



Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
GAGEBROOK AT 5.35 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
16th August 2011**

PRESENT: Cr Foster (Mayor); Cr Taylor (Deputy Mayor); Cr Curran;
Cr Garlick; Cr Geard Cr Gray; Cr Jeffries; Cr Owen and Cr
Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Sanderson (General Manager); Mr G Davoren
(Deputy General Manager); Mr J Dryburgh (Senior
Planner); Mr L Wighton (Senior Technical Officer) and
Mrs J Banks (Manager Governance & Human Services).

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
OF 19TH JULY 2011.

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
of the 19th July 2011, be confirmed.*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9TH AUGUST 2011.

Cr Curran moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that the Minutes of the Heritage & Environment Committee Meeting of the 9th August 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

1.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9TH AUGUST 2011.

Cr Geard moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting of the 9th August 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9TH AUGUST 2011.

Cr Gray moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 9th August 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

All members were present.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND DEPUTATIONS:

Mr R Joseph addressed Council in relation to Item 11.6

4. 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.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

5.1 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0205-6

AUTHOR: Mayor
(Cr T Foster)

The Mayor's communications were as follows:-

- Jul 20 LGAT Conference in Hobart
- Jul 21 LGAT Conference in Hobart
- Jul 22 LGAT Conference in Hobart
- Jul 26 Miles Hampton, Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Corporations and I met with Peter Gutwein Chairman of the House of Assembly Select Committee looking at functionality and structures of the Water and Sewerage Corporations.

- Jul 27 Attended the farewell for Jill Gray at the Bridgewater Police Station.

- Jul 27 Attended the DIAC meeting with residents who reside in close proximity to the proposed Detention Facility at Pontville.

- Jul 28 Staff and I met with personnel from the Derwent United Football Club to look at ground use options for next season.

- Jul 28 Attended the DIAC meeting with residents who reside in close proximity to the proposed Detention Facility at Pontville.

- Aug 01 Deputy General Manager and I met with Corporate Communications.

- Aug 04 Attended farewell for Paul Rose at the Depot.

- Aug 05 Meeting with Ruth McCardle to discuss the Census arrangements for people in Bridgewater and Gagebrook.

- Aug 09 GM, DGM and I met with Corporate Communications.

- Aug 09 Planning Committee Meeting.

- Aug 10 GM, DGM and I met with Paul Mason National Programs Manager for SERCO.

- Aug 11 Meeting with State Infrastructure Minister David O'Byrne and Federal Minister Anthony Albanese to discuss the Midlands Highway.

- Aug 16 JRLF Strategic Partners Meeting.

Aug 16 Ordinary Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr Jeffries moved, Cr Geard seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

5.2 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0205-6

Southern Waste Strategy Board Joint Authority – Cr Geard representative.

Bridgewater Library + On-line Access Centre Advisory Committee – Cr Garlick representative.

Cr Geard advised that he had recently attended a Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee meeting.

Cr Geard attended a meeting on the skatepark/bike track. School students currently undertaking a survey.

Cr Owen attended the Premier's Physical Activity Council meeting at Ross recently.

Cr Gray advised that he had attended the Value Management Study by DIER about the new Bridgewater Bridge.

Cr Taylor moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that the reports be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

5.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (STCA) AND JOINT AUTHORITIES:

Correspondence and reports from the STCA and Joint Authorities e.g. Southern Waste Authority are received periodically by Council. If any Councillor wishes to view documents received contact should either be made with the Manager Governance and Human Services or General Manager.

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, it was reported that there were no workshops held since the last Council meeting.

(This includes workshop, seminar or meeting, other than a meeting that is conducted by or on behalf of the council for the councillors.)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

There were no notices of motion.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the Council, by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda, and

- (b) that the matter is urgent, and
- (c) that advice has been provided under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

DECISION:

There were no supplementary items.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

9.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 9/8/11:

The recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting of 9th August 2011 were submitted to Council for adoption.

Cr Gray moved, Cr Geard seconded that the recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

10. COUNCIL ACTING AS PLANNING AUTHORITY:

In accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the intention of the Council to act as a planning authority pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is to be noted. In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 10. on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

There were no Planning reports submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

11.1 POLICY 7.2 – CITIZENSHIP PRIZE – LOCAL SCHOOLS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0001

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

Background:

Since 1984 at least, the Brighton Council has made an annual grant to the local schools in the form of cash to be used as a "Citizenship Prize". Initially the grant was \$10.00 per school, but it was increased to \$20.00 per school in 1985, \$30.00 per school in 1987; \$50.00 per school in 1993 and \$60.00 per school in 1995.

