



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3 February 2025

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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, 3 February 2025 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:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Dave Stewart
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Director Environment, Development & Community Services	Ms Deleeze Chetcuti
Manager Finance	Mr Tim Jones
Communications Lead	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C19/2-2025**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Aldo Antolli

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No.1 held on 20 January 2025 be confirmed as a true record.

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

Date	Topic	Detail
28 January	Kingston Park	Discussion on market dynamics and options for the further development of Kingston Park

C20/2-2025**7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Street declared an interest in the report headed "Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas By-Law No. 3 of 2021 - Application for a Permit".

C21/2-2025**8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

That the report headed "Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas By-Law No. 3 of 2021 - Application for a Permit" be moved from closed session into open session.

CARRIED**C22/2-2025****9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Mr Mark Donnellon asked the following questions without notice:

9.1 Dennison Street/Maranao Road Works

The road works were scheduled to be finished last week before the end of school holidays, could the works have been scheduled two weeks earlier to allow for more leeway and when are the works estimated to be completed?

Director Engineering Services responds:

We've tried to schedule these works so they fit within the school holiday period. It's quite difficult to manage that with contractor availability. We did organise for that to happen in the earliest possible time after Christmas. We knew we'd probably have an unsealed surface at the end of it by the time school actually started and we re-opened the road. In terms of where we will go to from here, there's two different parts to it, there's the substantial sealing of the road which will happen about Thursday week, and then after that, in the next school holidays, to complete the work, they'll put a skid seal on it, which is one of the main reasons why we're doing the project in the first place. We have to allow for the hot mix seal to settle for a little while before we can put that final seal on top, but the intention behind it is to, as much as possible, minimise the inconvenience to everybody. We certainly appreciate the fact that it's a very busy area and that it's very difficult when people are coming back to school and we will try, as much as possible, for contractors not to be there during the peak morning and afternoon periods in particular.

Mr Donnellon:

And I might just ask again, could the works have been scheduled two weeks earlier to allow more time?

Director Engineering Services:

No, that's what I tried to say at the beginning and that was partly to do with trying to fix these projects within holiday periods, it can be a little bit tricky because it's reliant on contractor availability. It's a reasonable holiday period at the Christmas break but contractors aren't usually available until a little bit later, so we're talking about the early to mid-January period and that's pretty much where we've actually scheduled it in and we've pretty much got to the point we expected to get to.

C23/2-2025**10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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10.1 Planning Department Staffing Levels

Mr Jarryd Knightley submitted the following question on notice:

1. *Can council please provide the level of staffing within the Planning Department over the last 5 years?*
2. *Can council please provide the total of hours worked each year by council planning staff for each of the previous 5 years?*
3. *Who is paying for the transition to the new State Planning scheme, this is inclusive of ALL hours worked by council staff over the last 10 years and all supporting reports by third parties etc?*
4. *Does council track all costs/hours associated with the transition to the new State planning scheme?*

Officer's Response:

1. The staffing level of the Development Services department has ranged from 26 FTE employees to 29 FTE employees. The Development Services Department comprises of

statutory planning, strategic planning, building and plumbing, development engineering and administrative staff.

2. The total hours worked by Development Services staff for the past five years is shown below. These hours do not include adjustments for annual leave, sick leave, public holidays or vacancies.

FY20 – 50,882 hours

FY21 – 52,718 hours

FY22 – 52,858 hours

FY23 – 54,617 hours

FY24 – 57,066 hours

3. Under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 both planning authorities and the state have obligations in relation to the review, preparation, exhibition and implementation of Local Provision Schedules. The work associated with the planning authority obligations funded by Council and the work associated with the state obligations is funded by the state.
4. No, Council has not tracked all costs/hours associated with the transition to the new State planning scheme. The transition process is primarily being managed by three to four key staff within the Department, which includes our strategic planning staff.

