



# 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,  
12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Cr Williams; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager) and Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager).

## 1. APOLOGIES:

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

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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 WASTE TRANSFER STATION – FREE ACCESS:**

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

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**Background:**

In the past a number of users had been given free access to the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) for disposal of rubbish. Those users were as follows:

- Bridgewater/Gagebrook Uniting Church
- Community Corrections
- Jordan River Service (includes Neighbourhood Houses and Pete’s Shed)
- St Vincent de Paul (Shop)
- St Vincent de Paul (Bridgewater Nursery)
- Bridgewater/Gagebrook clean-up Volunteer group

Council contacted all those providers to advise that a request for this service is required for the 2018/2019 year.

To date these organisations have responded and the amount of free access they have requested.

The requests received to date for 2018/19 usage is:-

Uniting Church	26
Jordan River Service	32
St. Vincent De Paul (Shop)	104
St. Vincent de Paul (Nursery)	104
Community Corrections	20
Friends of the Farm	No response

Bridgewater /Gagebrook Volunteer Group	32
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**Consultation:**

Council Services Officer, Governance Manager, Municipal Engineer, Uniting Church, Community Corrections, Jordan River Services, St Vincent de Paul (Shop and Nursery), Friends of the (school) Farm, Bridgewater/Gagebrook Volunteer Group.

**Risk Implications:**

The free access is considered a donation as per Community Grants program and recorded in the Annual Report.

**Financial Implications:**

Usage/Cost- 2017/18 as at 18 May 2018

Organisation	\$ Cost to date (18/5/18)
Uniting Church	\$35.00
Jordan River Service	\$480.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$664.00
Community Corrections	\$87.00
Veterans Memorial Centre	\$0.00
Friends of the Farm	\$210.00
Bridgewater /Gagebrook Volunteer Group	\$260.00
Bridgewater Anglers Group	\$15.00
Total	\$1751.00

**Other Issues:**

Waste disposal minimisation education is required to reduce the overall amount of waste going to landfill.

**Assessment:**

N/A

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council charge all users.
3. Other amounts as decided by Council

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That all existing and new applicant users be provided free access for the 2018/19 financial year; this to be funded from the 2018/19 Grants and Donations budget and recorded in the Annual Report.

Organisation	Recommended number of vouchers
Uniting Church	20
Jordan River Service	30
St. Vincent De Paul (Shop)	52
St. Vincent de Paul (Nursery)	26
Community Corrections	20
Bridgewater /Gagebrook Volunteer Group	26
Friends of the Farm	12

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Foster	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Owen	

**4.2 FEE WAIVER OF BRIGHTON CIVIC CENTRE FOR LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER FOR VERONIKA DAVIE:**

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

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**Background:**

Council has received a request from the Lions Club of Brighton to waive the hire fees of the Civic Centre for a fundraiser Quiz night they are holding. This fundraiser is to assist in purchasing a wheelchair accessible vehicle for the Davie family.

The Davie family live in the Brighton municipality and are well known for their “Veronika Will Walk” endeavours. Veronika, who suffers from cerebral palsy and suffered other pre-birth complications is now ten years old and getting too big for her mother to safely lift her in and out of the family car.

The Lions Club are undertaking multiple fundraising activities for the purpose, including the Quiz night fundraiser on 28 July 2018.

**Consultation:**

Aaron De La Torre (Vice President, Lions Club of Brighton), Janine Banks (Governance Manager ), Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

**Risk Implications:**

May set a precedent for other fundraiser events.

**Financial Implications:**

Fees that would have been applicable will need to be recognised as a donation from Council. The fee for a group fundraising would be eligible to receive a 50% discount on the schedule fee of \$120.00/whole centre per hour. Therefore, granting the space free of charge would result in a loss of \$240.00 in revenue.

**Other Issues:**

N/A

**Assessment:**

Council became aware of the Davie family several years ago when Veronika was in need of hydrotherapy at her home. The Davie family have continued to work tirelessly to provide Veronika with the best possible opportunities available to them. The Lions Club of Brighton is a respected community organisation who assist people and families in need.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council not approve free use of the Brighton Civic Centre for this fundraising event.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council approve free use of the Brighton Civic Centre for a Quiz Night Fundraiser by the Lions Club of Brighton, to assist in the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van for the Davie family of Honeywood.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**4.3 RATES RELIEF – BRIGHTON BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB:**

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

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**Background:**

Council provided a part contribution of \$400,000 towards the improved facilities at the Brighton Bowls and Community Club this financial year. The club facilities are now complete. The Club is now conscious that the new facility will pose increased overheads and is seeking Council support to waiver their general rate.

**Consultation:**

Engineers.

**Risk Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

As per the budget.

**Other Issues:**

Nil

**Assessment:**

The Brighton Bowls and Community Club expect that the community will take advantage of their new facility and will contribute to the operating costs through hiring fees. The club also expects that some uses will be gratis to the community

It would be preferable that instead of assisting with a general rate relief to the Brighton Bowls and Community Club, that Council support any community Group using the club, if appropriate, on an individual basis with a once-off or ongoing grant to offset any user fee associated with the facility hire. This would provide Council with greater transparency and decision-making opportunity.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Waive the general rate indefinitely for the Brighton Bowls and Community Club.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

To not provide a general rate relief to the Brighton Bowls and Community Club. To offer the Brighton Bowls and Community Club the option to encourage any hirer seeking financial support to apply directly to Council.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Gray moved, Cr Owen seconded that this item be held over pending further information.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**4.4 FUNDING REQUEST – BRIDGEWATER PCYC:**

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

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**Background:**

Council has adopted its 2018/19 budget in principle and has agreed to fund the Bridgewater PCYC for two separate grants of \$50,000 and \$30,000.

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting Council committed \$25,000 to Grassroots Community Development Pty Ltd to establish a sport and wellbeing community club subject to further funding secured from other funders.

Council has also agreed to contribute \$2,000 towards community transportation, provide for a \$6,000 university scholarship, \$6,000 for school farm scholarships, \$3,000 for Cycling South and a further \$60,000 for general donations and grants.

The Bridgewater PCYC are now seeking a further funding request of \$27,000 towards the "Bridgewater Community Engagement Project 2018". Specifically, the funding is sought to develop the community engagement officer position within this program.

**Consultation:**

None

**Risk Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

\$27,000

**Other Issues:**

Nil

**Assessment:**

Whilst the Bridgewater PCYC has an excellent track record in supporting our community, all donations are at the absolute discretion of Council. Councillors are encouraged to discuss directly with the Bridgewater PCYC to assist in their assessment of this opportunity.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council does not support any further funding of the PCYC at this time.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council to advise the amount of funding to be provided, to support the Bridgewater PCYC request towards the "Bridgewater Community Engagement Project 2018".

**DECISION:**

*Cr Gray moved, Cr Owen seconded that this item be held over pending further information.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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



## 4.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2018:

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

**CARRIED**

### **VOTING RECORD**

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

Meeting closed at 5.50pm

Confirmed:

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(Mayor)

Date:

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19<sup>th</sup> June 2018