



# Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, OLD BEACH  
AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**PRESENT:** Cr Foster (Mayor); Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor); Cr Garlick; Cr Geard; Cr Gray; Cr Jeffries; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr G Daveron (Deputy General Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager) and Mr D Allingham (Manager Development Services).

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 15 SEPTEMBER 2020:**

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2020:

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Whelan seconded that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

2.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2020:

*Cr Gray moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

*All members were present.*

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND DEPUTATIONS:**

- Mr Justin Abrahams, Manager Bridgewater PCYC addressed Council on the PCYC activities.

- Mr Anthony McConnon, South Central Sub Region Workforce Development Coordinator addressed Council in relation to the South-Central Sub Region Workforce Development Project.

## 5. 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.*

## 6. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

### 6.1 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

**AUTHOR:** Mayor  
(Cr T Foster)

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The Mayor reported directly to the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

### DECISION:

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

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

## 6.2 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Cr Geard attended a meeting of the Hobart Fire area management committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Cr Geard made mention of how proud he is of the Brighton SES unit. They rescued two elderly ladies in the flood waters on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, and there were 16 call-outs due to flooding in Brighton alone.

Cr Gray advised he attended a TasWater meeting in Launceston last month. The Board members wished to pass on their thanks to Mayor Foster for his contribution as an Owner Representative.

### DECISION:

*Cr Whelan moved, Cr Curran seconded that the reports be received.*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

## 6.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (STCA), LGAT, TASWATER AND JOINT AUTHORITIES:

Correspondence and reports from the STCA, LGAT, TasWater and Joint Authorities.

## 7. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, it was reported that there were no workshops held since the last Council Meeting.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION:**

**8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MURTAGH – TRANSPORT AND EMPLOYMENT ISSUES:**

Cr Murtagh had requested the following Notice of Motion:

**Motion:**

*Brighton Council recognise transportation issues for employment seekers in Brighton Municipality and liaise with farmers/fruit growers in Tasmania to provide pick up/ drop off transportation assistance for local residents who want to work/are employed during harvest season.*

**Reason:**

I have had many residents express interest in fruit picking and a common theme preventing them from applying for/ gaining employment is lack of transportation to and from these areas.

Farmers need help with harvest and local people need help with jobs. A gap has been identified, let’s fill this identified gap in employment and enable workforce participation for disadvantaged local people.

Recent media publications have stated 1000 jobs on offer and 6000 seasonal workers who have been locked out of Tasmania due to Covid-19.

This is the first recession Australia has faced in 30 years. The Coronavirus Supplement and Job Keeper reductions happening on 24th September mean life is about to get tougher for many of our local income support recipients.

Data shows 17,200 Tasmanians out of work with a rise of 1000 in the last month, There are over 50,000 Tasmanians either unemployed or underemployed. Tasmania’s underemployment rate is second to Victoria.

In seasonally adjusted terms the employment rate in Tasmania was 6.3 per cent in August. Up 0.3 per cent the month before.

The unemployment rate for young persons under 25 increased to 14.3 percent.

August 24, 2020 There were 34,288 recipients of job seeker payment in Tasmania.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Murtagh moved, Cr Owen seconded that Brighton Council recognise transportation issues for employment seekers in Brighton Municipality and liaise with farmers/fruit growers in Tasmania to provide pick up/ drop off transportation assistance for local residents who want to work/are employed during harvest season.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

Cr Jeffries  
Cr Murtagh  
Cr Owen  
Cr Whelan

## 9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Council, by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda, and
- (b) that the matter is urgent, and
- (c) that advice has been provided under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

### DECISION:

*The General Manager advised that there were no supplementary agenda items.*

## 10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

### 10.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2020:

The recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were submitted to Council for adoption.

### DECISION:

*Cr Geard moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that the recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

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

Cr Jeffries  
Cr Murtagh  
Cr Owen  
Cr Whelan

## **11. COUNCIL ACTING AS PLANNING AUTHORITY:**

In accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the intention of the Council to act as a Planning Authority pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is to be noted. In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 11 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

*There were no planning reports for the October Ordinary Council Meeting.*

## **12. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

### **12.1 STREET NUMBERING:**

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

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#### **Background:**

At the September Council meeting, Councillor Curran raised a question on notice that Council investigate the cost of painting house numbers on curbs in iridescent paint.

#### **Consultation:**

Manager Asset Services, Department of Corrections, Victorian Numbering Services.

#### **Risk Implications:**

Working on the edge of the road painting numbers on the kerb can pose a safety risk to the workers.

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

This is an unbudgeted item.

#### **Strategic Plan:**

Nil

#### **Social Implications:**

Nil

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

Nil

**Economic Implications:**

Nil

**Other Issues:**

Discussions were had with a Victorian business that does street numbering. For an individual property they charge \$30, which consists of a black tar background and 2 numbers in a paint with reflective glass beads placed on the paint. The black tar background has to dry before you can place the reflective paint, so it requires additional time to do each property if you want to do a high quality job that will last a long time.

If you were doing a large number of properties this cost would reduce to about \$15 per property.

Discussions were also had with the Department of Corrections to see if this is something that they would be interested in, but due to the safety risk of working near a road they are not able to carry out these works.