It is considered that Council achieves positive publicity from this gesture, with the Mayor or other elected members being invited to present the Award.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Requirement to increase Grants and Donations budget.

Other Issues:

N/A

Assessment:

The Policy has been reviewed and annual donation amount increased. There has been no increase since 1995.

Suggested that the donation to schools be increased to \$100 annually.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That a different amount be donated annually.
 3. That the annual donation remains as \$60.00.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Policy No 7.2 is amended to provide an annual grant of \$100.00 to each school in the Municipality.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.2 POLICY 7.9 – APPLICATION FOR GRANTS – SPORTING ACHIEVERS – SECTION 77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993:

FILE REFERENCE: 0001

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

Background:

Policy 7.9 was further developed in 1995, and reviewed in 2000.

The current policy provides a one-off grant to full-time under eighteen (18) year students of the Brighton Municipality as follows:-

- Representing Tasmania \$75.00
- Representing Australia \$100.00

Consultation:

Nil.

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

As per Council's Annual Budget.

Other Issues:

Nil.

Assessment:

In 2000 the grant amounts were increased from \$60 and \$85 respectively.

Suggested that the one-off grant amounts be increased.

Council does not receive very many requests for students to represent Australia in their chosen sporting field. In 2009/10 there was one.

On average Council receives 5 requests from students who represent Tasmania in their sport.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That the one-off grant amounts in Policy 7.9 not be increased.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Policy 7.9 be amended to provide an increase of the one-off grants to full-time under eighteen (18) year students of the Brighton municipality to:-

- i) Representing Tasmania \$100.00
- ii) Representing Australia \$200.00

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.3 RESCIND POLICY 4.7 – DOGS – DECLARATION OF RESTRICTED AND TRAINING AREAS – DOG CONTROL ACT 2000:

FILE REFERENCE: 0001

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

Background:

Section 21 and 23 of the *Dog Control Act 2000 (DCA)* states that Council may declare restrictions on areas within the municipality for exercising or training of dogs.

Council's Policy 4.7 lists a number of areas with restrictions as well as a number of locations for training. Some of the areas listed in the Policy are now no longer relevant areas for training i.e. Army Camp, Seymour Street.

Council's Dog Management Policy also incorporates exercise areas and training areas etc.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Other Issues:

The Dog Management Policy is due for review and it is suggested that during this review the relevant sections of the DCA be taken into consideration, therefore superseding Policy 4.7

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council not rescind Policy 4.7

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council rescind Policy 4.7 and that the Declaration of restricted and training areas is incorporated into the review of the Dog Management Policy.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.4 POLICY 7.13 – ADVERTISING IN THE BRIGHTON COMMUNITY NEWS – COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0001

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

Background:

In 1999 the following Policy in respect to advertising in the *Brighton Community News* was adopted:

That Council will not accept specific advertisements from candidates, but will provide a spread in the newspaper at the appropriate time which will include a photograph and 150 words of the candidates choice.

The original decision by Council in 1999 actually referred to candidates for Federal, State and Council elections however the Policy appears to only depict Council elections.

Council have over many years received paid advertising from candidates in State and Federal elections e.g. Vanessa Goodwin; Michael Aird; Julie Collins; Jane Howlett; Tim Morris; Nick McKim; Heather Butler etc.

Consultation:

Corporate Communications.

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Extra revenue in advertising fees.

Other Issues:

Any political ad bookings will continue to be sent directly to Corporate Communications rather than managed by Council officers so as to alleviate any concerns or misconceptions by staff, current Councillors or proposed candidates.

Assessment:

Council has been accepting paid advertising in the *Brighton Community News* from election candidates at State and Federal elections as well as Council elections in 2007.

The Brighton Community News will continue to provide a spread in the newspaper where candidates can include a photograph and 150 words of the candidate's choice. The fee for this advertising will be uniform for all candidates.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.

2. That Policy 7.13 not be rescinded.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

1. Policy 7.13 is rescinded.
2. Candidates for Federal, State and Council elections have the opportunity to paid advertising in the *Brighton Community News*. All political advertisements to be sent directly to the Editor of the *Brighton Community News*.
3. That Council continue with the 'Council Election Candidates' spread in the *Brighton Community News* i.e. photograph and 150 words. The fee for this advertising will be uniform for all candidates.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.5 REQUEST FOR WATER & SEWER COST REMISSION – PETE’S COMMUNITY WORKSHED:

FILE REFERENCE: 0653

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Mrs C Harper)

Background:

Pete’s Community Workshed recently requested, and was granted financial assistance from Council to enable the Workshed to remain open. Shortly after this was approved they received an account from Council to pay for the Water and Sewer charges (Southern Water charges) on the property at 10 Sorell St, Bridgewater, as per the current lease agreement. Previously these charges have not been passed on, which led Pete’s Shed to incorrectly believe that Council had automatically remitted the charges.

