

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

17 January 2022

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Kingborough Councillors 2018 - 2022



Mayor
Councillor Paula Wriedt



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Jo Westwood



Councillor Sue Bastone



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor Clare Glade-Wright



Councillor David Grace



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Christian Street



Councillor Steve Wass

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MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Monday, 17 January 2022 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 | ✓ |
| Councillor S Bastone | ✓ |
| Councillor G Cordover | ✓ |
| Councillor F Fox | ✓ |
| Councillor C Glade-Wright | ✓ |
| Councillor D Grace | ✓ |
| Councillor C Street | ✓ |
| Councillor S Wass | ✓ |

Staff:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Manager | Mr Gary Arnold |
| Chief Financial Officer | Mr John Breen |
| Director Engineering Services | Mr David Reeve |
| Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services | Mr Daniel Smee |
| Director Environment, Development & Community Services | Dr Katrena Stephenson |
| Manager Environmental Services | Mr Jon Doole |
| Senior Environmental Planner | Ms Nikki denExter |
| Bushfire Management Officer | Ms Meg Lorang |
| Media & Communications Advisor | Ms Sam Adams |
| Executive Assistant | Mrs Amanda Morton |

C1/1-2022

4 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Councillor J Westwood
Councillor A Midgley

C2/1-2022**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.25 held on 20 December 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

10 January – Mid-Year Budget Review and 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.

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions without notice from the public.

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

C3/1-2022**10.1 Glyphosate**

Mrs Sarah-Jane Fox submitted the following question on notice:

I'd like to know the current cost of spraying glyphosate (eg Round Up) across the Kingborough area and what the cost would be for the cheapest organic alternative to be used instead?

Officer's Response:

It is not possible to determine the specific expenditure on glyphosate. This is primarily because of the contracting out of roadside spraying. The tender components detail spraying but that includes a range of costs including human resources, traffic control, equipment and chemicals. The price of the contracted weed spraying for both mainland Kingborough (urban and rural) and Bruny Island (as per 2020 tender) is \$34,460.

Council has a number of weeds officers within the Natural Areas and Biodiversity Unit. Their focus is on more strategic weed issues (i.e. not playgrounds or footpaths). Since the 24th of September 2019 to date, the weed crew have recorded 3,497 spot sprays of which 1250 involved glyphosate (cut and paint, drill and fill and sport spray). A dye is usually added to the spray mix for spot spraying.

As far as calculating the cost of swapping out the herbicides, one can't simply replace the other as the organic alternatives are limited by law in their use. For example, organic weed killers are not allowed to enter drains. The bulk of the glyphosate that we utilise (including the roadside program) is the formulation that is legislated for waterways and drains.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, Director Environment, Development & Community Services

C4/1-2022

10.2 Development Application for Slip Lane

Mr David Bain submitted the following question on notice:

In September 2021 the State Government announced that they intended to lodge the DA for the slip lane at the proposed new roundabout on Channel Highway Huntingfield, before the end of the 2021 calendar year.

Can Council advise if this has been received and if so, what is the current status and when is it expected to be advertised.

Officer's Response:

Council sought advice on the status of this application at the end of 2022 and were assured that the project is progressing but requires more work prior to submitting a Development Application (DA). Consultants have been engaged to undertake the work and they have indicated that a number of studies need to be completed prior to the DA being lodged including flora and fauna investigations and a traffic impact assessment. It is anticipated these will be completed in late February, the preliminary design finalised in March and the DA submitted early April. The Project is being progressed by State Growth (Roads) rather than Communities Tasmania and they are working to ensure the design considers the planned Algona Road/Channel Highway grade-separated interchange (nearby). Council anticipates further updates in February.

Tasha Tyler-Moore, Manager Development Services

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C5/1-2022

11.1 Mayor's Communications

Cr Bastone asked the following questions without notice:

On 3 November you met with Mr Harry Abbott re: Channel Court Shopping Centre issues. Were these to do with public law and order?

Mayor responds:

There were a range of issues mainly in relation to his concerns around parking, there was also one in relation to a small bush that was on the Hutchins Street entrance which he believed was making sight lines for the traffic difficult.

Cr Bastone:

On 17 November you met with Mr Charles Courtney re: the Kingston Performing Arts Centre.

Mayor:

Mr Courtney and Dr Libby Robinson, the principal of Kingston High School came to see me. Mr Courtney is the president of the school association and they sought a meeting to indicate that they had a need to replace the audio visual items at the performing arts centre and whether Council might be of a mind to make a contribution. Because it's quite a substantial overhaul, Mr Smee and I indicated that, whilst of course they could make a budget submission, it would be something that would probably

be a significantly lower priority than some of our other assets that we actually own and perhaps the Education Department might be in a position to make a contribution.

Cr Bastone:

On 29 November you met with Traders In Purple re: future development of the site. Is this for a next trench of housing or is it for the roads?

