



# Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES  
OLD BEACH AT 5.25 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Mr G Davoren (Acting General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager) and Mr D Allingham (Senior Planner).

## 1. APOLOGIES:

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

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
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 31 AUGUST 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 two 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the reports be received.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**4.2 REDUCTION OF RATES 2/138 CLARKS ROAD, DROMEDARY:**

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

**Background:**

Council had received an email requesting a rates remission on behalf of the owner of 2/138 Clarks Road Dromedary.

The property 138 Clarks Road has been rated separately by the Valuer General following the building of a NBN Tower on the property. The Valuer General does not provide a value for the land or the building but has identified the property to have an Assessed Annual Value (AAV) of \$5,000. The AAV is the estimated annual rental value or 4% of the capital value whichever is greater. Council is not privy to the actual annual rental value.

Council currently rates all commercial property at 7.219711 cents by AAV yet applies a minimum rate of \$875.00.

**Consultation:**

Senior Rates Services Officer.

**Risk Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

The current minimum rate for commercial properties is \$875 per annum.

**Other Issues:**

Nil

**Assessment:**

Council currently charges Telstra, Tas Networks, TasWater and private ratepayers of other land where there are utility facilities, including communication towers. Rates are set in accordance with the rate resolution whereby at least the commercial minimum rate of \$875 is applied or more if the value of the property is higher.

Previously Council has not offered any rate relief for utility facilities. Council would need to consider that if a precedence is set in this instance then it may be obliged to replicate this offer or equivalent benefit to maintain competitive neutrality.

**Options:**

1. That Council supports is current Rating Resolution and does not support a rate reduction for the utility facility at 2/138 Clarks Road, Dromedary.
  2. Council supports a rate reduction for the utility facility at 2/138 Clarks Road, Dromedary equivalent to the current AAV rate applicable if a minimum was not applied
  3. That Council supports a rate reduction for the utility facility at 2/138 Clarks Road, Dromedary to be advised by Council.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Submitted for discussion and recommendation.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Owen moved that Option 2 be adopted.*

**MOTION LOST**

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that Option 1 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

The meeting closed at 5.45pm

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2017