Deleeze Chetcuti, Director Environment, Development & Community Services

10.2 Governance, Landscape Conservation Zone, Trees on Private Land By-Law, Bushfire Management

At the Council meeting on 20 January 2025, **Mr Charles Biggins** asked the following questions without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the questions would be taken on notice:

1. *If councils are body corporate entities, as section 19 of the Local Government Act says they are, then who are the membership of this body corporate entity?*
2. *Does the payment of a rates notice qualify a landholder as a financial member of the Kingborough Council body corporate?*
3. *Are Councillors fulfilling the role of body corporate directors elected by the paid up membership of this municipality?*
4. *Are only financial members of this body corporate entitled to move motions at the body corporate AGM and petition Council by obtaining signatures of other financial members of the body corporate?*
5. *Did Council use a floating charge across the fees, rates and charges as security for the \$10 million in no interest for the first five years loans obtained from the State Government?*
6. *If Council did use the rates base of its body corporate membership to secure loans then it would be perfectly legal for Council to raise those rates in order to meet its interest repayments, instead of selling Council assets. Yes or no?*
7. *Did Council consider when negotiating the transfer of valuable sports precinct land to the State Government for the two high performance centres that this would be an opportunity to ask for the \$10 million debt to be wiped from the books? If not, why not?*

8. *Using the rates base to secure State Government loans that the Council was unable to pay back during the five year interest free period, and can now only serve us by perpetually raising the very rates base it used to secure the loans in the first place, such a feedback loop is usually associated with a Ponzi scheme. How is this any different?*
9. *I've previously raised questions in this Chamber regarding the creation of an environmental regulatory grid on private property. I've also asked questions regarding Council's own exposure to liability associated with protecting those environmental and biodiversity assets. Is it true that Council nominated a third of the municipality for Landscape Conservation Zoning in 2019? What proportion of the municipality was nominated for conservation zoning in 2019?*
10. *Is it true that Council's priority vegetation overlay covers some 90% of the private land outside of the urban town boundaries?*
11. *Is it true that Council last year amended the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme to incorporate the latest version of its own Biodiversity Offset Policy, a policy that includes financial offsets between 40,000 and 80,000 per hectare for the loss of priority vegetation?*
12. *Is it true that Council drafted its own Trees on Private Land By-law, which includes on the spot fines for several thousand dollars for land owners who are caught removing trees on their own private property without a Council permit?*
13. *Did the draft include on the spot fines of several thousand dollars for land owners who are caught removing trees on their own property without a council permit?*
14. *Is it true that it's still Council's intention to bring a version of the Trees on Private Land By-law into effect in 2025?*
15. *Is it true that Council accepts no liability for the risks associated with maintaining a biodiversity rich environment on private land?*
16. *Is it true that Council's own bush fire management strategy limits the scope of Council's mitigation actions to Council's own reserves that make up only 3% of the municipality?*
17. *Is it true that in 2025, of all the municipalities across Australia, Kingborough has the largest population at extreme risk of harm from a bush fire event?*
18. *Is it true that, in spite of Council having the authority to cause the creation of fire breaks on private and public land under the Local Government Act, this Council has no strategic fire breaks surrounding the urban areas of Kingborough that emergency services could use for back burning operations in the event that those urban areas are threatened by a bush fire?*
19. *Was Council successful in the TFS pilot grants program for fire breaks? I noted that Cartwright reserve was being upgraded to a registered fire break. Was that through the TFS's pilot grants program?*

Officer's Response:

- 1, 2, 3 & 4 A body corporate is a legal entity, and not all body corporates are the same. Concerning reference to a Body Corporate pursuant to s.19 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), there is no body corporate membership including financial, by virtue of, paying rates does not make a person a member of the body corporate, and there are no body corporate Directors. The Act governs the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Council, Councillors, and Authorised persons.
5. Council apply to Treasury annually for approval to borrow and security is given to Tascorp via a floating charge over Council's revenue.

6. Rates are Council's largest source of income and thus go towards funding most of Council's operations. This includes community services, community resilience, waste management, environmental health, natural areas and biodiversity, stormwater, parks and gardens and sporting facilities, tracks, roads and footpaths, regulatory services as well as governance and administration costs. Rates also fund debt servicing costs.
7. No, council has not formally considered requesting the State Government waive or fund Council debt in exchange for the transfer of land relating to sporting high performance centres. These negotiations and terms have been agreed to by Council as part of a sperate decision making process.
8. The loans were Interest Only loans and there was never any intention to pay them off during the period of the loan. The initial loan, and subsequent renewal, were with the same banking institution. A Ponzi scheme involves using funds from new investors to repay previous investors.
9. The first part of the question asks about the Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ), the answer is the 2019 version of the Draft LPS proposed approximately 10% of the properties in the municipality to be zoned LCZ. The current draft version of the Draft LPS proposes 7.7% of properties in the municipality to be zoned LCZ.

