

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

20 May 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, 20 May 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:

- 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:

- | | |
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| Chief Executive Officer | Mr Dave Stewart |
| Director People & Finance | Mr David Spinks |
| Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services | Mr Daniel Smee |
| Director Engineering Services | Mr David Reeve |
| Media & Communications Advisor | Ms Sam Adams |
| Executive Assistant | Mrs Amanda Morton |

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C125/9-2024

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.8 held on 6 May 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Date	Topic	Detail
12 May	Budget	Further discussions on the draft budget for 2024/25

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.

C126/9-2024

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

10.1 Fire Breaks

At the Council meeting on 6 May 2024, **Mr Charlie Biggins** asked the following question without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Through these three environmental regulatory benchmarks, Council is enshrining the existing bushfire risk and making it ever more difficult to mitigate that bush fire risk and Council has a responsibility to establish and maintain suitable fire breaks through the municipality on private and public land. Council has that authority. Council has the responsibility to clear roadways. I've already raised questions about this before. Shall I ask what is happening on the roadside vegetation clearance? What is happening in that space? I raised questions about it in November 2022, I raised questions about it again in the middle of last year, and the answer from the General Manager was that we're still looking into it. So what's happening about it now?

Officer's Response:

Council conducts an annual spraying and slashing program to comply with the State Government's recommended standards for vegetation adjacent to roads. This includes reducing surface and

near surface fuel loads for a horizontal distance of 3.5m from the road shoulder during the bushfire season.

Council completed a grant funded project to model roadside bushfire risk in March 2023. This was undertaken to determine the road segments with the highest management priorities from a bushfire perspective. Kingborough is one of only a couple of Tasmanian councils who have undertaken this assessment to understand this risk and has shared the results and the model with other Tasmanian road managers.

Following the creation of the risk assessment model, Council sought to ground truth outputs to assess the accuracy and limitations of the tool. One hundred of the highest risk scoring roads owned and managed by Council were analysed and of these fourteen road sections were recommended for detailed site assessment of fuel loads and potential for vegetation works. Only one of the fourteen sites was found to not comply with the State Government’s standards for vegetation adjacent to roads and linkages to the Tasmanian Fire Service Nearby Safer Places (a place of last resort for people during bushfire emergencies). Council is now working towards managing this site.

Grant funding sought in early 2024 to support the implementation of vegetation management works at high priority sites was unsuccessful. Works specifications are being prepared for a site in Margate and will be considered across the fourteen identified sites as resources allow.

Liz Quinn, Manager Environmental Services

10.2 Kingston Park

Ms Jo Landon submitted the following question on notice:

Is there an up to date version of this Kingston Park Consolidation of Expenditure information available please?

If not, please could Council provide current figures: Total Expenditure to Date; Budget; Variance; Total Revenue; Total Borrowings; Total Interest?

Officer’s Response:

Total expenditure to date	\$34.5M
Budget	\$26.988M
Variance	\$7.51M
Total Revenue	\$8.9M Grants and reimbursements \$15.15M Minimum land sale proceeds per agreement however it is expected actual proceeds will exceed this.
Total Borrowings (current balance)	\$13.9M
Total interest costs on borrowings	\$0.459M

David Spinks, Director People & Finance

C127/9-2024

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Antolli asked the following question without notice:

11.1 Vacant Land Dennison Street/Maranao Road

The land that is referred to in 12.2 of the Agenda, it doesn't look like a road or seem to function as one. Who owns that land?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services responds:

That is undetermined. When the original sub-division was done many, many years ago, that land was set aside as a road casement but was never transferred to Council as a road. It would be a process of going back through the original sub-division and finding out who owns it but if you go to our property system, it doesn't identify a landowner.

Cr Antolli:

When was this land classified as a road and by what authority?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:

It would have been classified as a road when the sub-division was done. It would have been indicated on the sealed plan as part of what to become a road and obviously over time it hasn't formed part of the road, it's been annexed off as a small triangle of land, but it's classification is road casement.

Cr Antolli:

What management activities have Council undertaken and when did these commence?

Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services:

It's designation as road casement gives Council the authority to manage it. We have, in effect, been managing it since the time of sub-division and then recently it's been identified by our traffic engineer that there is an issue in terms of cars driving over the footpath to park on it. That then poses a safety question, it poses questions in relation to damage of the vegetation on the land and so we have, in recent months and weeks, been actively managing the land in terms of putting up signage and providing education to people that are parking there to say that this is not on any more.

