

Kingborough



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

16 December 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, 16 December 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:

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
Director Environment, Development & Community Services	Ms Deleeze Chetcuti
Media & Communications Advisor	Ms Sam Adams
Executive Assistant	Mrs Amanda Morton

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

C379/23-2024

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No. 22 held on 2 December 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Date	Topic	Detail
9 December	Long Term Financial Plan	Preliminary discussion was held in relation to the update of the Long Term Financial Plan and 2025/26 budget considerations

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items transferred.

C380/23-2024

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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Mr Caleb Elcock asked the following questions without notice:

9.1 LPS Exhibition Process

I am requesting a number to date as to how many representations have been received, if that's possible?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services responds:

What I can see is that we have 828 records in our system but noting there is a potential that some are still being entered into the system as we have a backlog and that some of these may represent acknowledgments back as well, but you could estimate around 800 at the moment.

Mr Elcock:

You may or may not be aware that my brother and I, so that's Caleb and Nathaniel, submitted around 818 individual representations as we see it. Is that going to be included in the count or are those going to be seen as something else or dismissed?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

My understanding is that it will be considered by Council staff in our records as a single representation. However, we will be considering in detail each one of those attachments that was submitted and they will be considered addressed in our report to Council. They will also be provided to the Planning Commission for consideration as well.

Mr Elcock:

Will will that include commentary and assessment on each land title as they have come in as?

Director Environment, Development & Community Services:

I'll have to take that on notice and talk to our planning staff who have a more thorough understanding of how we will manage that.

C381/23-2024**10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC**

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10.1 Landscape Conservation Zone

Mr Jarryd Knightley submitted the following question on notice:

Has any current or former Kingborough council staff contributed or influenced the creation of the Landscape Conservation Zone in anyway in an official capacity as a staff member or privately? If yes, please declare what contributions were made or influence that was asserted and in what capacity were they made?

Officer's Response:

No, the standard zones of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, including the Landscape Conservation Zone were created by the State Planning Office on behalf of the State Government.

Adriaan Stander, Senior Strategic Planner

10.2 Public Meeting(s) Regarding the Incoming Local Planning Scheme

Mr Brendan Charles submitted the following question on notice:

While noting that council has already held some public information sessions on the Incoming Local Planning Scheme and published documents on the web-site, it is clear from my own experience and through direct discussion many other landowners in my local area of Bonnet Hill that there is still a lot of work and consultation to be completed to ensure that residents are fully informed and understanding of the implications of these changes.

Beyond a proposed (rumoured) extension of the period to make representations, will the council please consider holding a number of open forum (Q&A) sessions with the community to outline the rationale behind the proposed changes and provide detail on the implications of the changes and to hear first hand the feedback from landowners in particular areas - e.g. the ~150 lots captured under the Bonnet Hill Special Area plan?

This is a complex area of change, which has significant implications for landowners and it needs to be communicated a lot better than it has been to date. The proposed sessions would need

Planning staff to be in attendance and would benefit from some elected members being present also.

Officer's Response:

The 60- day exhibition period for the Kingborough Draft Local Provisions Schedule (Kingborough's component of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme) has concluded on Monday, 9 December 2024 and there is no ability under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* to extend the exhibition period.

If people would like to receive more information about the proposed draft changes, they can still arrange an appointment to meet with Council's strategic planning officers, noting that the draft zoning mapping and draft Specific Area Plans could still change as a result of the Tasmanian Planning Commission's considerations of representations received and discussions held as part of their public hearing process. The public hearings will be arranged by the Commission and people who have made representations will be invited to attend and speak at the hearings before a final decision is made by the Commission.

All relevant information and explanatory documents will be kept available on [Council's webpage](#) until the Minister declares that the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme should come into effect for Kingborough. Further updates on the process will also be provided on the [Tasmanian Planning Commission's webpage](#).