The second question asks about conservation zoning – the only zone that serves the function of conserving land is the Environmental Management Zone (EMZ), the applicable zone purpose is 'to provide for protection, conservation and management of land with significant ecological, cultural or scenic value'. The current version of the Draft LPS proposed 1.9% of the properties in our municipality to be zoned EMZ.
10. Under KIPS, 100% of private land outside of urban zones is subject to the vegetation overlay. Under and under the draft 2024 LPS it is proposed to be 47%. However, the 2024 overlay now excludes Bruny Island, which is proposed to be covered by the Bruny Island Natural Values Area – Biodiversity Overlay rather than the Priority Vegetation Overlay. Including the area proposed to be subject to the Bruny Island Natural Values Area – Biodiversity Overlay, 81% of private land outside urban zones is proposed to be covered by a priority vegetation overlay or equivalent on under the draft 2024 LPS.
11. Under the current Biodiversity Offset Policy, the per hectares rate for the loss of priority biodiversity values was increased from \$12,500 to \$13,650. These rates are subject to replacement ratios, have only increased for very high priority biodiversity values from 5:1 to 6:1. Theoretically when applied, these ratios could result in a financial offset of between \$40,000 and \$80,000 per hectare. However, where possible on-site rather than off-site offsets are preferred, and 73% of offsets paid to date <\$1000. This is not anticipated to change significantly as a result of the current policy.
- 12, 13 & 14. Council has drafted a Trees on Private Property By-law (the By-law) and regulatory impact statement (RIS). Community consultation on the By-law and RIS has closed, and the By-law will return to Council for decision in the future.

The draft by-law that was put before the community for consultation, has a maximum infringement notice offence of 4 penalty units (\$808).
- 15 & 16. Council undertakes bushfire risk management and mitigation practices in accordance with the relevant requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Fire Service Act 1979* and applicable policies and strategies endorsed by Council. Council's (the planning authority) assessment of vegetation removal and bushfire mitigation for development is undertaken in accordance with the Kingborough

Interim Planning Scheme 2015 which operates under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

The Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) is responsible for ensuring that fire-danger is appropriately mitigated by undertaking the chief role in fire prevention, preparedness, and response for the State. The TFS does this by working closely with relevant land management agencies, including Parks and Wildlife, Sustainable Timbers and local government. Council is part of the State led, risk-based fire management and is an active member of the State Fire Management Council.

Council's Bushfire Risk Reduction Strategy is based on the principle that bushfire reduction and management is a shared responsibility. As such, Council's strategy does focus on Council owned or managed land, however the scope of the strategy is not limited to council land and incorporates complimentary work to that of the TFS and other fire management agencies in a tenure blind approach across the municipality. In addition, one of the key outcomes of the Strategy is that community bushfire preparedness and resilience building continues to establish a culture of bushfire risk awareness in the Kingborough community. The Council Strategy's mitigation actions are much broader than the creation of fuel breaks.

17. It is well known that the majority of the Kingborough municipality is mapped as high risk in various models. Many municipalities in Australia have a higher population with a similar or higher bushfire risk.
18. Council has established and maintains 30 fuel breaks, 7 Hazard Management Areas and multiple areas of low fuel state managed land, all of which are strategic in nature to assist in limiting risk to residents from bushfire. Council's fuel breaks and hazard management areas are located on land that Council owns or manages. They compliment other relevant agencies strategic fire management controls.
19. The upgrades to Cartwright Reserve were budgeted for within this financial year. The Tasmanian Fire Service Pilot Grants program was not announced at that point. The grant application period does not close until the end of February. Council has applied, and if successful, will upgrade Cartwright Reserve with the grant funding received.

Deleeze Chetcuti, Director Environment, Development & Community Services

Tasha Tyler-Moore, Manager Development Services

Tim Jones, Manager Finance

Scott Basham, Manager Legal & Property

Liz Quinn, Manager Environmental Services

10.3 Bushfire Management

Leith McDougall submitted the following question on notice:

1. *Does the Kingborough council believe there will be a major bushfire in the near future?*
2. *Does the Kingborough Council believe they have satisfied the requirements of their own Fire Risk Abatement Policy? The statement's opening line states it will 'provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community'.*
3. *Shouldn't the council be encouraging land management to reduce the intensity of an inevitable large fire event?*

4. *With climate change creating havoc in bushfire-prone areas around the world, we would all do well to learn from the 'cold fire' burning and scrub-clearing practices Aboriginal people have perfected over thousands of years. The climate, flora, and fauna would be better off if there was encouragement to thin the landscape in which we live.*
5. *What is the actual reason behind the Landscape Conservation Zone and Biodiversity offsets?*

