



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 MARCH, 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Higgins; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); and Mrs K Hossack (Acting Governance Manager).

1. APOLOGIES:

An apology received by Cr Williams.

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 BRIGHTON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION COLLECTION DONATION TO COUNCIL:

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Ms C Harper)

Background

Council had received advice from the Brighton Heritage Association that they will be dissolving the organisation to due depleting membership which has caused it to be no longer viable.

Since the Association's establishment they have gathered a valuable collection of artefacts and information they would like to see remain in the community and be available for future use. The group would like the collection to remain as a single entity and believe that Council would be the most appropriate caretaker. Many hours have been donated to catalogue the collection and all of this information would be passed on to Council.

The Association has been active in the community having achieved many valuable objectives, including; providing historical interpretation panels, annual Heritage Walks, opening the museum to the general public, providing talks to local school children and community groups, maintaining the Horse Trough Cemetery and being a source of local historical information.

Consultation

Andrea Marks (President of Brighton Heritage Association, Robin Verth (BHA Member), Noelene Foster (BHA Member), Cr Peter Geard (Parks and Recreation Committee Chair), Gillian Browne (Executive Officer), Janine Banks (Governance Manager) and Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Possible slight increase in contents insurance premium.

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

Many organisations are finding it difficult to retain or grow membership numbers and it understandable but saddening to hear that this valuable group are winding

up. The collection they have established contains many items and stories. It would be a loss to the community should it not be kept as a single unit available for future public use.

Council may be able to find another group or organisation to take responsibility for showing the collection, and has the capacity to keep the collection at the current site.

The Brighton Heritage Association has agreed they will pack up the collection to preserve the items and have them all catalogued.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Council not accept the donation of the Brighton Heritage Association.
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

1. Agree to accept the heritage collection from the Brighton Heritage Association; and
2. Pursues avenues for the collection to either remain on display in situ or keep the items secure in storage and look for future display opportunities.

DECISION

Cr Gray 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 BRIGHTON FOOTBALL CLUB 2017/18 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR LIGHTING COSTS RESUBMISSION:

AUTHOR: Council Services Officer
(Ms C Harper)

Background

The Brighton Football Club submitted an application to Council's 2017/18 Community Grants Program in March 2017 to cover costs of oval lighting for an amount of \$4,500.00. The application did not include a copy of the audited financial statement (which is a required inclusion in submissions). Council's decision was to not grant them funds at that time. The football club was advised to submit their financial statement to Council at which time a new report would be put forward for Council consideration.

The Brighton Football Club have now submitted the required audited financial statement.

Consultation

Phil Dodge (Brighton Football Club), Gillian Brown (Executive Officer), Janine Banks (Manager Governance and Human Resources), Cathy Harper (Council Services Officer).

Financial Implications

The donations budget for this financial year has capacity to cover this request .

Assessment

Traditionally Council has approved this support for the Brighton Football Club's lighting costs as part of the Community Grants Program.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Council not approve funding as requested.
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RECOMMENDATION

Council approves funding to cover the 2017 season lighting costs of \$4,332.06.

DECISION

Cr Jeffries 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	

4.3 SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background

The Tasmanian Auditor General recently provided comparative tables on Tasmanian Councils.

It is appropriate for Council to examine its financial performance not only for its year to date budget performance and financial year end results but also the longer term financial sustainability of Council.

Consultation

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

As attached.

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The attached report provides Council with a trend analysis of the key performance areas associated with sustainability. It identifies sustainability in trend terms against the desired benchmark and state local government average where figures are available.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Not accept the sustainability analysis report.
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the sustainability analysis report.

DECISION

Cr Curran 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	

4.4 WRITE OFF BAD DEBTS:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background

In accordance with our Financial Policy, I wish to request Council for the authority to write off bad debts.

Consultation

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A total of \$8,040 is requested to be written off. All collection efforts have been exhausted.

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The following debts are owed to Council. I believe these debts to be unrecoverable as there are no reasonable prospects of recovering the debt; or the cost of recovery is likely to equal or exceed the amount to be recovered:-

\$1,208.00 (2012)	Southern Water (Cleaning of Waste Water Treatment Plant)
	No longer exist

\$2,987.89 (2006)	Morley M E & Associates (Private Works Subdivision) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$1,090.00 (2013)	Baskerville Quarries (Brighton Cup Sponsorship) No longer exist
\$345.00 (2005)	Standardbred Association of Tasmania (Hire Fees) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$64.00 (2009)	Inesta Property (Water Meter Reading) No longer exist
\$167.11 (2005)	Rod Stewart (Water Testing) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$287.50 (2014)	Glasgow Rangers (Hire Fees) TCS recommends no legal action
\$241.50 (2012)	Mr & Mrs V Mills (Impound Pony Advertising Fees) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$300.00 (2012)	Tim Sproule (Brighton News Advertising Fees) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$120.00 (2012)	United Bridgewater (Additional Food Inspection Fees) Advised by TCS as not collectable
\$60.00 (2015)	Honeywood Nursery (Brighton News Advertising Fees) No longer exist
\$1,169.00 (2016)	Kieran Richardson (Brighton News Advertising) No longer exist

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That Council continue to seek payment of identified outstanding debts.
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RECOMMENDATION

That approval is given to write off the above debts.

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 Jeffries	
Cr Owen	

4.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 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 eight 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 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	

Meeting closed at 5.30pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

_____ 20th March 2018 _____