



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,
13TH FEBRUARY, 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer) and Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager).

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

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 JANUARY 2018:

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 seven 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 Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	

Cr Gray
Cr Owen

4.2 FREE USE OF OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BRIGHTON SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP:

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Ms C Harper)

Background:

Council has received a request from Dennis Oates, Vice President of the Brighton Senior Citizens Group to have fees waived on the fortnightly use of the Old Council Chambers, Pontville for their fortnightly meetings for a period of twelve months.

The group have operated in the municipality for many years but suffered a decrease in numbers in the past eighteen months and are currently trying to increase their numbers. Unfortunately, some meetings they are only managing to get approximately six of their regular members attending, especially during the winter months.

The group is currently charged 50% of the schedule fee for the hire of the building and they charge members \$3.00 to attend each time to help cover this cost.

Consultation:

Dennis Oates (Brighton Senior Citizens 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 8 hours per month (2 x 4 hr sessions) would be 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 \$108.00 per month.

Other Issues:

N/A

Assessment:

The Brighton Senior Citizens Group has operated in the municipality for many years. Their purpose is to provide social gathering opportunities and activities for older members of the community, including some day trips.

Some of the key members of the group have passed away in recent times and the group is now attempting to rebuild their numbers and have gained some increased membership but are finding it difficult to cover the cost of the room hire.

This group is the only opportunity for social outings that some members have, which is why they are keen to continue to fortnightly meetings.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Council approve free use of the Old Council Chambers for a period of twelve months, and then reviewed.
 3. Council not approve free use of the facility on an ongoing permanent basis.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve free use of the facility for the Brighton Senior Citizens Club on an ongoing permanent basis.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Meeting closed at 5.20pm

Confirmed: _____
 (Mayor)

Date: _____
 20th February 2018