



Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH
AT 5.25 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Chairperson); Cr De La Torre; Cr T Murtagh; Cr P Owen and Cr M Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr G Irons, Cr J McMaster, Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager), Ms G Browne (Director, Corporate Services); Ms J Banks (Director, Governance & Regulatory Services), Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director, Asset Services) and Mr D Allingham (Director, Development Services).

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that Cr Geard and Cr Gray be granted leave of absence.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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Cr Curran

Cr De La Torre

Cr Murtagh

Cr Owen

Cr Whelan

3. Public Question Time and Deputations

There was no requirement for public question time.

4. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify the general manager, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Business

5.1 Punjabi Society - Waiving of Civic Centre Hire Fees

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

Mr. Hemant Khanna on behalf of the Punjabi Society Tasmania (PST) has written to Council seeking support to use the Civic Centre to hold an event on the 20th April 2024.

The Punjabi Society Tasmania is a newly formed association which is in the process of becoming a registered organization run by volunteers. They would like to organize a cultural event around a festival called Vaisakhi celebrating the harvest season. The event will have performances, music, dance, and food stalls. This will be a social event which will have free entry and be open to the public to attend and participate in. The Society will be seeking sponsorships from businesses to cover the running cost and does not intend to earn any profit.

The Punjabi Society Tasmania has asked that Council support this event by waiving the Civic Centre hire fee and the Casual Hirers Insurance for this. Punjabi Society Tasmania would like to recognise Brighton Council as an official Sponsor.

Consultation

Hemant Khanna (President, Punjabi Society Tasmania), Ishita Singh (Facilities Management Officer)

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Fees that would have been applicable will need to be recognised as a donation from Council. The day rate for Civic Centre is \$849 and casual hire insurance is \$34, total of \$883. Groups like this would ordinarily be allowed a 50% discount on the hire fee.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.1 - Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.3 – Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.

Goal 1.4 – Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities.

Social Implications

Providing a facility for this festival for this group will contribute towards building positivity, community connections, social opportunity and promoting diversity.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

This festival will provide social gathering opportunities and activities for Brighton's diverse and local community. It is a free event, and the Society does not intend to make any profit. This festival will provide support and encourage the establishment and activities for diverse cultural groups.

Allowing free use of the Civic Centre and becoming an official sponsor will enable the society to run a free event in the municipality.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Council approves the 50% discount for the use of the Civic Centre with insurance coverage.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the free use of the Civic Centre and waives the casual insurance fee for the Punjabi Society of Tasmania for the 20th April 2024.

This use is to be classed as a Donation under Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and recorded in Council's Annual Report.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Whelan seconded that Council approve the free use of the Civic Centre and waives the casual insurance fee for the Punjabi Society of Tasmania for the 20th April 2024. This use is to be classed as a Donation under Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993 and recorded in Council's Annual Report.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

6.2 Adoption of Audit Panel Charter

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

With the establishment of the new Audit Panel in May 2023 the Audit Panel Charter was required to be updated. Due to the panel makeup changing from one to two independent members the Charter has been updated to reflect this. The Charter has also been amended to include the Audit Panels submission of a report in Council's Annual Report and meeting guidelines.

Consultation

Audit Panel Committee

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Plan

Goal 4.2 – Be well governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

Social Implications

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The adoption of the updated Audit Charter allows the governance of Council to reflect its operations.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council not adopt the plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the Audit Panel Charter.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Whelan seconded that Council adopts the Audit Panel Charter.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

Meeting closed: 5.35 pm

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: _____
20 February 2024