



# Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES  
OLD BEACH AT 5.35 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Cr Williams; Mr R Sanderson (General Manager); Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager) and Mr D Allingham (Senior Planner).

## 1. APOLOGIES:

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that Cr Garlick be granted leave of absence.*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
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 2015*, 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 2015*.

*There were no declarations of interest.*

### **4. BUSINESS:**

#### **4.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017:**

**AUTHOR:** Deputy General Manager  
(Mr G Davoren)

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#### **Background:**

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprised the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first three months of the 2017/18 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 Jeffries moved, Cr Owen seconded that the report be received.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	

**4.2 FREE USE OF BRIGHTON OFFICE – PENGUIN CLUB (SPEAK EASY GROUP):**

**FILE REFERENCE:**

**AUTHOR:** Council Services Officer  
(Ms C Harper)

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**Background:**

Council has received a request from Shirley McKerrow, Brighton Group Penguin Club of Australia to have fees waived on the twice monthly use of the Brighton Office, 205 Brighton Rd, Brighton for their meetings.

Council granted an initial twelve-month fee waiver in 2016. They are a small club which is slowly expanding their membership numbers. The purpose of the club is to “empower women, especially local women with confidence and skills necessary for meaningful communication in a variety of situations”.

**Consultation:**

Shirley McKerrow (Penguin Club), Janine Banks (Governance Manager), Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

**Risk Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

Fees that would have been applicable will need to be recognised as a donation from Council. The fee for the not for profit group using the space for two hours per month and would be eligible to receive a 50% discount on the schedule fee of \$27.00 per hour. Therefore granting the space free of charge would equal an extra donation by Council of \$27.00 per month.

**Other Issues:**

N/A

**Assessment:**

The Penguin Club has operated in the municipality for several years. Their purpose is beneficial to women who would like to gain confidence in public speaking, meeting protocol and general communication. The Club is a supportive and friendly environment where this experience and knowledge can be gained.

The Brighton office is currently underutilised and this use by the group promotes the facility to the broader community.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
  2. Council not approve free use of the Brighton Office for a period of a further twelve months.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council approve free use of the facility for the Brighton Group of the Penguin Club for on an ongoing permanent basis, subject to review of membership numbers.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	

### **4.3 JORDAN RIVER LEARNING FEDERATION – SENIOR SCHOOL – SCHOOL FARM SCHOLARSHIP:**

**AUTHOR:** Governance Manager  
(Mrs J Banks)

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#### **Background:**

Councillors may recall that the then Principal of the Jordan River Learning Federation – Senior School (JRLF) Robyn Storey addressed Council at its October 2014 Council meeting seeking Council's support towards scholarships for students at the JRLF School Farm.

Council's decision was to "...provide 2 travelling scholarships to the Jordan River Learning Centre".

The Senior School are now seeking clarification of the intent of the Scholarships and are asking if they are able to be used for any of their VET students across the range of courses they offer.

#### **Consultation:**

Governance Manager and Chris Jackson (Senior School – JRLF)

#### **Risk Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Council budget \$3,000 each for 2 Scholarships each financial year.

#### **Other Issues:**

The School have over the past couple of years requested clarification as to what the Scholarship may be used for e.g. would it cover a parent's airfare/accommodation travelling with their child to the Mainland for training?

#### **Assessment:**

The author's recollection is that the Scholarship was recommended and approved by Council for Agricultural students specifically at the School Farm. The emphasis was on agricultural studies.

#### **Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That the Scholarship monies be used for other VET students; not necessarily Agriculture at the JRLF.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the two (2) Scholarships valued at \$3,000 each, be provided to VET students studying Agriculture or similar at the JRLF School Farm, and that the money be used at the School's discretion in relation to interstate travel arrangements and guardian attendance.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	

Meeting closed at 5.38pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2017