**Assessment:**

There would be in the order of 5,000+ residential properties that would require numbering. Assuming the rough figure of \$15 per property this would equate to \$75,000.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. An alternative motion

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Jeffries	



Cr Murtagh  
Cr Owen  
Cr Whelan

## **12.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:**

**AUTHOR:** Governance Manager  
(Mrs J Banks)

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### **Background:**

In accordance with the *Tasmanian Emergency Management Act 2006*, Council must nominate a Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator to undertake emergency management functions and to liaise with State Emergency Services at the local, regional and State levels, as well other stakeholders during the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phase of Emergency Management.

Councillors will recall that Peter Geard and Heath Macpherson were nominated as Council's representatives at the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **Consultation:**

Municipal Coordinator, Deputy Municipal Coordinator, Governance Manager

### **Risk Implications:**

N/A

### **Financial Implications:**

N/A

### **Other Issues:**

The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management has now appointed Peter Geard as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Heath Macpherson as the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, for a period of 5 years effective 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **Options:**

1. As per the recommendation
  2. That the Certificates are not presented.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor present the Certificates of Appointment to Peter Geard and Heath Macpherson detailing their responsibilities and contributions as Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator towards the well-being of citizens within our municipal area.

**DECISION:**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**12.3 DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY AND DECLARED AREAS:**

**AUTHOR:** Governance Manager  
(Mrs J Banks)

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**Background:**

Brighton Council has commenced a review of its Dog Management Policy. This is being undertaken in three stages.

**Stage 1: Community Engagement**

This first stage of community engagement was undertaken from 3 to 24 July 2020. This stage was a broad and open consultation before any proposed updates to the current policy or initiation of declared areas for the Brighton Council Municipality. The consultation was undertaken according to Section 7 of the *Dog Control Act 2000*. The public and any 'appropriate body or organisation' were invited to make submissions online via an electronic survey form on Council's website under 'Have Your Say' or in writing via email or letter. Feedback was also collected via Council's Facebook page.

Specific stakeholder groups were emailed directly alerting them to the public consultation commencing and inviting them to make a submission on behalf of their organisation.

The community consultation was advertised in The Mercury newspaper, the Brighton Community News and promoted via Council's Facebook page and the Brighton Community News Facebook page. Follow-up and reminder posts were conducted via Facebook during the consultation period.

Council received a total of 22 comments/submissions predominantly via the online form. The comments received in writing or via Facebook were manually added to the online database of feedback.

It is fair to say that the majority of comments and feedback received did not relate specifically to improvements or changes to the current Dog Management Policy but were requests for additional dog exercise areas throughout the municipality or improvements to the existing Old Beach Dog Park that have generally been addressed and will be implemented in coming weeks. A summary of the comments is provided as an attachment to this report.

### **Stage 2: Develop New Draft Policy and Identify Proposed Declared Areas for Public Comment**

After a review of the feedback from Stage 1 and assessment of any changes to legislation since 2013, the current Dog Management Policy has been updated for Council's review.

This includes the following key changes or updates:

- Clearly stating the annual dog registration period in the policy.
- Referencing the Annual Fees & Charges on Council's website rather than specific fees or charges amounts.
- Developing a list of areas to be declared and referenced in the policy.
- A more concise summary of Council's approach to dog management education.
- Updates to requirements for keeping a dangerous dog as per the latest legislation (mainly associated with requirements for child-proof enclosures).
- Inclusion of specific steps related to dealing with nuisance dogs and associated complaints.

As part of this process, Council conducted an audit of current signage related to dog management in parks and reserves. A list of the proposed declared areas for Brighton Council has been prepared based on areas where dog management rules may need to be enforced but would not be covered by the *Dog Control Act 2000* under Prohibited Public Areas (Section 28).

The draft Dog Management Policy, October 2020 and list of proposed declared areas (Appendix B of the policy) are provided for Council's consideration and to be endorsed/amended for final public comment/consultation.

### **Stage 3: Adopt Policy and Declare Areas**

The second round of community engagement will be conducted based on seeking feedback on the draft Policy and proposed declared areas. It is anticipated this will be conducted in November 2020. Any relevant community or stakeholder feedback will be incorporated into the Policy and declared areas list and a final report provided to Council for the new Dog Management Policy to be adopted and areas declared according to the process outlined in the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

#### **Consultation:**

Community, relevant stakeholder groups, Animal Control Officer, Senior Management Team.

#### **Risk Implications:**

Inability to enforce dog management rules in areas that fall outside of Section 28 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* are not formally declared.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Not applicable.

#### **Strategic Plan:**

Goal 1: Strengthen our Communities

S1.1: Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

S1.3: Provide Public Facilities/Amenities

S1.4: Support Connected Communities

#### **Social Implications:**

Promotion and education around responsible dog ownership and good governance in the area of dog management, contributes positively to a healthy, happy and connected community.

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

Not applicable.

#### **Economic Implications:**

Not applicable.

#### **Other Issues:**

Not applicable.

#### **Assessment:**

The review of Brighton Council's Dog Management Policy and Declared Areas is being undertaken in accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000* and best practice community engagement processes.

#### **Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.

2. Do not endorse draft Dog Management Policy and proposed Declared Areas for Stage 2 of the community engagement process.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the draft Dog Management Policy (October 2020) and the proposed dog management areas in Appendix B of the draft policy (to be declared according to *Dog Control Act 2000*, Part 3 – Control of Dogs, Division 2) are endorsed for Stage 2 of the community engagement process.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Whelan moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted with minor amendments made to the Draft Policy in relation to sports grounds and greyhounds.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

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

**13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:**

*There were no Questions on Notice.*

The meeting closed 6.50pm

Confirmed:

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(Mayor)

Date:

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17<sup>th</sup> November 2020