The signed lease agreement by Jordan River Services states that they are responsible for the land tax, power, water, rates, gas, telephone etc charges on the property.

Council does not receive any rent for the shed.

They have now written to request that the charges (\$639.45) be remitted and the lease be altered so that future charges are not levied again.

Consultation:

John Waters (Pete’s Shed), Greg Davoren (Deputy General Manager), Janine Banks (Manager Governance & Human Services), Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Pete’s Shed has already received a \$5,000 donation from Council this year, however if they are required to pay the \$639.45, it will need to come out of that Council donation, significantly reducing those funds to below the level they required to remain open.

The Workshed currently receives financial support from Council in the form of a rent free building.

Other Issues:

Pete’s shed is currently leased to the Jordan River Services.

Assessment:

The power and telephone accounts are paid by Jordan River Service.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council remit all rates, water and sewer charges, including infrastructure and usage fees.
3. That no charges be remitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council donate a further \$640 as a contribution towards the Water and Sewerage charge for 2011/12.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.6 PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY – EAST DERWENT HIGHWAY, OLD BEACH:

FILE REFERENCE: EDEHWY
AUTHOR: Municipal Engineer
(Mr H Macpherson)

Background:

Council has received two phone calls and a letter from residents of Baskerville Road saying that with the new works that have happened along the East Derwent Highway they can no longer easily walk to the bus stop.

Previously the residents walked along the shoulder of the highway to get to the bus stop but the new works have installed a wire rope safety fence in the area that the residents previously walked. Now there is not enough width behind the fence to walk on the shoulder and it is too dangerous to walk on the road. They have requested Council to construct a gravel walking track to access the bus stop (shown as Path A on plan)

There is also a section of footpath that was built by a developer (as a condition of their permit) from Churinga Waters Drive to the Highway, but it does not connect to the bus stop. As part of the East Derwent Highway works they have also installed a wire rope safety fence that again makes it hard to walk along the shoulder. (Shown as Path B on plan)

Consultation:

Municipal Engineer; DIER

Risk Implications:

There is a potential risk to the users if they decide to use the highway instead of taking the longer footpath route.

Financial Implications:

Path A:

The cost to construct a gravel walkway from Baskerville Rd to the bus stop would be approximately \$20,000 (Shown as Path A on plan). This would not include any works to put a walkway up Baskerville Rd, but there is a shoulder along the road that can be used by pedestrians.

Path B:

The cost to construct a gravel walkway from the end of the Churinga Waters Drive path to the bus stop would be approximately \$5,000 (Shown as Path B on plan).

Other Issues:

Path A:

There is a link to walk through from Baskerville Road to Clive Avenue, but for the few residents below this walk way it would result in an extra 750m to walk to the bus stop. For the residents near (and above) the link to Clive Ave from Baskerville Road it would result in walking an extra 340m if a gravel walkway was constructed.

Path B:

From the existing walkway to the bus stop via Churinga Waters Drive, Eaves Court and Fouche Ave is an additional 550m. There are about 25 dwelling that would have to walk the additional 550m if the walkway was removed and about 27 additional dwelling that would be disadvantage in distance if the walkway was removed.

Council has discussed both proposals with DIER who support the idea but are not willing to provide any funding for the path as no formal path existed prior to the works.

Assessment:

Path A:

There are about 5 existing dwellings that are close to the Clives Ave walkway off Baskerville Rd which is 580m away by the new proposed route or 920m via Clives Aves.

There are 2 existing dwellings that are nearer to the bus stop on Baskerville Rd which is 420m away by the new proposed route or 1170m via Clives Aves.

Path B:

There are approximately 52 dwelling that would be advantaged by constructing the gravel path from the existing concrete walkway to the bus stop.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation
 2. Agree to reallocate \$20,000 from the budget to do drainage works at Pontville Oval to construct Path A as shown on the attached plan and look at putting money in the 2012-13 budget for Path B.
 3. Agree to reallocate \$5,000 from the budget to do drainage works at Pontville Oval to construct Path B as shown on the attached plan and look at putting money in the 2012-13 budget for Path A.
 4. Do not approve either path and review as part of the budget process for 2012-13.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Agreed to reallocate \$25,000 from the budget to do drainage works at Pontville Oval to construct both Paths A and B as shown on the attached plan.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.7 SPEED LIMIT – COVE HILL ROAD, BRIDGEWATER:

FILE REFERENCE: 0590 - 2

AUTHOR: Municipal Engineer
(Mr H Macpherson)

Background:

Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) have contacted Brighton Council regarding Cove Hill Road Speed Limit. After recent investigations they have concluded that it is not possible to safely travel the road at the posted limit of 80 km/h 'because of the limited forward sight distance associated with its curved alignment and the condition on the road surface.'