Adriaan Stander, Senior Strategic Planner

10.3 CSIRO National Bushfire Intelligence Capability modelling

Mr Brendan Charles submitted the following question on notice:

Noting the recent release of modelling from the CSIRO National Bushfire Intelligence Capability which indicates Bushfire Risk increasing across Kingborough from 10-100% in the coming years, could Council please outline how it intends to respond to this already significant risk and, in particular, how the reduction in bushfire risk has been factored into the proposed new zones and codes under the incoming Local Planning Scheme ?

While it appears that additional areas of the Municipality have been zoned as 'Bushfire Prone' in the LPS, there appears to be an inconsistency and imbalance between the focus on vegetation retention and preference given to habitats for Parrots and Pardalotes, rather than consideration of protecting People and Property first.

Reference for new models:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-12-08/bushfire-hazard-climate-change-national-maps-csiro/104683442>

Officer's Response:

The zoning changes within the incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme will not change the risk of bushfire due to the extensive nature of this hazard across the Kingborough and the Greater Hobart landscape. Regardless of the land zoning, it is crucial to be prepared for the bushfire season, particularly in Kingborough, which has a significant amount of bushland. Taking measures to prepare properties and establish defensible spaces that will aid in people's survival during a bushfire event.

In relation to the management of bushfire risks on properties, it be noted that the current Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 and the incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme includes several exemptions for bushfire hazard management. These exemptions encompass fire management mandated by the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) as part of the TFS hazard reduction

program, as well as fire hazard management in accordance with a bushfire hazard management plan approved as part of a specific land use or development.

When a development application is required (in scenarios where the exemptions do not apply), the planning scheme accommodates bushfire hazard management in compliance with the Building Regulations and *Australian Standards AS-3959-2018*. Consequently, permit conditions often place the responsibility on landowners to maintain their properties according to the approved bushfire hazard management plan.

Council is committed to minimising the risk of bushfire in the community. Whilst the removal of vegetation can be an effective way to reduce fire hazard on properties, Council will continue to balance the need to safeguard the unique values of our bushland areas within the guidelines specified by the planning scheme.

Adriaan Stander, Senior Strategic Planner

C382/23-2024

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

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Cr Cordover asked the following questions without notice:

11.1 JackJumpers High Performance Centre

To what extent will the community and local athletes be able to avail themselves of the facilities at the JackJumpers High Performance Center? I understand that there will be the two courts, recovery rooms, change rooms, administration facilities etc. Will there be hydrotherapy or wet recovery or any kind of aquatic recovery opportunities at that high performance center and will the public or local athletes have access to any of those recovery facilities?

Mayor responds:

There are no wet facilities at the JackJumpers High Performance Centre. The plans indicated two basketball courts a range of other shooting areas, administrative areas but then massage rooms, coaches rooms, high performance, team rooms, that sort of thing. So there are no aquatic facilities there.

Cr Cordover:

So does that mean the extent of public access and also local athlete access to that facility will be the community courts? So when the JackJumpers aren't training on the courts, it will be court access, but am I to understand that it won't be access to recovery rooms?

Mayor:

You're correct in that assumption. When we did an event some time ago with the team and with the the previous Minister for Sport to announce that they had lodged the development application, the club talked at length about the ability of the community to access those facilities. And certainly that would ease some of the pressures at the Kingborough Sports Centre because we know we're bursting at the seams and could do with additional capacity there for courts and they will of course be multipurpose use courts, albeit marked out specifically for basketball. The exact specifications of what that access would look like and the hours, that is something, given the facility hasn't been constructed yet, we will be working through with the club as we get nearer to that process underway.

Cr Deane asked the following question without notice:

11.2 Summerleas Road Underpass

It was quoted in one of the papers that as of, I believe, very soon next week that the road will be reopened and that there will be traffic management in place. Can I just check that that doesn't mean stop go signs, one lane going and sharing and that there will be full access to Summerleas Road?