Cr Midgley asked the following question without notice:

11.2 Rates Notices

How many residents receive their rates notice via email and how many receive their rates notice via post?

Mayor responds:

I think we will take that question on notice.

Cr Midgley:

When we do our community consultation on a variety of matters, if it aligns in with, say, the rates notice via email or post, do we let the community know about any current consultation that's out?

Mayor:

Not usually. You may recall last year that we did an insert with the rates notice in relation to the proposed LCZ changes and trying to explain to people the situation, that we were waiting for the TPC to come back to us. Normally the rates notices don't line up with particular consultations. I think the previous year we also sent out one on how to keep footpaths clear. They are the only two instances that I'm aware of recently.

Cr Deane asked the following questions without notice:

11.3 Blackspot Funding (Church Street/Beach Road)

When can the community expect that this construction might commence and what can the community expect out of that project in terms of changes to the intersection?

Mayor responds:

I'll get Mr Reeve to assist with this but I did observe on social media some chatter about people complaining about another set of traffic lights in a short distance but we can assure them that they will be linked to the State wide system so they will keep the flow going as much as possible, but it is a high traffic accident area. There have been about 19 crashes in the last 5 years and about 5 of those crashes have resulted in people being injured, so there were a range of options looked at and traffic lights were seen to be the most appropriate solution for that intersection. Mr Reeve, can you fill in the rest?

Director Engineering Services:

We have only just received that grant and the contributing budget from Council is in next year's budget, so we expect that to happen in next financial year. There is some design work that will need to be done which will happen shortly.

11.4 Speed Reduction, Snug

I saw on the news that the community has been successful in a speed reduction in Snug and I was curious about a timeline as to when we think we might hear from the transport commission as to when that might be implemented?

Director Engineering Services responds:

I don't have a specific timeframe, but my understanding is that they want to do that sooner rather than later, so we should hope to see that within the next month or so.

Cr Deane:

Just to clarify, through the main road of Snug it will reduce from 60 to 50 and in Lower Snug will reduce from 80 to 70.

Mayor:

Correct.

11.5 AFL High Performance Centre

Have the government approached Kingborough Council in any way in the last few weeks to re-open the conversation as to what might happen if the delay in what is happening in Clarence becomes too much?

Mayor responds:

I always made it very clear that I wished Clarence well and in the event that it didn't work out over there for a range of reasons whether it be because of the topography of the land, what they discovered underneath or because it failed around the Council table, that we would be delighted to have some continuing discussions about the location of the centre, and certainly there have been some enquiries that have been made by the State Government to us and it is entirely in their hands at this stage. But certainly the door is open should they wish to have both, but I would say that we would need some serious consideration, if that was the case, of the Spring Farm connector road being built as well as Gormley Drive being sealed, as part of any location to have that in addition to the Jack Jumpers High Performance Centre.

Cr Deane:

Just to clarify, when you say that 'queries have been made by the State Government' does that mean recently or just in terms of what the initial conversation was when it was decided that we weren't approved and it went to Clarence?

Mayor:

My understanding is that there have been some enquiries recently but I think there is a back up plan that is being developed which is probably not a bad idea in the circumstances and, like I said, I do hope that they are able to make it work at Clarence. It's not something that we are actively going out and trying to poach at this stage. I know that there were allegations that we had poached the Jack Jumpers from Glenorchy Council, that certainly wasn't the case either, but I guess they are quite rightly developing a back up plan if it doesn't work.

C128/9-2024**12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS****12.1 Kingston Park Development**

At the Council meeting held on 6 May 2024, **Cr Midgley** asked the following question without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

Following on from what Mr Grace was asking about. We heard that we've received approximately \$3,000,000 from Traders In Purple and then the second part of the question which we didn't actually get to was how much have we spent on Kingston Park. So my question is firstly is the information public? When all is said and done, what is the total expected revenue from Kingston Park and what is the total expected expenditure on Kingston Park and is the difference being funded by grants or is it being funded by ratepayers?

Officer's Response:

Financial information in relation to Kingston Park is contained in Council's monthly financial reports. However, these reports show current year data only. Kingston Park implementation reports were previously tabled at Council quarterly with the last being tabled in March 2023. The quarterly reports contained financial information covering the project's duration.

The revenue to be obtained from Kingston Park will be determined by the sale proceeds as lots are sold. According to current agreements, the minimum sale proceeds are expected to be \$15.15M however it is expected actual proceeds will exceed this. Expenditure to date on the project totals \$34.5M. Grants and other reimbursements are expected to total \$8.9M. The balance of the project is being funded by council (ratepayer) funds.