DIER proposes that the speed limit be reduced to 70km/h along the 3km section from the eastern end of Bridgewater to the junction with Briggs Road.

In May 2009 traffic data was taken by Brighton Council on Cove Hill Road which showed an average speed of 53km/h with 95% of vehicles doing less than 65.9 km/h.

Consultation:

Municipal Engineer, Senior Technical Officer, Project Engineer.

Risk Implications:

There may be some complaints from locals regarding the reduced speed limit.

Financial Implications:

DIER will provide the speed signs and Council would be required to install them.

Other Issues:

Cove Hill Bridge is currently planned to be replaced in 2013 - 2014, the road is in the ten year plan to be reconstructed.

Assessment:

Reducing the speed limit on this section of Cove Hill Road will bring it more into line with average speeds experienced on this road.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Do not support the proposed speed limit changes.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Council provides a letter of support to DIER regarding the proposed speed limit changes.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	
Cr Taylor	
Cr Williams	

11.8 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM:

FILE REFERENCE: 0878 -2
AUTHOR: Municipal Engineer
(Mr H Macpherson)

Background:

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has campaigned for the Roads to Recovery Program since 2000 and has achieved two extensions to the program over that time. The current Roads to Recovery Program is due to end in 2014 and by that time more than \$4.5 billion in additional funding will have been provided for local roads.

The ALGA is campaigning for the Roads to recovery program to be made permanent 'at a rate that recognises the backlog of needs on local roads and a continuation of the current popular and successful arrangements' and to provide Councils with funding certainty. They are hoping to launch their campaign at the 2011 National Local Roads and Transport Congress in November with the support of every Council in Australia.

The ALGA has provided a suggested motion for Councils to fill out in support of the campaign. They have also called for Councils to write to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Opposition spokesperson for transport and our Local Member of Parliament to advise them of Councils support for a new Roads to Recovery Program and provided a template letter for this purpose.

Consultation:

Municipal Engineer, Project Engineer, Technical Officer.

Risk Implications:

The road quality in Brighton Council may be reduced if this funding is not maintained past 2014.

Financial Implications:

Council may lose Roads to recovery funding in 2014 if the current program is not extended or renewed. In the 2009 - 2010 financial year Council received \$155 198 funding from this program, which was for a 5 year period. The total roads construction and maintenance budget is approximately \$2 000 000.

Other Issues:

N/A

Assessment:

Brighton Council uses the Roads to Recovery money to help maintain roads in the municipality to acceptable standards. We would be happy to maintain this level of federal funding.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Support the motion but do not send letters to the suggested political leaders.
3. Do not respond to the campaign.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the recommended resolution with the recommended wording of:

Brighton Council calls on the Federal Government to:

- Recognise the successful delivery of the Roads to Recovery Program by Local Government since 2000;
- Continue the Roads to recovery Program on a permanent basis to assist local government meet its responsibilities of providing access for its communities;
- Continue the Roads to Recovery program with the current administrative arrangements; and
- Provide an increased level of funding under a future Roads to Recovery Program that recognises the shortfall of funding on local roads of \$1.2 billion annually.

And send the recommended letters containing the above resolution to the suggested political leaders.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted. Cr Geard suggested that Council also mention the safety aspects of the Program.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	
Cr Jeffries	

Cr Owen
Cr Taylor
Cr Williams

11.9 BRIDGEWATER LEARN TO SWIM POOL PROJECT – LEARNING FEDERATION:

FILE REFERENCE: McShane/1D

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

Background:

The Minister for Education and Skills, Hon N McKim MP has notified Council that Capital Investment Projects have been deferred which includes the Bridgewater Learn to Swim Pool project at the Jordan River Learning Federation.

Consultation:

Senior Management Team, Councillors.

Assessment:

The Mayor is seeking Councillor input prior to responding to the Education and Skills Minister.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That Council not respond to the Minister for Education and Skills.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for discussion and appropriate response to be sent to the Minister for Education and Skills, Hon N McKim MP.

DECISION:

Resolved that the Mayor draft and circulate an appropriate response to Mr McKim.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Geard	

Cr Jeffries
Cr Owen
Cr Taylor
Cr Williams

12. QUESTION ON NOTICE:

There were no questions on notice.

Meeting closed: 6.35 pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

20th September 2011