



Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
15th APRIL 2014**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Sanderson (General Manager); Mr G Davoren
(Deputy General Manager); Mr J Dryburgh (Manager
Development Services) and Mrs J Banks (Governance
Manager)

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
OF 18th MARCH 2014.

Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 18th March 2014, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 8TH APRIL 2014.

Cr Gray moved, Cr Owen seconded that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 8th April 2014, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Geard had requested leave of absence as he was overseas.

Cr Jeffries moved, Cr Garlick seconded that Cr Geard and Cr Williams be granted leave of absence.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND DEPUTATIONS:

- Sue Parr (St Ann's) addressed Council in relation to the proposed community recreation area at Verve, Old Beach.

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.

Cr Curran declared an interest in Item 11.4

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:-

- Mar 19 General Manager and I attended a LGAT General Meeting in Launceston.
- Mar 20 Participant in the ABC Friday Forum
- Mar 20 Meeting with senior staff and Tony and Ingrid Harrison. meeting held at Brighton Office 205 Brighton Road.
- Mar 22 St Ann's and Verve community day
- Mar 25 Meeting with David Raw President of Tasmanian Principal's Association.
- Mar 26 Meeting with General Manager.
- Mar 27 As Taswater Owner's Chief Representative, Board Chairman Miles Hampton and CEO Mike Brewster met with Peter Gutwein
- Mar 28 Joined Chelsea Barnes and her steering committee in their campaign walk against domestic violence from Gagebrook Community Centre to the Bridgewater Community Centre
- Mar 31 Meeting with Lyons Federal MP Eric Hutcheson
Meeting with Heath Macpherson and Scott Percey
Attended the Tasrail ribbon cutting ceremony for the commissioning of their wagon rollingstock.
- Apr 03 Council workshop
- Apr 04 General Manager and I met with the Lord Mayor of Hobart Damon Thomas at his request.
- Apr 08 Meeting with Heath Macpherson, Scott Percey and James Dryburgh
- Apr 08 Planning Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

5.2 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

FILE REFERENCE: 0205-6

Southern Waste Strategy Board Joint Authority - Cr Geard representative.

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

Correspondence and reports from the STCA, LGAT, Taswater 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 was a workshop held on the 3rd April 2014, to discuss the future location of the Brighton Council Offices. The following Councillors attended the workshop - Cr Curran; Cr Foster; Cr Garlick; Cr Gray; Cr Owen; Cr Taylor and Cr Williams.

(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:

The General Manager advised there were no supplementary items.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

9.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE – 8/4/14:

The recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting of 8th April 2014 were submitted to Council for adoption.

Cr Gray moved, Cr Taylor seconded that the recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 8th April 2014, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

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 listed on this Agenda.

11. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

11.1 GARAGE SALE TRAIL:

FILE REFERENCE: Waste

AUTHOR: Asset Services Manager
(Mr H Macpherson)

Background:

The Garage Sale Trail began in Bondi in 2010. It was originally an idea to combat illegal dumping - "Don't Dump It Sell It" conceived by two Bondi locals and friends Darryl Nichols and Andrew Valder. In just over three years the program has grown from a partnership with one council and 126 garage sales, to an initiative incorporating partnerships with over 100 councils and more than 7000 sales registered all over Australia in 2013. Since the program began, over a million items have been redistributed, \$3 million dollars made and over a million dollars raised for charity. It's the fastest growing community and sustainability program the country.

Last year SWSA negotiated with the Garage Sale Trail to reduce the participation cost if all Southern Councils were involved. They have negotiated a similar deal this year and are asking Brighton Council for \$1,500.

Consultation:

General Manager, Chairman of Waste Committee

Risk Implications:

There is very little risk for Council by participating in the Garage Sale Trail.

Financial Implications:

The major cost is the \$1,500 contributing. Some in-kind support is required on Council staff in the promotion of the event and an article of two in the community news but a lot of resources and information are provided by the Garage Sale Trail staff.

Other Issues:

Last year there were 147 registered garage sales in Southern Tasmania with the following breakdown:

Council	Total garage sales	Contributing Locals
Hobart City Council	32	160
Clarence City Council	29	145
Kingborough Council	23	115
Sorell Council	12	60
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council	11	55
Glenorchy City Council	9	45
Southern Midlands Council	9	45
Derwent Valley Council	7	35
Brighton Council	6	30
Central Highlands Council	6	30
Huon Valley Council	3	15
Tasman Council	0	0

Assessment:

Despite only achieving a small number of garage sales last year, the history of the program nationally shows a steady increase in participation from year to year. It is therefore anticipated that Brighton will improve on its participation rate if the program was to proceed in 2014.