Officer's Response:

1. A seasonal bushfire outlook is produced annually by AFAC, the National Council for fire and emergency services. Fire risk can vary greatly, even at the smaller scale, and an assessment takes into account different land use types and vegetation types. This is influenced by different forecasts for temperature and rainfall over regions. A significant bushfire is defined as being of such size, complexity, duration or other impact that requires resources (from both a pre-emptive management and suppression capability) beyond the region in which fires originate. Increased bushfire risk depends on many factors including weather and climate, fuel amount and availability, recent fire and disturbance history, natural and human barriers, and how quickly and effectively firefighting resources are able to suppress fires in an area. The outlook for Tasmania is currently for a normal bushfire season, but this does mean there is the potential for a significant bushfire.
2. Council undertakes fire abatement practices where fire risk has been identified on private land, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's endorsed Fire Risk Abatement Policy 4.7. The Policy allows for the proactive and reactive reduction in fire risk, via an abatement notice process, in accordance with Tasmania Fire Service *Fuel Break Guidelines*, *Fuel Break Width Calculator*, and approved assessment tools.
3. Over 90% of the municipality is bushfire prone. In recognition of this, Kingborough Council is part of a State led, risk-based fire management, that ensures all agencies are operating at maximum efficacy. Council is an active member of the State Fire Management Council (SFMC). All land managers are represented in the SFMC and support a tenure blind approach to land management for bushfire, led by TFS.

There are also State led guidelines including the State Vegetation Fire Management Policy and Bushfire Risk Management Plans (BRMP's). The Bushfire Risk Management Plans (BFRMP) for each fire management area are publicly available can be found on the State Fire Management Council (SFMC) website at www.sfmc.tas.gov.au. Council is acting on the recommendations of the BFRMP.

4. Council is actively working with cultural cool burning practitioners to use this fuel management technique in Council bushland reserves. Council has a strong relationship with the South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation, including an Aboriginal Land Management Officer who works across the two organisations facilitating knowledge about healing country including the use of fire.
5. The reasoning for Landscape Conservation Zone is provided in Section 2.2.14 of the [LPS Supporting Document](#) (the discussion starts on page 42). In short, it is one of the new zones introduced by the State Government as part of their process to convert all existing interim planning schemes into a single statewide planning scheme. The approach Council took with the mapping of this new zone is outlined in the above-mentioned document and is still subject to changes as part of the Tasmanian Planning Commission's hearing process having regard to the representations received during the exhibition period.

The planning scheme allows for the application of Biodiversity Offsets (regardless the zoning of land) where clearing is proposed and where impacts on biodiversity values are not able to be avoided or minimised. Where offsets are required, values are first attempted to be offset through 'on-site offsets' where land on the same property containing the same values is protected in perpetuity. If this is not achievable then the protection of similar values on another property using an 'off-site offset' is sought. The final option if the first two options are

unsuitable is a 'financial offset', which is received by Council into the [Kingborough Environmental Fund](#). These funds are then reinvested into the community through local environmental projects.

Belinda Loxley, Emergency Management Coordinator

Liz Quinn, Manager Environmental Services

Scott Basham, Manager Legal & Property

10.4 Specific Area Plans

Ms Jo Landon submitted the following question on notice:

The Bonnet Hill SAP, Coastal Settlements SAP and Bruny Island SAP weren't included within the original draft Local Provisions Schedule submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission in December 2019.

- 1. Did the councillors debate and approve these SAPs prior to them being incorporated into the revised draft LPS?*
- 2. If they did, on what date(s) did this happen? Could any relevant reports be provided please?*
- 3. Was there any consultation with the community regarding these three SAPs prior to them being incorporated into the draft LPS? If so, please provide any relevant reports.*
- 4. Did the councillors (acting as the planning authority) debate, endorse and certify the modified draft LPS prior to it being formally submitted to the Commission in September 2024? If so, on what date(s) did this take place? Please share any relevant report.*

Officer's Response:

1. Council did not approve the latest version of the Specific Area Plans (SAPs) and the changes to the Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) were instructed by the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPC) and made by Council officers under delegated authority.

