

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

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Item No.	Pulled By	Page No	Reason	Alternative Motion	*
C.05/0520	Cr Pratico	11	We are asking staff to support a wage freeze for the 2020/21 year and think it is only fair that Councillors do the same thing.	<p>Dot point 1 – no change</p> <p>Amend dot point 2 to read:</p> <p>Set Councillor Attendance Fees and Allowances as per the 2019/20 year for the 2020/21 year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Attendance Fee for Council Members - \$8,611 • Annual Attendance Fee for Shire President - \$10,333 • Annual President's Allowance - \$8,611 • Provision of an Annual Deputy President's Allowance to an amount 25% of the amount determined for the Annual President's Allowance - \$2,153 • Annual Information and Communications Technology Allowance - \$2,087 	
C.05/0520	CEO	11	Absolute Majority Required		
C.06/0520	CEO	17	Absolute Majority Required		
C.08/0520	Cr Mountford	23	<p>The wording of this item is slanted in a way which infers the Jubilee Singers are requesting that Council assist the group in managing their financial loss in the staging of the 2020 Blackwood Rhapsody. This in fact is not the case. The committee have managed the financial loss and are currently working on new strategies and changes to make the event - or some version of it - viable into the future.</p> <p>The matter they do want resolved is the issue of the \$1,246.07 charged by the Shire for the event's Traffic Management Plan without appropriate notice being given.</p>	That Council determine to waive the \$1,246.07 owing for the cost of Shire staff to implement the traffic management plan for the 2020 Blackwood Rhapsody.	

		<p>This service had been provided by the Shire at no cost for the first 2 years of the event. A decision was made by the Shire this year to impose a charge on that service going forward – which is a perfectly reasonable decision to make. The issue Council has before us is the lack of appropriate communication to the Rhapsody Committee regarding the change to the terms of that service.</p> <p>It's been advised that prior to the event a Shire representative told someone from the Rhapsody Committee that this year there would be a charge. That person cannot remember who they told. No-one from the Rhapsody Committee can remember that conversation. Rather than getting into a "he said, she said" debate, the fact of the matter is that a decision to incur a fee on a service which for two years had attracted no fee, should have been clearly put in writing to the Rhapsody Committee prior to the event so this fee could be incorporated into their budgeting – like all their other known costs. This is even referenced in the Officer's comments in relation to going forward. Surely the most important time to have done this would have been when the changes to the terms were initially decided. It is perfectly reasonable that the committee did not budget for something they had previously not had to pay for.</p> <p>To be sent an invoice for the service some three weeks after the event was a great shock not only because they were not expecting this fee but also because they were dealing with a decimation of their funds from the event's loss and did not have the money to pay the invoice.</p> <p>Whether the event was a success or not is almost beside the point. I feel Council should acknowledge the Shire holds responsibility for the poor communication of the change to the terms of the service this year. I ask that Council determine the Jubilee Singers should not be required to have their next round of funding compromised by the deduction</p>	
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C.10/0520	CEO	29	Pulled for discussion		
C.12/0520	CEO	33	Absolute Majority Required		
C.18/0520	CEO	57	Absolute Majority Required		

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