

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4 March 2024

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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 March 2024 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:

- | | |
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| Mayor Councillor P Wriedt | ✓ |
| Deputy Mayor Councillor C Glade-Wright | ✓ |
| Councillor A Antolli | ✓ |
| Councillor D Bain | ✓ |
| Councillor G Cordover | ✓ |
| Councillor K Deane | ✓ (joined the meeting at 5.34pm) |
| Councillor F Fox | ✓ |
| Councillor A Midgley | ✓ |
| Councillor M Richardson | ✓ (joined the meeting at 5.32pm) |

Staff:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Acting General Manager | Mr Daniel Smee |
| Director Engineering Services | Mr David Reeve |
| Recreation Officer | Ms Su Sprott |
| Media & Communications Advisor | Ms Sam Adams |
| Executive Assistant | Mrs Amanda Morton |

C50/4-2024

4 APOLOGIES

Councillor C Street

C51/4-2024

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.3 held on 19 February 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Date	Topic	Detail
13 February	Budget	Councillors received a presentation on the draft Long Term Financial Plan

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items transferred.

Cr Richardson joined the meeting at 5.32pm

C52/4-2024

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Cr Deane joined the meeting at 5.34pm

Mr Mark Donnellon asked the following questions without notice:

9.1 Kingborough Place Strategy

Referring to the Kingborough Place Strategy of 2020, it emphasises reducing traffic volume and speed, including a 30km an hour speed limit for the benefit of a change in spatial priority from cars and buses to people, trees and shops. Are there any systems in use that are quantitatively monitoring speed, volume and noise of traffic on the Channel Highway in central Kingston to better inform the changes that are made to the area and what impact they have on those metrics?

Director Engineering Services responds:

We don't have any constant monitoring conditions, but we do have traffic counters that we use from time to time in various locations where we can do point in time traffic counts and we've actually done quite a number of traffic counts along the Channel Highway and some of the surrounding streets different reasons at different times. So that gives a pretty good idea in terms of where we might put some new measures in place and whether that's actually had any effect on the types of traffic in terms of volume, but also the speed of traffic as well. As for noise monitoring, that's a little bit more difficult. That tends to be more about the general aesthetics of the area, more than anything, and you can get some noise monitoring equipment that gives you an idea of exactly what sort of decibels you might be getting in a particular location. However, that's probably going to be of little use in terms of the CBD because it's not indifferent to many other built up areas where you'll have that general noise of traffic in the background. Is it large enough to warrant or be called a noise nuisance? No, it's not. We do know from the studies we've done in the past with Channel Highway in particular that it is and will remain a through route for traffic. So it's always expected to have a reasonable volume of traffic going through there that has been modelled with various difference scenarios and it's always come out with the fact that yes, it will continue as a main route for traffic. So we don't expect the numbers of traffic to actually drop off significantly, but we do expect the fact that probably the speed of the traffic will actually vary, particularly as we've now put in things like a central medium, we've got the roundabout at Hutchins Street and we've got a number of pedestrian crossings as well.

So that creates that uncertainty for vehicles that then leads them to actually slow down. We'll certainly be doing some future traffic counts in that area so that we can make some comparison pre-works that we've done in Channel Highway as compared to what we've actually got now as well.

Mr Donnellon:

What changes in projects are scheduled in the near future as well as for that on the cards for next financial year to reduce traffic volume and noise?

Director Engineering Services:

Is this to do with Channel Highway you're talking about or just generally?

Mr Donnellon:

Just the Channel Highway.

Director Engineering Services:

There's not any particular ones. There's certainly ones that are actually in the the near area, if you like, say for example, we'll be looking at moving forward with signalling Church Road and Beach Road, where we have had a few issues in that area. You might think that's unrelated, but all these roads are related, so it depends on how traffic chooses to go around the city or go through the city. That will make some sort of difference in in future years. There is certainly some other unrelated type projects which are are tied up with some of the message boarding that talks about traffic congestion, delays to get into the city and so forth, which is a project, it's not run by Council but run by Department of State Growth. But that's still on the cards. And there's other unrelated projects which are more to do with active transport in or around the CBD area that we're still pursuing as well.

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions on notice from the public.