To clarify, the first version of the Draft LPS that was submitted to the TPC for assessment did not include the Blackmans Bay Bluff and Bonnet Hill SAP, Kingborough Coastal Settlement SAP or Bruny Island SAP, but included SAPs for Blackmans Bay Bluff, Kettering and Dennes Point. Council's report of 9 December 2019 (the date the first version of the Draft LPS was presented to Council), pre-empted that the TPC would make modifications to the Kingborough Draft LPS prior to public exhibition. The proposed SAPs for Blackmans Bay Bluff, Bonnet Hill, Kingborough Coastal Settlement, Bruny Island and others were prepared during the post lodgement assessment period.

2. Councillors were updated on the TPC's assessment of the Draft LPS and the proposed SAPs at workshops held on 14 August 2023, 26 August 2024 and 30 September 2024. There were no Council reports prior to the report of 7 October 2024 advising of the TPC's instruction to commence with public exhibition.
3. No. The LPS exhibition period has been used for this purpose. The TPC's public hearing process will also provide opportunity for representors to discuss the draft planning scheme and SAPs before a final decision is made.
4. No. The changes to the Draft LPS were instructed by the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPC) and made by Council officers under delegated authority.

Adriaan Stander, Senior Strategic Planner

C24/2-2025**11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 Snug Tiers Bushfire

A constituent raised with me the issue of fire trail access across both public land, Council owned land and also private land. Does Council maintain a routine of clearing fire trails in the fire trail network, or is this a responsibility of other agencies?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

It is the responsibility of other agencies if they are the other agencies' tracks to their breaks. For Council maintained breaks, we maintain our tracks.

Cr Cordover:

In terms of planning for new fire trails through areas of high fuel load which are on Council owned land, which department of Council is responsible for that? Is it our natural areas and biodiversity team or would it fall elsewhere?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

It is our NAB team and in particular our bushfire officer who works very closely with TFS and he would liaise with other areas of the organisation as needed.

Cr Cordover:

Obviously this is an ongoing situation and thinking about the next time, will there be the opportunity for us to reflect on the fire trail network and possibly open up opportunities for community members to participate in alerting Council to fire trails that are overgrown. Would that be something that is helpful?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

Potentially, but what we would probably need to reiterate is that fire management in the State is primarily the TFS's responsibility along with Parks and Wildlife and Sustainable Timbers. We do sit on the Fire Management Council and we align all of our strategies with what they call a tenure blind approach across the State which is determined by those three agencies. That strategy is informed by lots of different data points, and it's best that we align ourselves with that strategy that's provided by the TFS.

Cr Antolli asked the following questions without notice:

11.2 AFL High Performance Centre

Could council please update the community on the latest discussions around the AFL High Performance Center and the progress we're making and where we're at?

Chief Executive Officer responds:

Council is in discussions with the Department of State Growth who are the agency that are leading the approach around the high performance center. At the moment we have provided a schedule of

costs that Council will incur in the first six months through to the end of this financial year. The State Government are preparing a grant deed that will fund Council for that first period. Once we are in receipt of that we will be funded on a monthly basis to deliver the areas of responsibility that we have for delivery of the community infrastructure, the planning, those types of things, within the the program. In parallel, we'll be looking to develop and finalise the heads of agreement, which will be an overarching agreement that will support and define Council's responsibilities alongside the responsibility of the State Government throughout the entire project. This will include funding obligations associated with that program. In parallel to these negotiations, we have conversations that are happening with the State Government around how we are developing a precinct planning approach up at the Sports Centre precinct. This will ensure that we've got the right spatial layout with the State looking at design options for the more detailed granular design of exactly where the built facility of the High Performance Centre will sit, and so all those sort of pieces of design work are happening in parallel and Council will be procuring both engineering and architecture designs to help us with that overall precinct plan.

Cr Antolli:

Do we have an estimation of a construction date begin or breaking of ground?

Chief Executive Officer:

At this stage, I don't have a date for breaking of ground. There is a lot of project planning work still to happen. A number of other elements such as subdivision development applications, all of those types of things that will need to be worked through before we get to that point. The project planning will get to that more detailed granular approach eventually, but we're not there yet.

Cr Street asked the following questions without notice:

11.3 Sealing of Roads

Does Council have any assessment criteria that they consider when considering the upgrade of an unsealed road to a sealed road?