Mayor responds:

I'll ask the CEO to respond to that but we are happy to say that the road was sealed last Friday and that it will be open from tomorrow.

Chief Executive Officer:

As the Mayor mentioned, the temporary seal surface has been put down. The contractors on site are doing their final tidy up and making sure that the barriers are in place and things like that for the reopening of that from probably tomorrow afternoon, we just need to get a detailed timing of when that will be. In terms of traffic management, there may be stop go and things like that, that we will put in place through time but it will depend on the heavy vehicle movements that we need through the site during the final stages of the construction around the underpass, but it will be open consistently from tomorrow.

C383/23-2024

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

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12.1 TasWater Connections

Cr Deane submitted the following question on notice:

- 1. How best might residents of Kingborough living rurally, request to have their property connected to TasWater infrastructure?*
- 2. Does Council have a role in such a process? If so, what does this involve?*

Officer's Response:

Council does not have a role in deciding on increasing access to potable water for rural areas. For residents who wish to advocate for a connection they will need to approach TasWater directly who will assess this against their long term plans for the area.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

12.2 Hard Rubbish Collection Service

Cr Deane submitted the following question on notice:

- 1. When did Kingborough Council last operate a hard rubbish collection service?*
- 2. Has Council previously given consideration to re-introducing a service?*
- 3. What are the implications of introducing a service?*
- 4. What options exist for Council to support residents who aren't easily able to dispose of large items?*

Officer's Response:

Council ceased the provision of a hard waste collection service to residents approximately 15 years ago citing the following main reasons:

- Environmental impact of potentially recyclable materials or re-usable materials ending up in landfill.
- Cost of the service
- Inappropriate items being put out for collection
- The service favouring those residents who chose to dispose rather than re-use/recycle
- Risk management associated with large amounts of materials being left on nature strips/footpaths.

Although some of the above are manageable with tight controls they are still applicable today.

The estimated cost in the last year of service (2009) was \$117K. It is difficult to ascertain a current year cost for such a service, but it is likely this figure would be now above \$200K.

Although several councils throughout Australia do offer hard waste collection services of some description the cost of the service and how the provision of such a service meets with the individual council's waste management direction is key to whether such a service is provided.

Council's current Waste Management Strategy provides several recommended actions to be pursued to best achieve the goals set, a hard waste collection service is not one of those actions.

Council has previously re-considered introducing a hard waste collection service but discounted this for the reasons mentioned above.

There are several private contractors that can dispose of larger type household items.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

12.3 Illegal Dumping

Cr Deane submitted the following question on notice:

1. *How does Kingborough Council try to mitigate illegal dumping of rubbish?*
2. *Aside from its free green waste weekends, has Council considered implementing other incentives (such as vouchers or concessions) to help residents dispose of rubbish appropriately?*

Officer's Response:

Illegal dumping can occur in many locations including around public place bins or in isolated rural locations. The approach with illegal dumping is to assess whether it is a one-off instance of a systemic problem. Generally, it is isolated rural areas that are the problem for illegal dumping and for these a number of methods are used such as trying to identify the litter sources, active monitoring via cameras, signage and physical barriers to discourage future illegal dumping.

Providing vouchers or concessions is not considered an effective measure to mitigate illegal dumping as people who choose to illegally dump material will do so regardless. Council has previously considered introducing a green waste voucher system but there is a cost that would be borne by all ratepayers and is unlikely to have a significant effect on illegal dumping.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

12.4 Child and Youth Safe Organisations

Cr Glade-Wright submitted the following question on notice:

1. With regards to the new [Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023](#) can council explain:
 - 1.1 what actions have transpired to meet our obligations, and
 - 1.2 what is still outstanding/ongoing
2. Does Council require an assessment criterion for grant applications to Council requiring respondent entities to demonstrate how they comply with the Child and Youth Standards?
3. Does Council require an assessment criterion for lease applications of Council land and buildings, requiring respondent entities to demonstrate how they comply with the Child and Youth Standards?
4. Does Council require an assessment criterion for hirers of council buildings, requiring respondent entities to demonstrate how they comply with the Child and Youth Standards?

