advised would be part of the assessment. Have we received any feedback regarding the submission and our chances of being successful and have we been advised when a decision will be made?

Mayor responds:

Can I start by echoing your comments in relation to the submission that Kingborough Council put forward. I'm very grateful to the two staff members who worked on this and really developed guite a strategic approach as to how we might progress this in the best interests of both the local community but also for the aspirations of the new Tasmanian AFL team. I have received some feedback just from the community over the few days since we released it, everyone from the local butcher through to people in my gym class and others who say wouldn't it be so exciting to get the performance centre here in Kingborough. It certainly got some attention in the media and the feedback from the journalists concerned seemed to be very enthusiastic when we were up at the Twin Ovals when they saw the quality of infrastructure that's already there, the fact that we don't have to rezone the fact that we wouldn't have players having to cross busy roads to go to a split site, which was certainly one of the criteria that the State Government had set down, that they wanted everything located on one site. I think that the really positive thing for Kingborough in all of this is that we will be able to deliver such a project on time, which there is a very strong timeline that the State Government have set. I haven't received any feedback from the State Government. You may recall when we were all engaged in other matters last Monday night, Clarence Council did debate the matter and we saw a very unusual situation of the head of the steering committee who is going to make a recommendation to Minister Street, was actually at the Clarence Council meeting, imploring them to vote in support of the recommendation. A highly unusual situation and one that causes me some concern about the transparency of the process. It is my understanding that rather than wait until the New Year, that we can expect to have an outcome this week. That is a very quick turnaround and given the size of the submission that we presented and the number of criteria, I'm not sure how a very thorough assessment can be done in that short period of time, when both councils have only lodged their submissions last week. I do hope that ours gets a fair appraisel because the comparison that we have been able to do between ours and the Clarence one from the publicly available information shows very clearly that ours is superior and can meet all of the criteria that has been set by the AFL. I look forward to hearing the outcome and hope that for the interests of, particularly young aspiring AFL players in Kingborough, that we will have a positive outcome later this week.

11.3 Updates on Capital Works Projects

Could we have an update on the Summerleas Road underpass and the Channel Highway footpath between Mertonvale Circuit and United Service station?

Mayor responds:

The Summerleas Road underpass is going through the design process at the moment. I know that that's one that the community is very keen to have because of the link to continue the Whitewater track up towards the Spring Farm area. We haven't been to tender yet and I think it'll be in the second-half of next year. Underpasses aren't easy to design as you can appreciate. And the second one I'll throw to Mr Reeve.

Director Engineering Services:

Summerleas is at design at the moment. That's one that's partly funded by Council and partly grant funded. We are hoping to have that completed early in the New Year with the view point of tendering that out once again, that will probably come on the end of this financial year.

Cr Midgley asked the following questions without notice:

11.4 Bike Racks

Kinborough Bicycle Advisory Committee did a walk through of Channel Highway upgrades. When Council is choosing what bike racks to use as part of Transform Kingston and other developments, are Australian standard options chosen? I'm asking this because in regards to the bike rack that is at the new proposed bus stop, we tried to put a bike on there and it was too close to the fence, it wasn't suitable for a bike frame to attach to, they were angled so the bikes could fall over.

Director Engineering Services responds:

Any piece of infrastructure we put in place, we have to be mindful of all the Australian standards that might actually apply to them. Bike racks come in all different shapes and sizes, as you're probably aware. Do we always get it completely right? No, maybe not. If there are any issues associated with any particular installations, I am more than happy to take those on board and make sure that there's not something else that we can do to make them work a little bit.

Cr Midgley:

Thank you. And if possible, if we are deciding on bike racks for different public places, noting that Margate is coming up, would KBAC be able to have a look at what bike racks we're choosing because the feedback was that we don't need funky, stylized bike racks. We just need suitable usable bike racks.

Mayor:

I'm sure Mr Reeve would be happy to take that on board.

11.5 Ferry Masterplan

What planning are we undertaking in regards to active transport for the proposed ferry terminal at Kingston Beach?

