



**Brighton
Council**

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.20 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
14TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Acting Chair); Cr Garlick; Cr Gray; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Jeffries; Cr Murtagh; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager) and Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

All members were present.

3. Public Question Time and Deputations

There was no requirement for public 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 31 August 2021:

Author: Acting Corporate Services Manager (Ms G Browne)

Background

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprise the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first two months of the 2021/22 financial year.

Consultation

Nil.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial 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 monthly financial report as at 31 August 2021 be received.

DECISION:

Cr Whelan moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

5.2 CWA Request for Waiver of Aurora Charges:

Author: Council Services Officer (Ms C. Harper)

Background

The Brighton Country Women's Association (CWA) branch have a lease with Council for their room which is part of Pontville Hall.

Their lease requires them to pay for power usage and half of the fixed charges of the account as they do not pay any annual fee for the use of the room due to the initial investment they contributed to its construction.

Due to COVID-19 impacting their activities and their ability to generate any income, they have had a much lower attendance from members, and they have now found themselves in financial constraints.

They recently received the account from Council for this financial year's Aurora account and are subsequently requesting for Council to consider waiving the current account and any future accounts until the end of 2022.

Consultation

Raema Hughes (CWA Brighton Branch President), Gillian Browne (Acting Manager Corporate Services), Janine Banks (Acting Deputy General Manager).

Risk Implications

Minimal risk as Council already assists several community groups similar to CWA.

Financial Implications

The waiver of this account of \$363.32 and future ones till the end of 2022 would need to be allocated from Council's Grants and Donations Budget.

Strategic Plan

S1.5 Building a resilient community.

Social Implications

Supporting this group will allow them to continue to provide both a social opportunity for its members as well as supporting the community works they undertake.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Assessment

Supporting this group financially by waiving their share of Aurora costs for the eighteen months requested will assist them to get financially sound whilst they rebuild their membership and activities.

Options

1. Council waive the Aurora costs for CWA until the end of 2022.
2. Council not waive the costs.
3. Council waive a different amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council waive the Aurora costs for the CWA Brighton Branch until the end of 2022, and this be recorded as a donation in the Annual Report accordingly.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

5.3 Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Brigade Thermal Imaging Camera:

Author: Council Services Officer (Ms C Harper)

Background

The Bridgewater Fire Brigade is manned by both volunteer and career fire fighters and since January 1 2021, they have responded to over 420 incidents. These have consisted of bushfires, grassfires, structure fires, hazmat, road accident rescue, assist police, assist ambulance etc. They are quite a busy brigade in Tasmania and are often required to demonstrate their specialist skills to protect life and property.

They provide support to the other local volunteer brigades including Old Beach, Brighton and Broadmarsh.

The Brigade have written to Council seeking financial assistance to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera which will assist greatly in their firefighting activities.

Consultation

Brendan Tucker (Bridgewater Fire Brigade), Janine Banks (Manager Governance).

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

This would need to be allocated from Council's Grants and Donations Budget.

This budget is currently over-expended for the 2021/22 financial year due to the unbudgeted Tea Tree Hall grant approved by Council on 20 July 2021.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Strengthen our Communities.

S1:4 Support connected communities.

Social Implications

The use of this piece of equipment assists in protecting the community's assets, both public and private.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Assessment

Thermal imaging cameras provide a number of advantages to assist with the aid of fire-fighting. Some of these advantageous include but are not limited to, primary search (the initial attack on a structure fire which focuses on prevention of life and fire suppression), electrical fires (where they are able to check the temperature of particular electrical components and areas to prevent ignition), Hazmat responses (when fire fighters conduct an initial size up of a hazardous incident to check for liquids which may not be visible to the naked eye), bushfires (to help identify hotspots to prevent their ignition and also to aid with extinguishment of hotspots. The fire service will support with installation, maintenance and the ongoing cost of the device. The price of a Drager Thermal Imaging Camera would be \$11,500 and the brigade would be contributing the remaining funds required for the purchase.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council contribute a difference amount of funds.
3. Council not contribute any funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council contribute \$10,000 to the Bridgewater Fire Brigade for the purchase of the thermal imaging camera. This donation to be recorded in the Annual Report 2021-22.

DECISION:

Cr Whelan moved, Cr Gray seconded that Council will consider a contribution up to \$10,000 to the Bridgewater Fire Brigade, towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera during the 2022/23 budgetary process after the Brigade has exhausted other funding options.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: _____ 21 September 2021