Officer's Response:

1. To date, Council has created a Child Safe Policy, created a Statement of Commitment, conducted reviews of staff who currently hold Working with Vulnerable People registrations, and formed a working group which has captured information across the organisation, so we can be informed about all of the interaction with children and young people across the various business units. Many staff across the organisation have attended forums and training sessions on CYSOF. Next steps are:
 - To update the code of conduct to include child safe standards, and roll out training across the organisation.
 - To review all positions descriptions to ensure any workers who may interact with children or young people in the course of their work, have a WWVP registration.
- 2 – 4 What compliance looks like under the Child & Youth Safe Organisations Framework is not clear in general terms. The Office of the Independent Regulator (OIR) continues to develop what the compliance requirements are. However, there is no positive requirement for Councils to have criteria in their grant applications, leases, hire agreements etc for organisations to be able to demonstrate their compliance with the framework. It is simply that all organisations required to comply with the framework must be able to demonstrate they are working towards the standards and requirements.

Councils, with assistance from LGAT, are focussing on WWVP registrations, code of conduct, statements of commitment, policies, induction, training & education. We understand LGAT will be holding workshops for elected members in relation to CYSOF in 2025.

Angie Everingham, Manager People & Safety

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

C384/23-2024

15.1 AFL HIGH PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTRE

Moved: Cr Aldo Antolli
 Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That Council confirms its support for the development of the Tasmanian Devil's High Performance Training Centre at the Kingston Twin Ovals and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiations with the State Government regarding the Heads of Agreement and transfer of land required for the construction of the facility.

CARRIED

C385/23-2024

15.2 SHERBURD OVAL CHANGEROOMS

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

That the matter be discussed.

CARRIED

*Cr Richardson left the room at 6.28pm
 Cr Richardson returned at 6.29pm*

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
 Seconded: Cr David Bain

That Council notes that investigations are being undertaken in relation to the upgrade of the Sherburd Ovals changerooms that will change the scope of the originally proposed project.

CARRIED

C386/23-2024

15.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

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

That the Community Grants Policy (4.4) as attached to this report be adopted for a further two years.

*Cr Antolli left the room at 6.49pm
 Cr Antolli returned at 6.51pm*

CARRIED

C387/23-2024

15.4 KINGBOROUGH BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION NOMINATIONS

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

That:

1. David Bonny
2. Damian Devlin

3. Mark Donnellon
4. Michael Holloway
5. Eddie Jager
6. Kelvin Lewis
7. David McQuillen
8. Rob Sheers

be appointed as members of the Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

C388/23-2024

15.5 FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2024

Moved: Cr David Bain
Seconded: Cr Amanda Midgley

That Council endorses the attached Financial Report as at 30 November 2024.

CARRIED

C389/23-2024

15.6 APPENDICES

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover
Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

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

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

C390/23-2024

16.1 KINGSTON BYPASS DUPLICATION AND ALGONA ROAD ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

Moved: Cr David Bain
Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

That Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure:

- a) Requesting that funding be provided for the Huntingfield to Whitewater Park Estate pedestrian overpass as detailed in the Department of State Growth's Kingston Bypass Duplication and Algona Road Roundabout Project design.
- b) Request that the Department of State Growth construct the pedestrian overpass in the early stages of the Kingston Bypass Duplication and Algona Road Roundabout Project.
- c) Outlining details on why the pedestrian overpass infrastructure is especially critical for Kingborough residents.

CARRIED

C391/23-2024**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*

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 7.29

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Open Session of Council resumed at 7.31pm

C392/23-2024

Moved: Cr Flora Fox
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

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.32pm

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(Confirmed)

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(Date)