

Kingborough



MINUTES Annual General Meeting

27 February 2021

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Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



Mayor
Councillor Dean Winter



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Jo Westwood



Councillor Sue Bastone



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor David Grace



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Christian Street



Councillor Steve Wass



Councillor Paula Wriedt

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MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Kingborough Council
Kingborough Community Hub, 7 Goshawk Way, Kingston
Saturday, 27 February 2021 at 11am

1 AUDIO RECORDING

The Chairperson declared the meeting open, welcomed all in attendance and advised that the Annual General Meeting will be 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 D Winter	✓
Deputy Mayor Councillor J Westwood	✓
Councillor S Bastone	✓
Councillor G Cordover	✓
Councillor F Fox	✓
Councillor A Midgley	✓
Councillor C Street	✓

Staff:

General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold
Director Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve
Executive Manager Organisational Development	Ms Pene Hughes
Chief Information Officer	Mr Fred Moulton
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Mr Daniel Smee
Director Environment, Development & Community	Dr Katrena Stephenson
Program Manager Transform Kingston	Mr Daniel Kaimatsoglu
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Wass
Councillor P Wriedt

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 December 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Mayor, Cr Dean Winter, provided an introduction and summary of the year in review.

7 PRESENTATIONS

Transform Kingston

8 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT

No submissions had been received.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1 **Ms Rosalie Maynard** of Blackmans Bay moved the following motion:

Net Zero Emissions Targets for Council Activities

Moved Rosalie Maynard
Seconded Clare Glade-Wright

That Councillors request an amended report from Environmental Services which addresses the shortcomings identified during debate at the 9 November Council meeting for urgent reconsideration by Councillors in order to achieve these targets by 2035 as proposed in the original report.

CARRIED

2 **Mr James Fox** of Howden asked the following questions:

Council Assets

According to my analysis of the financial report in the 2019/20 Annual Report, \$45 million has been vapourised by TasWater of the Kingborough Council's assets. The assets that TasWater confiscated shows up in the notes as a \$25 million reduction in fair value of assets. What is the Council going to do about the hole in the ground about vaporising Council assets?

General Manager responds:

The Mayor and I regularly attend TasWater meetings. We have, on behalf of Council and the community been strong advocates in the last few years regarding the financial position of TasWater on the one hand and the erosion of councils across the State, return on equity, the dividend, on the other hand. Many of you in the room today will be aware that only a couple of years ago, this Council received a return on equity of \$1.8 million per annum from TasWater. This financial year, we budgeted to receive nothing and the reason we did that is because TasWater, last financial year, cut the dividend in half. Only in recent weeks have they declared an interim dividend so we are actually going to receive one quarter of \$1.2 million ie \$310,000. In trying to answer your question, it's something that concerns us greatly. The revaluation that Mr Fox has identified was undertaken by TasWater. Part of the rationale of that revaluation, according to TasWater was that it would improve their financial sustainability moving forward and enable them to be better placed to return dividends to councils. Like Mr Fox, I'm hopeful that TasWater keep their word and I'm hopefully that they can return our return on equity, mindful that at it's peak, when Council

handed over the asset to what was then Southern Water which became TasWater, we are talking about an asset worth about \$100 million. That has been valued down now to around \$89 million and the return on equity for that investment, even at it's peak, was only 1.2% per annum. But it's worth fighting for and that is what we have been doing.

3 **Mr John MacDonald** of Kingston moved the following motion:

Mediation Policy

Moved: John McDonald
Seconded: Tricia Ramsay

That Kingborough Council introduce a Mediation Policy to cover both compliance and complaints handling processes. The Policy is to:

- a. Acknowledge mediation as the primary mechanism to resolve issues, except where an alleged compliance breach was committed for financial gain, or deliberately flouted legislation; and
- b. Require Council endorse the launching of legal proceedings prior to action commencing.

For: 6
Against: 5

4 **Mr John MacDonald** of Kingston moved the following motion:

Implementation of Contemporaneous Breaches and Complaints Registers

Moved: John McDonald
Seconded: Michael Casey

That Kingborough Council introduce contemporaneous registers to record both compliance breaches and general complaints:

- a. The breach register is to record infringements of statutory requirements, by-laws, planning schemes, policies and service delivery standards by ratepayers and council officers;
- b. The complaints register is to record grievances involving any administrative or operational activity; and
- c. Registers to be freely available to Councillors, with new entries to be reported at each Council meeting.

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)

