Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

19 May 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, 19 May 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 A Midgley

Councillor M Richardson

Councillor C Street

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer
Director People & Finance
Director Engineering Services
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
Director Environment, Development & Community Services
Executive Assistant

Mr David Spinks
Mr Craig Mackey
Mr Daniel Smee
Ms Deleeze Chetcuti
Mrs Amanda Morton

C121/8-2025

4 APOLOGIES

Councillor F Fox

C122/8-2025

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No. 7 held on 5 May 2025 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

| Date | Торіс | Detail |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 12 May | Draft Operating & Capital Budgets | Discussion on the draft operating budgets for 2025/2026 |

C123/8-2025

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Mackey declared an interest in the report headed "KWS Board Appointment".

8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items transferred.

C124/8-2025

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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Mr Mark Donnellan asked the following question without notice:

9.1 Recycle Rewards Program

With the State Government's recycle rewards program now launched, and it possibly diverting recycling away from curbside recycling into the program, does the Council see any way they might be able to reduce the cost of kerbside recycling to ratepayers?

Chief Executive Officer:

We would need to look at the detail of that and obviously continue to keep modelling the costs associated with these services. However, the roadside collection of recycling, the significant cost in that, is around the cost of the service in terms of picking up the recycling. My initial response would be I think it would be unlikely that we would be able to reduce the cost, but that is something that we will continue to monitor as things change within the dynamic waste sector.

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10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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10.1 Bike Racks

At the Council meeting on 5 May 2025, **Mr Mark Donnellon** asked the following question without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

I recall that at a previous Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting that we identified that the bike racks at the new bus interchange are too close to the adjacent fence to park a bike correctly, in that you can't wheel your bike forward into the bike rack because there is no space on the other side of the bike rack. Has that been reviewed and is it still intended to be adjusted?

Officer's Response

The positioning of the bike rack has been adjusted.

Craig Mackey, Director Engineering Services

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11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

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Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 AFL High Performance Centre

The media has been running a story in the last day or so about the increased costs of the construction. The media is reporting it as a \$45 million cost blowout in the construction of the proposed AFL High Performance Centre. In the face of ongoing rate increases over previous years, can the Council provide ratepayers some comfort around the projected cost increases, will they or won't they affect local ratepayers in terms of whether their rates will change, or whether there will be a diminishment in Council services as a result of AFL costs blowing out?

Mayor responds:

I can confirm that there was a media event yesterday that the State Government organised to announce the budget allocation ahead of the state budget on the 29th May and the minister made it known that the costs had escalated from the originally proposed costs of \$65 million up to \$105 million and that that would be reflected in the budget papers next week. But as I have been at pains to point out, this is a State Government project. We are not funding any aspects of the AFL High Performance Centre or works associated with relocation of some of the existing facilities that need to be moved in order to accommodate the additional two ovals. We have been very clear all along that the AFL High Performance Centre is not coming at a cost to ratepayers and I have reiterated that to the media today.

Cr Cordover:

How will local stakeholders and local ratepayers be involved in ongoing decision making or providing input around the AFL High Performance Centre?

Mayor:

There will be opportunities for the community to engage in this project at a broader level. Obviously we have stakeholders that are immediately affected by it, the existing occupants of the twin ovals, the the Knights and the Tigers. There has already been engagement with the existing tenants of the whole Kingborough Sports Centre precinct, of which there are 33 different sporting clubs and as it progresses, there will be an opportunity for broader community engagement as the development applications are lodged for the project. There will need to be a series of development applications because there will be ones for the construction of the High Performance Centre, there will be ones for the construction of the various ovals. There will be, for example, with the relocation of the dog walking area, we have requirements under the Dog Management Act to publicly consult on declared off lead dog areas. So that would be another opportunity for people to have input into that process. As those DA's are made available to the community, I'm not sure whether there is there are any further plans by the football club to engage the community in a broader sense, but there would certainly be opportunities through that process.