Mayor:

No, it's actually in relation to commercial development that they are proposing for one of the parcels of land. They were meeting with the Premier that afternoon. I think the General Manager went along to that meeting as well. They have put a proposal to the State Government in relation to the relocation of some State Government offices into Kingston with a commercial space that will become available as a result of that development and they have produced a prospectus and some information that they have provided that I've got a copy of that I can leave in the councillors rooms for members to have a look at.

C6/1-2022

11.2 Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

Cr Glade-Wright asked the following question without notice:

I've had a few community members contact me about the availability of the RAT tests. When I was contacted last, the closest place to get hold of them was in Glenorchy. Is there something that we can do to try and get RAT tests available here in Kingborough.

Mayor responds:

My understanding is that the tests that you are talking about are the ones that are given out free to people who are close contacts or I think are concession card holders. We haven't had any communications from the State Government about their availability in Kingborough. It would certainly make sense, given that we use the community hub for a vaccination centre, I would have thought there would also be room there to have that as a collection. But that is certainly something that perhaps the General Manager could follow up with the State Government because it is a significantly long way for people to travel if they are feeling unwell anyway, that they need to go all the way out to Glenorchy and some don't have the capacity for transport.

C7/1-2022

11.3 Bus Stop, Snug

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

We still haven't got that bus shelter painted.

Mayor responds:

I did follow this up after our last meeting when you raised it. I believe that there have been some discussions with the widow of the lady that the bus shelter had been painted in honour of as to whether they would be amenable to having a plaque erected at the bus stop rather than painting it pink. I'll ask the General Manager to refresh my memory on that conversation.

General Manager:

Those discussions were commenced by Paul Donnelly prior to his departure and they are now being followed up by Daniel Smee.

Cr Grace:

I disagree with that. In Kingborough we have a lot of women with cancer and we have one shelter partly painted pink and I get a lot of comments from people so I would like to rethink that.

Mayor:

Cr Grace, we still are at the impasse with the State Government and the ownership of the bus stop is still in question and that remains the problem about painting it. It's not our infrastructure, is what they are telling and I know that you beg to differ about this but we cannot go ahead and repaint it pink without their permission. There is a substantial project underway at the moment right across the four southern councils about ownership of bus stops and what the future would look like with the ownership, whether they are all in State Government hands whether there is a third party entity that owns them, whether Council takes some responsibility, so while those discussions are taking place, because there is a lot to be worked out in relation to that because we don't necessarily want to have a huge liability for bus stops where we haven't in the past, this would seem to be a way of actually achieving an outcome at the moment to still recognise the lady who passed away and honouring her memory and it's my understanding from what the General Manager has indicated that the family would be amenable to that.

C8/1-2022**11.4 Margate Shopping Centre**

Cr Grace asked the following question without notice:

Are we any further ahead with activity? Can the General Manager enlighten us on the latest?

Mayor responds:

I initiated a letter to the Kalis Group prior to Christmas and we received a response last week and essentially the ball is in their court. There is a matter of a land transfer between Council and the group which has been outstanding since I believe 2014/2015 and we need that to be resolved before they can move forward with their development. The response back from the Kalis Group asked what they could do to speed this up and the General Manager has written back and asked them to quickly resolve this land transfer so that we can move forward and they can lodge the development application. There have been long periods of time, unfortunately, between our correspondence where there has just been silence when the ball has been in their court, so we really do hope that they move now on the land transfer because we know that the residents of Margate want to see this resolved.

C9/1-2022**11.5 Infestation of Weeds**

Cr Wass asked the following question on notice:

Some years ago Council commenced removal of Boobyalla infestation at Blackmans Bay beach. I note now that it is beginning to spread towards the toilet block and I'm wondering what is the future intention regarding this infestation and when is the removal to be completed?

Director Engineering Services responds:

There was a project down at Blackmans Bay Beach a couple of years ago to beautify that area which included removal of some of the Boobyalla. If there are some additional issues that are associated with it in terms of encroachment, I'm happy to take that on notice and get that investigated.

Cr Wass:

Yes, the infestation is a home for rats and goodness knows what else and certainly every local that I have spoken to wants the removal completed as was agreed to at that time when Council started.

C10/1-2022**11.6 Snug Rivulet**

Cr Grace asked the following question

I've had a lot of complaints in the last few weeks about the state of the Snug rivulet. I was down there on Sunday, people rang me, there were children in the little creek by the bridge and the water was absolutely putrid. I don't know what tests are done there and how we can rectify it. There was a Council backhoe down on Friday and spent a little bit of time there but it didn't resolve any of the problems. We need to ask for a plan because of the climate change, the lack of water coming down that rivulet, whose taking the water because there used to be plenty of water coming down that creek but there is very little coming down there now. I'm wondering whether or not we could ask, even if we have to write to the government and ask for a grant, to have a study on that river right up to the falls.

Director Engineering Services responds:

I'm not sure that I'm the right person to answer the question but I do know that we have some grant money for some study on that area but certainly if it is a localised issue with the condition of the rivulet, that's one thing. If it's more of an ongoing thing, that's something else. I'm happy to pass on to Mr Doole.

Mayor:

We can't hear Mr Doole so we will take the question on notice.