David Spinks, Director People & Finance

12.2 Vacant Land at Dennison Street/Maranoa Road

At the Council meeting held on 6 May 2024, **Cr Antolli** asked the following question without notice to the Chief Executive Officer, with a response that the question would be taken on notice:

My question is around an unusual triangular piece of land that is located at the intersection of Denison Street and Maranoa Road here in Kingston. It's right above the slope of Kingston Christian Reformed Church. It's basically unoccupied land that a lot of families use to park when picking up their children from either side of Calvin and a number of people have been asked by Council staff on site when they turn up at 3:15pm to move on to say that this is now Council property and that in two weeks' time, or thereabouts, fines will begin to be issued towards anyone who parks there. Apparently, a sign was placed on the piece of land to say that Council is taking control of this land under some sort of an act of Parliament or an act of the Local Government Act. Some people have looked into the history of the land, and it's apparently privately owned. Could anyone demystify this unusual situation that seems to have hit a bit of a crescendo over the weekend?

Officer's Response:

The land is classified as a "road" and is managed by Council in accordance with this designation. Vehicles utilising the land for school drop off and pick up have been causing damage to the footpath and creating a safety issue for pedestrians. Signage has been erected pursuant to Council By-laws advising that parking is prohibited. Council officers have provided education to drivers concerning parking on the land.

Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

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

C129/9-2024

15.1 KINGBOROUGH TRACKS AND TRAILS DRAFT STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That the *Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategic Action Plan (2024-2034)* as attached to this report be endorsed.

CARRIED

C130/9-2024**15.2 APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT PANEL**

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

That the matter be discussed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Kaspar Deane
Seconded: Cr David Bain

- (a) That Council by absolute majority rescind its decision of 6 May 2024 to appoint Mayor Wriedt to the Audit Panel.
- (b) Council resolve to appoint Cr Antolli to the Audit Panel.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

C131/9-2024**15.3 KINGBOROUGH BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved: Cr Amanda Midgley
Seconded: Cr David Bain

That Council:

- (a) Notes the minutes of the Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- (b) Notes the motion to write to the Department of State Growth (DSG) requesting a review of the recent resealing of Channel Highway between Margate and Huntingfield in line with DSG's Positive Provisioning Policy.
- (c) Write to the Minister for Transport informing him of the Kingborough Cycling Strategy and the significance of recurrent grant funding commitments from the State Government for active transport projects to ensure the ongoing delivery of a connected active transport network.

CARRIED

C132/9-2024**15.4 KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

*Cr Midgley left the room at 6.12pm
Cr Midgley returned at 6.12pm*

That Council

- (a) Notes the minutes of the Kingborough Community Safety Committee.
- (b) Requests officers to continue liaison with LGAT and TasPolice regarding a policy and MOU for Council's CCTV network.

- (c) Write a letter to the Department of State Growth, noting previous correspondence and ongoing community concerns, and request that they consider a formal submission to the Transport Commission to reduce speed limits through the Leslie Road intersection and north into Kingston from 100km/h to 80km/h until such time that the intersection is upgraded and reconstructed.
- (d) Request an estimated completion date for the CCTV project from LGAT. If LGAT advises this project will not be completed by 31 August 2024, Council commence development of their own CCTV Network MOU model with TasPolice.

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

Against: Crs Gideon Cordover and Flora Fox

CARRIED 8/2

C133/9-2024

15.5 SPORTS GROUND USER POLICY REVIEW

Moved: Cr Christian Street

Seconded: Cr Kaspar Deane

That Council approve the Policy 4.6 – Sports Ground User Policy version 4.0 for the period of five years, with a review to be conducted in May 2029.

CARRIED

C134/9-2024

15.6 FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25

Moved: Cr David Bain

Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council adopts the attached Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2024/25 financial year.

CARRIED

C135/9-2024

15.7 FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2024

Moved: Cr David Bain

Seconded: Cr Aldo Antolli

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report for April 2024.

CARRIED

C136/9-2024

15.8 APPENDICES

Moved: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

Seconded: Cr David Bain

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

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

At the time the Minutes was compiled there were no Notices of Motion received.

C137/9-2024

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*

Rate Rebate - Conservation Covenant

Regulation 15(2)(a) *personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.*

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 7.07pm

Cr Richardson left the room at 7.07pm

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.16pm

C138/9-2024

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
Rate Rebate - Conservation Covenant	Approved

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.17pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)