Cr Bain asked the following question without notice:

11.2 Mountain Bike Track

There have been some reports in the media about the mountain bike track relocating. Can I just clarify that when Council says that's relocating, it's relocating within the Kingborough precinct, it's not moving any further than that?

Mayor responds:

Yes, I can confirm that that is the case. Obviously we have limited availability of Council land. I think there's a bit of a perception that we do own as Council a lot of land throughout the municipality, which is not quite the case, but it's always been our ambition that we want to keep the integrity of that sports centre precinct, particularly for those activities like the mountain bike park area. The master plan indicates that it would still be in that area, but just further along because where it's located at the moment would need to be the site of one of the additional ovals that will be constructed.

Cr Midgley asked the following questions without notice:

11.3 AFL High Performance Centre

I've heard that Inspiring Place has been engaged to look at the original master plan for the area and perhaps tweak a few of the bits around there. I had a conversation with Little Athletics and there's a bit of a concern around that they will still have that vision of the 400 metre oval. Are we keeping all of the user groups involved, engaged and consulting with them regarding any tweaks to the original master plan?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

It's not Inspiring Place. Inspiring Place did the original master plan for the site. The master plan that's being prepared at the moment is being done by Philp Lighton Architects in conjunction with JMG Engineering Consultants. The work is specifically looking at the technical feasibility of the elements of the bid that we put in. The bid was consulted on with all the clubs and there's no changes proposed to the location of any of the infrastructure that we had put into that bid. But what we are now looking at is the finer detail, the engineering detail and the technical detail to ensure that what was done at a conceptual level when we originally put our bid in is actually feasible. We have been actively engaging with our key stakeholders in relation to that and as soon as this master plan is finalised, we'll be engaging further. In relation to Little Athletics it is the case that the proposed new oval above Gormley Park does impact on their ability to expand south and that's been known by a Little Athletics from the moment that we originally looked at putting in a bid for this, that was always going to be the

case that the land that had been earmarked for them to expand Gormley Park, is not going to be possible and that has certainly been communicated with Kingborough Little Athletics.

11.4 Huntingfield Development

I have been asked by community members what stage will the housing be built? When will the social housing be built and just a reminder of what percentage of social and affordable housing will be there?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

I sought an update from staff today and they indicated, to their knowledge, so we're only dealing with the the planning side of the development, the development is still in the stages of finalising the titles. Our understanding is that construction won't commence for quite some time, perhaps a few months to six months. That's just our estimate gleaning from what we know. The percent of social housing is 15% and our understanding is that the social housing will be one of the later stages to be constructed.

11.5 Soft Plastics

It's great to see the soft plastics pilot program at Baretta. Some community members are asking if it's going to be expanded to other areas across Kingborough?

Mayor responds:

We are looking at that at the moment. It was quite interesting that Hobart City Council were out enthusiastically spruiking this in the media when we're already doing it down here at Kingborough and Clarence City Council also have their trial going as well. As I understand it, Clarence have availability at two locations and it would be my hope, and in fact only this morning I talked to the CEO about whether we could potentially have the Civic Center as another drop off location because we're certainly getting really good utilisation with our recycling centre that we have here and also we now have the recycling centre up at the Kingborough Sports Centre also. But Mr Mackey would like to contribute on this.

Director Engineering Services:

I got some advice today that yes, we're in a trial 12 month trial period to determine the successful nature of it. At this point there isn't an intent to expand beyond Baretta and the reuse shop and that's because they need to actually staff it and there would be concerns that we would need to staff any other collection points outside of that site. At this point, we are looking to run the trial period for 12 months and assess its success based on that for any further extension.

Mayor:

Why does it have to be staffed?

Director Engineering Services:

Currently they are supporting the public not putting the wrong plastics in the wrong bins and creating cross contamination. They feel that they would need to have someone here providing that same support and changing over the bags on a regular basis.

