



Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.00P.M. ON TUESDAY,
8TH JUNE 2021

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Chairperson); Cr Geard (Deputy Chair); Cr Foster; Cr Jeffries; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Garlick; Cr Gray; Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager) and Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

2. APOLOGIES:

All members were present.

3. QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS:

As there were no members in the gallery 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 BIGhART PROJECT – A PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP WITH BRIGHTON COUNCIL:

AUTHOR: General Manager
(Mr J Dryburgh)

Background:

Twenty eight (28) years ago, Big hART was set up as an innovative experiment to find new ways of dealing with disadvantage. Motivated by the closure of a paper mill in the industrial town of Burnie, Tasmania, Big hART began working with the community, creating high quality art to transmit their story. This began a journey that has taken the Big hART model to over 50 communities nationwide.

In February 2021, Brighton Council engaged Big hART to scope potential community cultural development projects, which could support the Brighton Council Project Art Strategy.

In the initial three months of scoping, Big hART has begun discussions, reviews and preliminary design:

- Initial consultation
- Review of public art strategy
- Preliminary asset mapping of local area
- Meetings with selected key stakeholders
- Follow up meeting with Council
- Initial project development discussions with 24Carrot
- Review of 'Stages of Community Life' survey (in progress)
- Big hART Tasmanian team social design strategy session
- Other development and potential partnership meetings – for example: UTAS Creative Industries

After a full briefing from Council, which included delving into the insights from our 2050 Vision work, that illuminated some of the most prominent needs and interests in our communities, Big hART have come back with a project proposal for a place based partnership with Council entitled '*Do Something About It!*'.

In collaboration with the University of Tasmania in 2022, the project will involve a 20 week course for 30 young people to hone their social-innovation skills. Over 20 weeks, students harness their potential for change by building skills in strategy, narrative, documentary, community engagement, media, producing, networking and funding.

During this time, a documentary of the work the students are doing will be made – pitting teams of savvy young creative industries students against each other, to try and change the world and their communities. The series will be broadcast into homes nationally and internationally.

Consultation:

24 Carrot Gardens (MONA), Connected Beginnings, Senior Management Team, Executive Officer, Planners.

Risk Implications:

Inability to engage effectively with young people in the area.

Financial Implications:

The project will be funded from the Community Development budget, with funds that are available across 2020/21 and 2021/22.

The total project is costed at \$35K.

Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Strengthen our Communities

- S1.1: Understand/ Improve Health and Wellbeing.
- S.1.2: Create Housing/Employment/Play/Education (Liveability).
- S.1.4: Support Connected Communities.
- S.1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future.

Goal 2: Create 2-3 hubs for our Connector Satellite City

- S2.2: Education/Capability Build

Goal 4: Ensure a Stable Organisation

- S4.3: A shaping agenda facilitated through strong engagements.

Social Implications:

The key benefits of this project for the Brighton Municipality include:

- Positive shifts in a wide range of local issues.
- Raised awareness of local issues in State Government.
- Capacity building to make positive change.
- Brighton young people engage with tertiary and media industries.

- Brighton communities are recognised positively through the television series.
- Place based events.

The *'Do Something About It!'* project will help support several of the core themes from our 2050 Vision including:

- A proud community
- A good life at every age
- A comfortable home
- A caring Council

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Unknown at this stage (dependent on issues chosen by students to 'change the world').

Economic Implications:

Not applicable.

Other Issues:

Not applicable.

Assessment:

'Do Something About It!' is designed to kick start and harness the passion and desire for positive social change, which often manifests amongst students and young people. This passion often remains dormant, unrealised because of a lack of skills, opportunities, languages, models and support.

In collaboration with UTAS, Big hART will deliver content that will harness latent passion and desire for change amongst the students and deliver a well-produced documentary to help support that desire for change.

Next Steps

1. Community consultation continues.
2. Follow up meeting with Brighton Council.
3. Short list most aligned project recommendations.
4. Big hART then develops formal strategy with timeline options.
5. Formal agreement.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Other.
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Heritage and Environment Committee recommends to Council that it proceeds with funding the 'Do Something About It!' project with Big hART as outlined in the attached proposal.

DECISION:

Cr Jeffries moved, Cr Whelan seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: _____ 15th June 2021