



Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.10 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
12TH JULY, 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Taylor; Cr Williams; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer) and Mr D Allingham (Planning Officer)

1. APOLOGIES:

All members were present.

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*.

4. BUSINESS:

4.1 FREE ACCESS TO WASTE TRANSFER STATION – BRIDGEWATER/GAGEBROOK CLEAN UP GROUP

FILE REFERENCE:

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Ms C Harper)

Background:

Mark Bartlett had written to Council to request free access to the waste transfer station. He has formed a small group who are committed to cleaning up the area by picking up litter and other rubbish.

The group is hoping to grow their numbers through volunteers and they are actively promoting their group on Facebook. Whilst they are keen to undertake the work they would like assistance from Council through free access to the Waste Transfer Station and any other assistance Council can offer, eg garbage bags, gloves.

Consultation:

Mark Bartlett and Angela Knight (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group), Janine Banks (Manager Governance and Human Resources), Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

Risk Implications:

Council may need to ensure that the group operate using safe work practices when collecting garbage.

Financial Implications:

Fees that would have been applicable will need to be recognised as a donation from Council for this cause. It is difficult to determine actual cost to Council at this stage as the group is new and the number of times they access the waste transfer station will depend on how much litter/garbage they collect.

Other Issues:

N/A

Assessment:

Mark Bartlett and Angela Knight are keen to make a difference in the community and to inspire others to take more pride in the area and change the culture of community members.

This group are active community members who can assist in keeping the Bridgewater/Gagebrook/Herdsman's Cove areas cleaner.

There may be a need to ensure that WHS practices are observed by the group to ensure there are no potential risks associated for Council. It is understood they are being auspiced by the Bridgewater Community Centre to cover their volunteers.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council not approve free access to the Waste Transfer Station.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve free access to the Waste Transfer Station for the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group.

DECISION:

Cr Owen 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	

4.2 WASTE TRANSFER STATION – FREE ACCESS – SERVICES PROVIDERS:

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Mrs C Harper)

Background:

A few service providers have written to Council to seek permission for free access to the Waste Transfer Station for the 2016-17 financial year.

Consultation:

Governance Manager, Friends of the Farm; Council Services Officer; Jordan River Service and St Vincent de Paul

Risk Implications:

The free access is considered a donation as per Community Grants program and is reported in Council's Annual Report..

Financial Implications:

Recorded as a donation and report in the annual report.

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

The following organisations have requested free access:-

St Vincent de Paul – Vinnies shop in Hurst Street, Bridgewater (weekly basis)

Jordan River Service – Helping Hands project (weekly basis)

“Friends of the Farm” – Jordan River School Farm (weekly basis)

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council not approve free access to the Waste Transfer Station.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant free access to Friends of the Farm; St Vincent de Paul and Jordan River Service (Helping Hands) to the Waste Transfer Station and these donations are recorded in the Annual Report.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendation be adopted and to include Community Corrections and the Bridgewater Anglers Association.

Resolved that Council Officers develop a voucher system to provide to the service providers.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4.3 RATES AND CHARGES POLICY:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The Brighton Council Rates and Charges Policy 2012 is required by legislation to be reviewed every 4 years.

Consultation:

Senior Rates Officer

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

Nil

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Make alterations to the Rating Policy prior to adoption.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised Brighton Council Rates and Charges Policy 2012 be adopted.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

The meeting closed at 5.30p.m.

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

19th July 2016