Cr Midgley:

Relating to that contamination, I've heard from our waste expert that this was one of the biggest problems why they had to stop it because of the contamination and one of the big ones was the sticky

labels that are on the soft plastics bags. That is something that needs to be removed to prevent that contamination. Are we going to do any kind of further education around that?

Director Engineering Services:

I'll consult with staff on that about what they are observing at the moment and also what further education we need to provide.

Cr Deane asked the following questions without notice:

11.6 Huntingfield Development

I've heard that Stage 2, which is the next stage, the tender was put out by the government for all the infrastructure to be built. But I understand the tender was withdrawn. Can I just ask if staff could perhaps follow up as to the status of stage 2?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

I'm not aware of that information. So, yes, I'll take that on notice and follow up.

Cr Bain asked the following question without notice:

11.7 Huntingfield Development

Do we know if one of the conditions of the first release is the road between Huntingfield and the new roundabout at Channel Highway has to be open as part of the first release or is that down the track?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

I'll have to take that on notice.

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12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

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12.1 Housing Statement

At the Council meeting held on 5 May 2025, **Cr Cordover** asked the following question without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

- 1. On 19 June 2023, Kingborough Council passed a "Statement on Housing" and the Minutes of that meeting clearly state that 'the General Manager will work with an internal working group and will add items to the action plan'. Which actions from that action plan have been completed?
- 2. Will the action plan be published on the Kingborough Council website?

Officer's Response:

Due to the workload associated with the implementation with the new planning scheme, this matter has not been able to be progressed. Once the new planning scheme is in place, this matter will be reviewed.

Dave Stewart, Chief Executive Officer

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

C128/8-2025

15.1 FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26

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

That Council adopts the attached Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2025/26 financial year.

CARRIED

C129/8-2025

15.2 KINGBOROUGH LGBTIQA+ ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2025 REVIEW

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

That Community Services will embed the Action Plan into future programming to ensure that Kingborough continues to be inclusive, safe, welcoming and respectful of the LGBTIQA+ community, their family, friends and allies.

CARRIED

C130/8-2025

15.3 FEE EXEMPTIONS AND REDUCTIONS POLICY

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover Seconded: Cr David Bain

That Council approve the updated Fee Exemptions and Reduction Policy 1.17 as attached to this report.

CARRIED

C131/8-2025

15.4 FLAGPOLE POLICY REVIEW

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That Council approve the updated Civic Centre Flag Policy as attached to this report.

CARRIED

C132/8-2025

15.5 SUNCOAST DRIVE, BLACKMANS BAY - LICENCE TO TASNETWORKS FOR COMMUNITY BATTERY PROJECT

Moved: Cr Aldo Antolli Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate a licence agreement with TasNetworks for the installation of a Community Battery at the Suncoast Drive Reserve.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Mr Mackey left the room at 6.55pm

C133/8-2025

15.6 KWS BOARD APPOINTMENT

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council approves the appointment of Mr Craig Mackey as non-Executive Director for Kingborough Waste Services.

CARRIED

Mr Mackey returned at 6.57pm

Cr Richardson left the room at 6.57pm Cr Richardson returned at 6.57pm

C134/8-2025

15.7 FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2025

Moved: Cr David Bain Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report as at 30 April 2025.

CARRIED

C135/8-2025

15.8 APPENDICES

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

Seconded: Cr David Bain

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

Cr Antolli left the room at 7.09pm Cr Antolli returned at 7.12pm

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

C136/8-2025

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr David Bain

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

Tender Assessment - AB2409 Kingston Beach Foreshore Revitalisation - Stage 1

Regulation 15(2)(b), and (2)(d) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business, and contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

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 7.25pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.39pm

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

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 |
| Tender Assessment - AB2409 Kingston Beach Foreshore Revitalisation - Stage 1 | Tender awarded to Duggans Pty Ltd for \$543,864.70 excl GST |

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| There being no further business, the Chairperson decl | ared the meeting closed at 7.40pm |
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| (Confirmed) | (Date) |