Director Engineering Services responds:

Informally we do. We look at things like what the maintenance considerations are, in other words, if you've got a steep section of unsealed road, quite often that'll have some elevated maintenance. If you have a lot of traffic, using it as well, whether there's any accident history, what sort of abutting properties are there. Some of these roads have almost become a little bit urban in nature if you like due to the density of the housing and obviously picks up more traffic as well. However, having said that, there are a lot of unsealed roads in the municipality. One of the tasks on the list for my department is to put before Council a policy on unsealed roads which does just that, it puts the criteria down against various different things and lists those rides that we have, and at what criteria we would consider sealing a road. As you mentioned, sealing a road is an expensive proposition, so it has to be thought through fairly carefully but it's important to have that visibility and transparency for everybody to look at and something for Councillors to hang their hat on when they get these questions from the community.

Cr Midgley asked the following questions without notice:

11.4 Waste Strategy and FOGO

Can we have an update in regards to the new version of the waste strategy and also wondering about FOGO and whether we're looking at the opt out approach?

Director Engineering Services responds:

Yes, it was one that was raised last year through our budget process in terms of renewing our waste strategy. It's getting to the point where most of the actions that have either been done or are ongoing actions and there are a few things that have happened in the State with the State wide board and the regional board in place. So it is certainly on our list to put forward again in the budget submissions for next financial year to renew that waste management strategy and in particular to pick up on some additional actions and to pick up on things like FOGO as to whether or not we want to go down the track of changing how we've got that set up and probably to look at where our collection services are as well.

11.5 Tasmanian Planning Scheme

I've had a few community members contact me who put in a submission during the exhibition period for the new planning scheme. What advice or information are we giving those people in regards to what the hearing process looks like for people who never been to anything like that?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

I'm not sure what information we have specifically in relation to that on our website, but I will discuss with staff what the most appropriate pathway is for people who have made a submission to seek that advice, whether it's from Council or the Commission themselves.

11.6 Aquatic Centre Working Group

Are there any updates in regards to the working group?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

The group met last in early December and the next key step for the group is waiting the outcome of our grant application to the precincts program where we've sought funding to do design work and that outcome won't be known until later next month. It was agreed that there wouldn't be a further meeting until we know the outcome of that application.

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.

Cr Street left the room at 5.56pm

15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C25/2-2025**21.1 PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL AREAS BY-LAW NO. 3 OF 2021 - APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox

Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That this report be deferred.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Clare Glade-Wright, David Bain, Kaspar Deane, Flora Fox, Amanda Midgley, Mark Richardson and Christian Street

Against: Crs Aldo Antolli and Gideon Cordover

CARRIED 8/2

Cr Street returned to the room at 6pm

C26/2-2025**15.1 LAND LEASE - LESLIE VALE OVAL**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Kaspar Deane

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to:

- a) Provide landowner consent for the lodgement of a development application for the installation of a telecommunications tower at Leslie Vale Oval; and
- b) Subject to a permit being issued, negotiate terms and conditions for a lease of ~100 square metres of land to Amplitel, as required for the development.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Clare Glade-Wright, Aldo Antolli, David Bain, Gideon Cordover, Kaspar Deane, Flora Fox, Mark Richardson and Christian Street

Against: Cr Amanda Midgley

CARRIED 9/1

C27/2-2025**15.2 DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That Council adopt the Draft Dispute Resolution Policy as attached to this report.

CARRIED

C28/2-2025**15.3 FINANCIAL REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**

Moved: Cr David Bain

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

Cr Street left the room at 6.35pm

Cr Street returned at 6.36pm

That Council:

- (a) endorses the attached Financial Report as at 31 December 2024
- (b) Notes the progress made with the delivery of the Capital Program and approves the deferral of projects associated with the AFL High Performance Centre as outlined in the report;
 - (i) Kingston View Drive reseal, \$160,000.
 - (ii) Kingston Mountain bike carpark renewal, \$39,000.
 - (iii) Kingston Mountain bike dirt jumps, \$61,000.
- (c) Approves the following additional funding:
 - (i) \$105,000 for sealing of Adventure Bay Road;
 - (ii) \$80,000 for Civic centre works, associated with improvements to the heating and ventilation and changes to counters;
- (d) Notes that further reports or budget submissions are required for
 - (i) Summerleas Road underpass;
 - (ii) Browns Road reconstruction; and
 - (iii) Sherburd Oval changerooms replacement.

CARRIED

C29/2-2025

15.4 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.

C30/2-2025

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
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*

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

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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 6.50pm

Cr Richardson left the meeting at 6.50pm

Cr Deane left the meeting at 6.50pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.19pm

C31/2-2025

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

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
Current Court Matters	Noted

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)