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

C11/1-2022**12.1 Burwood Drive Pathway Upgrade**

Cr Midgley submitted the following question on notice:

What is the status of the Burwood Drive pathway upgrade and has the local community been involved in any consultation regarding this?

Officer's Response:

The detail design drawings have been completed and signed off on 23 December 2021. A copy of the drawings has been emailed to the Friends of Burwood Drive for their information on 10 January 2022. Construction is planned for late January to early February.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

C12/1-2022**12.2 Margate/Huntingfield Shared Path**

Cr Midgley submitted the following question on notice:

Has Council received correspondence regarding the financial commitment from State Growth for the Margate -Huntingfield – shared path feasibility study? If so do we know the time frames for this?

Officer's Response:

Council received an email on 29 November 2021 advising that the State Government would co-contribute \$40K to match Council funding for a feasibility study for the Margate to Huntingfield shared path. State Government will undertake the procurement for the consultancy and it is expected that will be finalised January/February 2022. Council officers will be involved in the process.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions still being actioned.

14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD

No Petitions had been received.

15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

C13/1-2022**15.1 DETERMINATION OF REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO USE COUNCIL LAND AS BUSHFIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT AREA - 7 GOSHAWK WAY (CT151646/1)**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That Council Determine to refuse consent under the covenant on DA 2021-548 to allow a development application, under the provisions of *the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015, generally in accordance with the plan shown in Attachment 2.

CARRIED

C14/1-2022**15.2 INDEPENDENT AUDIT PANEL MEMBER**

Moved: Cr Christian Street
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Paul Viney be appointed to the Audit Panel as an independent member for a period of four years.

CARRIED

C15/1-2022**15.3 RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS POLICY**

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Christian Street

That Council endorse the Release of Documents Policy.

CARRIED

C16/1-2022

15.4 SUNDRY DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That Council Policy 3.6 Sundry Debt Management Policy, as attached to this report, be adopted for a further two years.

CARRIED

C17/1-2022

15.5 POLICY 3.9 - RATE REBATE FOR CONSERVATION COVENANT POLICY

Moved: Cr Sue Bastone
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council Policy 3.9 Rate Rebate for Conservative Covenant Policy be adopted for a further two years.

CARRIED

C18/1-2022

15.6 KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 6 DECEMBER 2021

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright
 Seconded: Cr Sue Bastone

That Council

- (a) Notes the minutes of the Kingborough Community Safety Committee; and
- (b) resolves to lobby the State Government for construction of a new Kingston Police Station to properly support potential future approval of 24-hour policing in Kingborough.
- (c) That Council will offer it's assistance to identify a suitable building location(s).

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover
 Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That part (b) of the recommendation be deleted.

In Favour: Crs Gideon Cordover and Flora Fox

Against: Crs Paula Wriedt, Sue Bastone, Clare Glade-Wright, David Grace, Christian Street and Steve Wass

CARRIED 6/2

The motion was then put.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Sue Bastone, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, David Grace, Christian Street and Steve Wass

Against: Crs Gideon Cordover

CARRIED 7/1

C19/1-2022**15.7 FINANCIAL REPORT - DECEMBER 2021**

Moved: Cr Christian Street
Seconded: Cr David Grace

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report at 31 December 2021.

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Use of Glyphosate in Council Playgrounds

Motion withdrawn.

C20/1-2022**16.2 Sports Ground User Fees**

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright
Seconded: Cr David Grace

That Council request a staff report be provided which reviews the current Council policies regarding charges for the use of sporting grounds and facilities within the Kingborough area.

CARRIED

C21/1-2022**16.3 Turf Wicket**

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright
Seconded: Cr David Grace

That Council agrees not to proceed with the installation of a turf wicket in the AFL ground at the Twin Ovals as proposed in the Kingborough Sports Precinct Future Directions Plan until the recurrent maintenance costs are put through the council budget process first and tested against other competing priorities.

In Favour: Crs Paula Wriedt, Sue Bastone, Flora Fox, Clare Glade-Wright, David Grace and Steve Wass

Against: Crs Gideon Cordover and Christian Street

CARRIED 6/2

C22/1-2022

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright
Seconded: Cr Steve Wass

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 - AB2117 Goshawk Way Stage 2 Construction & Kingston Wetlands Upgrade, Kingston

Regulation 15(2)(d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

Tender Assessment AB2124 - Barretta Environmental Monitoring Program

Regulation 15(2)(d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

In accordance with the Kingborough Council *Meetings Audio Recording Guidelines Policy*, recording of the open session of the meeting will now cease.

Open Session of Council adjourned at 7.23pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open session resumed at 7.55pm

C23/1-2022

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Steve Wass

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 |
| Tender Assessment - AB2117 Goshawk Way Stage 2 Construction & Kingston Wetlands Upgrade, Kingston | Tender awarded to DCS Civil for \$3.175M excl GST and the General Manager be authorised to negotiate the inclusion of a wetlands and stormwater package for final approval. |
| Tender Assessment AB2124 - Barretta Environmental Monitoring Program | Tender awarded to Elgin Associates Pty Ltd for \$88,509.80 per annum excl GST |

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.56pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)