



# 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,  
8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

**PRESENT:** Cr Foster (Chairperson); Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Garlick; Cr Gray; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Geard; Cr Murtagh; Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager) and Ms G Browne (Corporate Executive).

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

**2. APOLOGIES:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**3. QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS:**

*There was no requirement for question time.*

**4. 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.*

## **5. BUSINESS:**

### **5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT AUGUST 2020:**

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

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#### **Background:**

The finance reports were provided at the Finance Committee Meeting.

#### **Consultation:**

Nil

#### **Risk Implications:**

Nil

#### **Financial/Budget Implications:**

Not Applicable

#### **Strategic Plan:**

Not Applicable

#### **Social Implications:**

Not Applicable

#### **Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

Not Applicable

#### **Economic 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 recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**5.2 BRIGHTON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB:**

**AUTHOR:** Corporate Executive  
(Ms G Browne)

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**Background:**

Brighton District Cricket Club has written to Council to request that the 2018/19 fees of \$1560.00 and the yet to be invoiced fees for the 2019/20 season be waived.

With the club's inception into the Cricket Tasmania Premier League there was pressure to be instantly successful to gain the support of the local community. The club was able to attract quality players and coaches by paying for their services and also provided \$19,000 worth of free uniforms across 11 teams. This has now resulted in the club asking for financial assistance and having to consolidate its financial position.

The club acknowledges that whilst they have forfeited so much money, they have also been able to provide the youth the chance to play at the highest level. They have advised that they will be changing their methods of cricket operations going forward.

**Consultation:**

Council Services Officer, Corporate Executive

**Risk Implications:**

This assistance is in line with Council's Community Grants program.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

This request is a late application of the Council's Community Grants Program; the grant program has not been fully expended in the 2020/21 budget. The Brighton District Cricket Club was given a \$3,000 grant as part of the Budget process for an inclusion and schools program.

**Strategic Plan:**

S1.1 Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing.

**Social Implications:**

By waiving the ground hire fees for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 years will allow the cricket club to rebuild financially so the youth coming through the club are not disadvantaged.

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

Not applicable.

**Economic Implications:**

Not applicable.

**Other Issues:**

Not applicable.

**Assessment:**

The Brighton District Cricket Club has provided financial assistance through uniforms and coaching to enable the youth of the community an opportunity to play cricket at the highest level. The club acknowledges that the financial operations need to change and will be changing its systems to improve this.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council approves an amount other than the recommendation.
3. Council not waive the ground hire fees.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council write off the ground hire fees for the 2018/19 and the 2019/20 financial year to a maximum of \$3,900.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**5.3 COBBS HILL ROAD, BRIDGEWATER – RUBBISH COLLECTION:**

**AUTHOR:** Asset Services Manager  
(Mr H Macpherson)

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**Background:**

A letter has been received from the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group requesting Council's assistance to offload tyres and rubbish collected from Cobbs Hill Road, to the Waste Transfer Station. The majority of rubbish that is being collected is located on private land.

**Consultation:**

Asset Services Manager, Governance Manager, General Manager.

**Risk Implications:**

By allowing the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group access there will be an expectation to let other groups get free access to the Waste Transfer station.

It is not known what volumes of waste/tyres will be disposed of.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

The volume of materials is unknown but based on the gate fees the cost to Council could be anywhere from \$76 for 4 x trailer loads up to \$380 for 20 x trailer loads.

The letter states there could be between 300-400 tyres illegally dumped. This would cost Council anywhere from \$2,400 up to \$3,200 to dispose of.

**Strategic Plan:**

S1.4: Support Connected Communities.

S1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future.

**Social Implications:**

Not applicable.

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

Illegally dumped rubbish has negative impacts on the environment.

**Economic Implications:**

Not applicable.

**Other Issues:**

We do allow tip voucher access to not for profit organisations. The clean-up group have been issued with 12 vouchers for the 20/21 financial year.

**Assessment:**

The access to the dumping area appears to mainly be coming off Cobbs Hill Road. Access is currently being made easy by the gate to TasWater's Reservoir being left open. Council officers will be contacting TasWater to organise to have the second gate closed at night to stop traffic accessing further up the road.

The fact that access has been relatively easy, there is merit in Council helping towards the clean-up by allowing access to the transfer station.

If Council were to allow access it would need to be made very clear to the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group and the land owners that this is a once-off support due to the circumstances and it would be up to the land owners to make sure that they restrict access and or monitor their properties to prevent this happening in the future.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. The Council does not provide the group access to the Waste Transfer Station for disposing of rubbish and tyres.
3. The Council grants access for the disposal of the rubbish only.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Council grant access to the Waste Transfer Station to dispose of tyres and rubbish for the one day only that the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group organise for the disposal of dumped rubbish from the Cobbs Hill Road area.

During the day, a record is kept of the costs for the disposal and it is recorded as a donation in Council's annual report.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Whelan moved, Cr Curran seconded that Option 2 be adopted and that Council Officers:-*

1. *Write to Taswater to request they reinstate the boomgate and commit to ensuring this is closed when not in use.*
2. *Write to property owners requesting their commitment for appropriate fencing prior to the clean-up.*
3. *Council Officers to seek a contribution from Taswater for the proposed clean-up of these sites.*
4. *A report to be submitted after responses have been received from the property owners.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that Committee resolve into a closed meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**6. CLOSED MEETING:**

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in a Closed Meeting.

The following matters were listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Finance Committee Meeting Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

*This item is to be considered in closed session in accordance with Meeting Procedures Regulation 15(2)(b).*

**6.1 AUTHORITY TO WRITE OFF BAD DEBTS:**

**6.2 SALE OF SURPLUS LAND – SCOTT ROAD, BRIDGEWATER:**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that the Committee resolve out of the closed session and the decisions made while in closed session be ratified.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Confirmed:

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(Mayor)

Date:

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2020