Mayor responds:

At the moment that masterplan is a State Government document where there was very little consultation with the Councils. There was some at an officer level but apart from that, we were all seeing it for the first time a couple of days before it was released. I will admit that there were some things in there that we were surprised about and there was discussion of the sort of commitments that Councils would provide financially towards the ferry terminals to parking, to active transport etc, etc. We are still working through that, noting that Kingston Beach is quite a way down the list in terms of the priority sites, that there are more urgent priorities and locations that are far easier at the moment to actually establish a ferry service because there are some significant difficulties with the water infrastructure that would be proposed, the jetty that would be proposed at Kingston Beach. As you will be aware, we have the local area traffic management plan for Kingston Beach that is out for public discussion and consideration at the moment, so I'm sure as part of that that we would look at that sort of walkability and connectivity for the future when we hopefully do secure a ferry service for Kingston.

11.6 Improving Residential Standards Consultation

Is there an improving residential standards document that's currently out for consultation at the moment? I just heard that there is and someone was asking if Council's putting in a submission for that one.

Manager Development Services responds:

Yes, there is. It's out on public notification with responses due on 2 February I believe and the planning department intends on putting a submission in, in response to that.

Cr Antolli asked the following question on notice:

11.7 Bus Stops, Channel Highway

The bus stops that we're working on, on the Channel Highway, what's the update on when they will become functional?

Mayor responds:

I believe it's early in the New Year. The bus stop hasn't even got the seating in yet. The metal frame has been put into place, and we need to work with the transport providers, Metro and Tassie Link and any others to finalise that and give them notice so that they can advise their drivers, but at this stage hopefully January but I don't have a specific date.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

At the time the Minutes was compiled 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

C394/24-2023

14.1 SNUG TO CONINGHAM SHARED PATHWAY

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That the petition containing 256 signatures be received and referred to the appropriate Department for a report to Council.

CARRIED

15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

The next two items have been brought forward in the agenda as per the resolution in item 8.

C395/24-2023

15.4 AGM MOTION - ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

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

That the matter be discussed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright Seconded: Cr Kaspar Deane

That this matter be deferred.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Clare Glade-Wright, Aldo Antolli, David Bain, Kaspar Deane,

Amanda Midgley, Mark Richardson and Christian Street

Against: Crs Gideon Cordover and Flora Fox

CARRIED 8/2

C396/24-2023

15.5 CONSIDERATION OF AGM RESOLUTION - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley Seconded: Cr Gideon Cordover

That:

- a) Council resolves not to adopt the proposed actions identified in the resolution of its 2023 Annual General Meeting in relation to community engagement processes; and
- b) The mover and seconder of the motion be advised of Council's decision and thanked for their suggestions in relation to this matter.

CARRIED

C397/24-2023

15.1 MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS

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

Cr Antolli left the room at 7.02pm Cr Antolli returned at 7.03pm

That Council:

- (a) Note the State Government's intention to introduce reforms to manage conflict of interests for councillors; and
- (b) Provide the General Manager with delegation to respond to the framework proposal/discussion paper as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

C398/24-2023

15.2 DRAFT CHILD SAFETY POLICY 6.16 AND STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.

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

That Council adopt the Child Safety Policy 6.16 and Statement of Commitment as attached to this report.

Cr Street left the room at 7.16pm Cr Street returned at 7.18pm

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7.29pm Meeting resumed at 7.37pm

C399/24-2023

15.3 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY 3.8

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover Seconded: Cr David Bain

That the updated Treasury Management Policy 3.8 be approved.

CARRIED

C400/24-2023

15.6 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

That:

(a) Michael Brough, Jarrod Coad, Dr Don Hempton, Kate Lucas, David McLoughlin and Keith Pardoe be appointed as members of the Kingborough Community Safety Committee; and

- (b) The Committee meet over the next 12 months to review the Committee's roles and objectives, review the Terms of Reference, and provide clear goals and functions for the Committee going forward; and
- (c) A report be brought to Council in late 2024 outlining recommendations regarding the ongoing operation of the Committee for Council endorsement.

CARRIED

C401/24-2023

15.7 AUDIT PANEL APPOINTMENT

Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That Ms Colette Millar be re-appointed to the Audit Panel as an independent member for a period of four years.

CARRIED

C402/24-2023

15.8 FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023

Moved: Cr David Bain Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report as at 30 November 2023.

CARRIED

C403/24-2023

15.9 APPENDICES

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

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

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion received.

C404/24-2023

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

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

Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer

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

CARRIED

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 8.19pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 8.50pm

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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	Approved
Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer	Confirmed

CARRIED

CLOSURE					
There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.51pm					
(Confirmed)	(Date)				