



Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.15 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
14TH MARCH, 2017

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Deputy Chairperson); Cr Garlick; Cr Gray;
Cr Jeffries and Cr Owen.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Cr Williams; Mr G Davoren
(Deputy General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance
Manager); Mr L Wighton (Senior Technical Officer)
and Mr D Allingham (Acting Manager Development
Services).

1. APOLOGIES:

Cr Garlick moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that Cr Foster be granted leave of absence.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

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. BUSINESS:

4.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2017:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprise the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first eight months of the 2016/17 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 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 Owen	

4.2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TEA TREE TENNIS COURT:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The Tea Tree community association owns a tennis court at Tea Tree which is made available to the public. The tennis court requires maintenance to the bitumen surface due to cracking. Council has engaged a road maintenance firm that specializes in the repair of cracks to the road which will be shortly working in the vicinity of Tea Tree. The road maintenance firm would also be suitable to the repair of the Tea Tree tennis court. The Tee Tree community Association is seeking financial support from Council to engage the road maintenance crew to repair the tennis court.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Total cost of repairs required to the tennis court are estimated at \$1,500

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

The Tea Tree community association has been a successful and very active community group that has been supported by Council in the past.

The association does make the tennis court available to the public so it would seem reasonable to assist in the maintenance of this court at this opportune time.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council does not support any donation towards the crack repair of the Tea Tree community association tennis court.
3. That Council donates \$1500 towards the crack repair of the Tea Tree community association tennis court.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council donates \$750 towards the crack repair of the Tea Tree Community Association tennis court.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4.3 WRITE OFF BAD DEBTS:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

In accordance with our Financial Policy I wish to request Council for the authority to write off bad debts.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

A total of \$3,937.72 is requested to be written off. All collection efforts have been exhausted.

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

The following debts are owed to Council. I believe these debts to be unrecoverable as there are no reasonable prospects of recovering the debt; or the cost of recovery is likely to equal or exceed the amount to be recovered.

\$1,822.72 (2009) - Pestrucchi Gregson Construction - Insolvent subdivision works

\$500.00 (2014) - Bewley Janell - Lost Energy Home Audit kit

\$735.00 (2011) - Luna Tony - Hire fees

\$880.00 (2015) - Emily Harvey - Dogs Home fees

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That Council continue to seek payment of identified outstanding debts.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That approval is given to write off the above debts.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Meeting closed at 5.30pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

21st March 2017