The deal negotiated by the SWSA requires all Councils to be involved. Brighton's contribution is therefore necessary for the program to go ahead in Southern Tasmania.

The Garage Sale Trail is an innovative approach to waste reduction and awareness raising around recycling and waste minimisation. It is also demonstrated to have good environmental and social outcomes for the communities in which it is run.

There would be no negative consequences for Brighton Council in proceeding with this initiative.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation
2. That Council do not budget \$1,500 for the garage sale trail

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council budget \$1,500 to go towards participating in the Garage Sale Trail.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

11.2 SWSA – WASTE LEVY:

FILE REFERENCE: Waste

AUTHOR: Asset Services Manager
(Mr H Macpherson)

Background:

Council currently pays a voluntary waste levy based on the amount of waste that they sent to landfill. The money from the levy is used to fund SWSA. At the moment Councils pay 100% of the levy and it has been \$2/tonne for a number of years. A letter has been received from SWSA stating that at the last board meeting it was resolved to keep the voluntary waste levy at \$2/tonne.

Consultation:

General Manager, Chairman of Waste Committee

Risk Implications:

If Council sees an increase in waste that is sent to landfill this would result in increased costs. The previous year saw a decrease in volumes to landfill and with the recent trial of green waste removal, tip shop and ongoing scrap metal removal it is envisaged that the volumes will continue to decrease or stay level depending on growth.

Financial Implications:

In 2011 Council produced 7277 tonnes of waste to landfill. For the 2012 financial year 6895 tonnes were produced.

Other Issues:

The north and north-west regions have increase their levy to \$5/tonne.

Now that a majority government is in place there is potential for a waste levy to be legislated which could result in a significant increase in the coming years.

If a waste levy is ever introduced it is envisioned that the levy will initially be \$10/tonne.

Assessment:

A waste levy can have a number of benefits include:

- Helping promote separation and waste minimisation
- Financial incentive to separate at source
- Encourage the reduction of the volume of waste to landfill thus expanding the life of existing landfill sites
- Provide a source of funding for existing and new waste management programs and environmental initiatives
- Help fund cost effective solutions for stakeholders for improved waste management across the state
- Stimulate growth in the waste and resource recovery sectors
- Make the State Waste Strategy significantly more effective through its impact on the pricing structure of the waste and resource recovery sectors, incentivising further gains in waste reduction, re-use and recycling
- Encourage proper separation of waste and have a mechanism to return money back to stakeholders to improve on existing waste management practices.

The levy will be \$2/tonne next year but Council should be aware that this may change in the future.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation
 2. That the report not be accepted.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2014:

FILE REFERENCE: 0103

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprised the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first nine months of the 2013/14 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 Jeffries seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Cr Curran declared an interest in the following item and left the Council Chambers.

11.4 BRIGHTON POSTAL ROO:

FILE REFERENCE: 0949
AUTHOR: General Manager
(Mr R Sanderson)

Background:

Following the completion of the Brighton bypass Council has been working with local Brighton businesses to plan for streetscape improvements on the old highway. Some minor achievements have been made but major works have been stalled while traffic assessments of the new conditions were finalised.

One component was to have a native animal theme within the township.

To this end the Brighton Pharmacy and Post Office engaged artist Folko Kooper to make a metal sculpture of a kangaroo with mail to be placed in the nature strip in front of the post office.

The author has received a request from the owner of the pharmacy for Council's support. He has requested that Council install a concrete base 2.2m x 1.2m x 200mm for the sculpture. The businesses will pay for the artwork and installation.

Consultation:

Manager Development Services

Risk Implications:

None identified.

Financial Implications:

It is estimated that the slab will cost less than \$1,000.

Other Issues:

This may set a precedent such that other businesses will ask for Council assistance for streetscape works.

Assessment:

The sculpture is consistent with the theme of native animals and adds an interesting and promotable edge by incorporating postal service items.

It came as an unsolicited offer from two local businesses to improve the town's streetscape.

The issue of setting a precedent of Council assisting businesses to improve Brighton's streetscape is a positive rather than a negative. This could send a message to other businesses to get on board to improve the town. There are other examples of towns that work successfully together to shape the look and feel of their communities; such as Sheffield and Deloraine. This project could precipitate similar actions in Brighton.

Options:

1. Adopt the recommendation
2. Do nothing

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the installation of the "Postal Roo" sculpture on the nature strip in front of the Brighton Post Office and pay for the construction of a concrete base for the sculpture.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

12. QUESTION ON NOTICE:

There were no questions on notice.

Cr Curran rejoined the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

20th May 2014