



Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
GAGEBROOK AT 5.40 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
13TH SEPTEMBER, 2011

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Acting Chairperson); Cr Garlick; Cr Gray;
Cr Jeffries and Cr Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Owen; Cr Taylor; Mr G Davoren (Deputy
General Manager) and Mrs J Banks (Manager
Governance & Human Services).

1. **APOLOGIES:**

Cr Gray moved, Cr Williams seconded that an apology be received from Cr Foster.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Williams	

2. **QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS:**

There was no requirement for question time.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

In accordance with Part 5, Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have an interest in any item on the agenda; and

Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of any interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

AUTHOR: Cr Owen

Cr Owen has given notice to request that Council remit the rates on the property situated at 40 Seymour Street, Brighton until the property is sold.

This property was constructed by Wilson Homes on behalf of Common Ground. The proceeds of the sale, less expenses i.e. rates, water and sewerage etc will be given to Common Ground.

Common Ground Tasmania Ltd (CGT) was established in 2008 by the Tasmanian Government and a group of influential local business leaders. CGT is committed to developing and implementing the innovative Common Ground supportive housing model in Tasmania.

A number of Councillors attended the recent official announcement of the partnership with Wilson Homes and Common Ground at the display home in Brighton.

DECISION:

Resolved that the Notice of Motion be discussed at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

5. BUSINESS:

5.1 WASTE TRANSFER STATION – FREE ACCESS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0136-5

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Mrs C Harper)

Background:

In the past a number of users had been given free access to the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) for disposal of rubbish. Those users were as follows:

- Bridgewater/Gagebrook Uniting Church
- Community Corrections
- Jordan River Service (includes Neighbourhood Houses and Pete's Shed)
- St Vincent de Paul
- Veterans Memorial Centre
- Campbell Page (Bridgewater Nursery) - new applicant, expected use to be fortnightly.

Council has contacted all these providers to advise that notification of a request for this service is required for the 2011/2012 year.

It is expected that all of these groups will request the continuation of this free service.

Consultation:

Council Services Officer, Manager Governance & Human Resources, Uniting Church, Community Corrections, Jordan River Services, St Vincent de Paul, Veterans Memorial Centre, Campbell Page.

Risk Implications:

The free access is considered a donation as per Community Grants program.

Financial Implications:

Usage/Cost- 2010/11

- Uniting Church- -\$42.00
- Jordan River Service -\$504.00
- St. Vincent De Paul-\$438.00
- Community Corrections-\$195.00
- Veterans Memorial Centre-\$234.00

TOTAL: \$1410.00

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

Nil.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That Council charge all users.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That all identified users be provided free access for the 2011/12 financial year. This to be funded from the 2011/12 Grants and Donations budget and recorded in the Annual Report.

DECISION:

Cr Jeffries moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Williams	

5.2 JORDAN RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION FOR LEADERSHIP CAMP:

FILE REFERENCE: 0653

AUTHOR: Manager Governance & Human Services
(Mrs J Banks)

Background:

The Jordan River Middle School have formed a Student Representative Council (SRC) at their new school this year and the SRC students are undertaking a leadership course. They have been organising fundraising events and hosting visiting students. To further assist their leadership skills they are planning on a Leadership camp in Launceston.

Lisa Rudd (Leader – Community Development) has assisted in applying for funding under the ‘yes’ Optus Community Grant process for funding to cover the cost of the Leadership Camp, however due to unforeseen circumstances the grant process i.e. notification of successful applicants has been delayed until October. The timing and success of the application for funding has now had an impact on the Leadership camp but it is still hoped to plan for the camp in late October.

Consultation:

Lisa Rudd (Leader – Community Development); Brodie Philip (Grade 7 Co-ordinator, Jordan River Middle School); Janine Banks (Manager Governance & Human Services).

Risk Implications:

May set a precedent for other Schools to seek financial assistance.

Financial Implications:

The total cost of the camp will be approximately \$2,600. The Education Department and students have raised \$1,600, leaving a short-fall of \$1,000.

A donation of \$1,000 to be funded from the 2011/12 Grants and Donations budget.

Other Issues:

It is envisaged that the camp will be held from the 31st October – 2nd November in Launceston.

The aim of the camp is to provide activities and experiences that enhance the students personal growth, teamwork skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills.

There are 14 students in the Leadership Program.

The students are required to work in a team to plan and organise the meals, budget, itinerary and to plan activities with students at Rocherlea Primary School.

If the Optus application is successful then that funding will be used towards a Leadership Camp in early 2012.

Assessment:

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That a different amount be granted as a donation.
 3. That Council not provide a donation to the Student Representative Council of the Jordan River Middle School.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council donate \$1,000 towards the Jordan River Middle School Student Representative Council for their Leadership Camp to be held in Launceston. The donation to be funded from the 2011/12 Grants and donations budget.

DECISION:

Cr Jeffries moved, Cr Williams seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr Garlick
Cr Gray
Cr Jeffries
Cr Williams

5.3 RATE REMISSION – VACANT ZONED LANDSCAPE & SKYLINE CONSERVATION & VACANT ZONED RESIDENTIAL:

FILE REFERENCE:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

All land within the Brighton municipality has a minimum amount payable of \$206.00

Vacant residential land as well as rural residential and rural land has an amount charged against the property AAV at a rate of 2.30789. The rate of 2.30789 is quite low so that all typical residential blocks of land fall below the minimum of \$206; effectively creating a flat rate of \$206 for all residential land within our community.

Vacant land zoned Recreation has a minimum of \$206 and a higher AAV rate of 4.695387.

Vacant land zoned Landscape and Skyline Conservation has a minimum of \$206 and a higher AAV rate of 5.398139

Previously a typical residential block of land within the Recreation and Landscape and Skyline Conservation zone would fall below our minimum rate of \$206. Land in these zones was considered less valuable due to the restrictive nature of the zoning. However, following a revaluation dated July 2011, some residential vacant land within these zones has crept above the \$206 minimum due to the higher AAV rate than the rate offered to residential vacant land in other residential zones.

Consultation:

Senior Planner, Senior Rates Officer.

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Total remission for properties in these zones for 2011/12 is estimated to be \$3,208.

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

It would be appropriate that all non-commercial land have the same AAV rate and a correction to be provided by remission for the 2001/12 rates so that no residential vacant land pays more than \$206. The recommended decision will affect approximately 20 properties.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not apply remissions for 2011/12
3. Do not apply remissions for 2011/12 but for future years apply the lowest rate in the dollar of AAV in line with residential land.

RECOMMENDATION:

Apply a remission back to a general rate of 2.303789 cents in the dollar of AAV for Vacant Land within the zones of Recreation and Landscape and Skyline Conservation while retaining the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate to \$206.00 for the 2011/12 year.

DECISION:

Cr Gray moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Williams	

5.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2011:

FILE REFERENCE: 0103

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprised the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first 2 months of the 2011/12 financial year.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

Nil

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Not receive the reports.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports be received.

DECISION:

Cr Garlick moved, Cr Williams seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Williams	

The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

20th September 2011