C53/4-2024

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 Aquatic Centre

In the Mercury on 27 February, it was reported that both Labour and Liberal have pledged \$1,5 million for a southern beaches pool project in Dodges Ferry. If Sorell has now gained funding commitments for an aquatic centre, why hasn't Kingborough? Is Kingborough Council effectively lobbying for an aquatic centre for our region?

Mayor responds:

As you would be aware from the State election proposals that I circulated to everyone the week before last for input, funding for an aquatic centre was not within that list at this point in time. We did seek some funding for a feasibility study into a sea pool and whilst we hear the calls from the community via the Sport and Rec Strategy consultation that we just did, in reality, the quantum of funding that we would need from both State and Federal governments is probably in the order of around \$60 million to complete an aquatic centre in Kingborough. Indeed, with that list that I circulated around, which has a number of other projects on there such as the expansion of the Kingborough Sports Centre, which is bursting at the seams and lacking capacity for a whole lot of teams, those projects were deemed to be a priority ask of the government and probably a much

more, sorry, I should probably not say the government, but for all parties and candidates, and probably more realistic given that, unfortunately, Kingborough seems to be overlooked by all parties and candidates when it comes to funding commitments, and at this point of time, there have been no funding commitments provided to the Kingborough area that we would benefit from, whereas other ones have received funding commitments from parties such as Glenorchy for their pool and other areas, particularly north of the State. We are regarded by many people in government and many aspiring candidates to be a more wealthy area and so it is very difficult for Kingborough to get any traction for anything during elections and that's a great disappointment for the community and I can assure them it's not for lack of us trying. I have a series of meetings that I will be having this week with various candidates who have approached me in the hope that I can go through with them in detail the proposals that we have put forward and hope that we can get some engagement for some of those.

Cr Cordover:

There were overwhelming results from the from the sports survey that came back from the community saying that it was an aquatic centre that was a very high priority. Is there a broad awareness within the State Government and do you think within the other parties as well, about the communities request for an aquatic centre? I realise it's not on the wish list, but you provide some comfort or assurance that the State Government is aware that the community here is indeed clamouring for an aquatic centre?

Mayor:

I think it's fair to say that they are aware because certainly when we had the previous consultants report that we considered just under two years ago, it made headline news in the Mercury and in the local media. So I think there is an awareness that there are some people in the community, not all, but there are some people who would like to see an aquatic facility. Equally I have had conversations with ratepayers who, when they understand what an aquatic centre would mean to the increase in rates that would have to be done as a result of the annual losses of running costs and also the significant impost on depreciation. So all up, we're talking about \$1,000,000 impost every year on Council's budget. There are equally many ratepayers who say I would not use that, I don't want to have to have 3% more on my rates for a facility that either I would not use or when I can go 15 minutes up the road to the aquatic centre in Hobart. Whilst that strategy and the consultation did draw out some comments about the pool, there are equally many people who have an alternate view.

Cr Midgley asked the following question without notice:

11.2 Positive Provisioning Policy

Last year at KBAC meetings there has been request for a Positive Provisioning Policy and it's always been imminent that it's being worked on, and I'm just wondering at all whether that can possibly come to the next KBAC meeting as a draft?

Director Engineering Services responds:

I know it is being developed to the stage of almost being in a draft form. My officer, who's off at the moment on paternity leave, it is in his carriage and he's not back for another couple of weeks or so. I'd prefer to probably wait until he is back before we actually provide, but I will make sure it's a matter of priority for him to deal with it.

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

At the time the Minutes was compiled no Petitions had been received.

15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C54/4-2024**15.1 TWIN OVALS ADVERTISING AND SIGNAGE POLICY**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover
Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Twin Ovals Advertising and Signage Policy (Number 4.8) as attached to this report be endorsed.

CARRIED

C55/4-2024**15.2 DRAFT KINGBOROUGH TRACKS AND TRAILS STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council approve the release of the attached Draft Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategic Action Plan for public comment.

CARRIED

C56/4-2024**15.3 APPENDICES**

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

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

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

C57/4-2024**17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

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*

Kingborough Emergency Services

Regulation 15(2)(c)(i), and (2)(f) *commercial information of a confidential nature, that if disclosed, is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.*

CARRIED

Cr Richardson left the meeting at 6.41pm

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 6.41pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.15pm

C58/4-2024

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
Kingborough Emergency Services	Approved in Principle

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.16pm

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