

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2024

7.00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

CONFIRMED 12 MARCH 2024

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL held on Monday, 26 February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

Attendees: a: Council Cr Naim Kurt

Cr Karen Sherry
Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Chris Hollow
Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Carly Moore

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

b: Officers

Ms Sheena Frost
Ms Rachel Dapiran
Mr Hector Gaston
Mr Adam McSwain
Mr Carl Muller
Ms Fiona Shanks
Mr Fadi Srour
Joel Kimber
Jane Mikaele

Chief Executive Officer
Director City Planning and Places

Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Director Customer & Strategy Chief People Officer

Chief Financial Officer Acting Governance Manager

Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

Gallery Behaviour

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Rezvanieh Newton, from the Baha'i community, on behalf of the HIN.

Rezvanieh Newtown read the prayer:

O kind Lord! These Councillors have gathered in this meeting and are in need of Thy bestowal and blessing.

Make this assembly radiant, and the hearts merciful.

Endow them with a power from heaven.

Illumine their minds and increase their sincerity, so that with all humility, they may be occupied with service to all of the community.

0 God! Reveal and unfold the virtues which are latent and concealed in these servants.

Help them in their endeavours and grant them strength. Guide their steps by the light of knowledge.

Confer Thy blessings upon them. Consider not their shortcomings but shelter them under Thy protection and cheer their hearts by Thy love.

Thou art the Powerful and the Giver.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Jim Overend and Cr Jodi Jackson were apologies for this meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

5.1 Departing Manager – Joel Farrell

CGM49 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – MR HARRY BECKWITH

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council congratulate Mr Harry Beckwith on his many years of Service to the Sunbury RSL and the Sunbury community as the Secretary of the Sunbury Sub-Branch of the RSL with particular note of his recent awarding of a Victorian RSL, Australia Day award in recognition for among other

things his support of the Sunbury ANZAC youth Vigil. Particularly now that he has formally retired from his long standing role as Secretary.

CARRIED

CGM50 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – CRAIGIEBURN 9TH

ANNUAL CAR AND BIKE SHOW

Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Joseph Haweil

That Council acknowledges and thanks the efforts of the organisers of

Craigieburn's 9th Annual Car and Bike Show.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 February 202, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 February 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

7.1 Summary of Council Briefing Session - 14 December 2023

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

That Council notes the Summary of Matters Discussed at the Council Briefing Session held on 14 December 2023.



Summary of matters discussed at a MEETING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF COUNCIL

MEETING TITLE: COUNCIL BRIEFING SESSION

Date of Meeting: 14 December 2023

Time of Meeting: 6:00pm

Place of Meeting: Online Via MS Teams

The ground or grounds for any matter discussed at this meeting which was considered to be confidential is recorded in this meeting summary.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT		
Cr Naim Kurt (Mayor)	Online	
Cr Jarrod Bell	Online	
Cr Trevor Dance	Online	
Cr Joseph Haweil	Online	
Cr Chris Hollow	Online	
Cr Jodi Jackson	Online	
Cr Jack Medcraft	Online	
Cr Sam Misho	Online	
Cr Carly Moore	Online	
Cr Jim Overend	Online	
Cr Karen Sherry (Deputy Mayor)	Online	

OFFICERS PRESENT		MATTERS DISCUSSED	
Ms Sheena Frost	Online	All	
Ms Kristen Cherry	Online	All	
Ms Fiona Shanks	Online	All	
Mr Adam McSwain	Online	All	
Ms Sasha Lord	Online	All	
Mr Fadi Srour	Online	All	
Ms Rachel Dapiran	Online	All	
Ms Anne Mallia	Online	2.2 Kindergarten Enrolment Policy Review	
Mr Joel Kimber	Online	2.10 Civic Events Schedule 2024 (Mayoral Events)	
Ms Ruth Robles-McColl	Online	•	
Ms Carmen Frawley	Online	2.3 Long-term Advocacy Framework 2024- 2034 – Including Year One Actions	
Ms Ayfer Demiralp	Online	•	

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

Order	Description	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflict of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?	Confidential ground of grounds
Items Disc	ussed			
3.1	Customer Experience Program Update	Nil		
3.2	Kindergarten Enrolment Policy Review	Nil		

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3.3	Long-term Advocacy Framework 2024-2034 – Including Year One Actions	Nil		
3.4	2024-2025 Event Grant Program	Nil		
3.5	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2023	Nil		
3.6	Monthly Capital Works Project Update	Nil		Private Commercial Information
3.7	Contract No. 30 22 3376 – Digital Transformation	Nil		Private Commercial Information
3.8	Hume GLC Broadmeadows Ground Floor Works Contract 30 23 3486 (to be distributed to Councillors on 7 December)	Nil		Private Commercial Information
3.9	Contract No. 30 22 3413 - Construction of Oval 3 - Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Yes (Cr Moore)	Yes	Private Commercial Information
3.10	Civic Events Schedule 2024 (Mayoral Events)	Nil		
3.11	Council Briefing Sessions Report	Nil		
	Chief Executive Officer - Contract of Employment			
Other ma	tters dealt with:			
	Overseas conflict			
	Communications amongst Councillors			
Items not	Items not dealt with:			
	NIL			

Meeting Closed at:

RECORDED BY:

Sheena Frost

Chief Executive Officer

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PQ1093 PUBLIC QUESTION – JAMES PANTALONE

Roundabouts at Micheline St & Dawson St / Churchill Ave & Dawson St Tullamarine are in need of upgrading. Over the years I have sent several requests for this, but nothing is done and if it is it's always a part job, like a basic plantation or signage replacement.

Can council advise when this is likely to happen?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Both roundabouts are performing their intended function and Council does not have any plans to upgrade them.

The Roundabouts at both locations identified have been upgraded within the last 2-3 years. The plant species selected allow for colour at various times of the year and have been selected as they are drought tolerant and will not exceed 500mm in height so as to not obscure traffic sight lines.

PQ1094 PUBLIC QUESTION - JAMES PANTALONE

Council advised at the last meeting they have received several requests from community for minor amenity upgrades at the Dawson St Shopping Strip which are "currently being reviewed" Is there any updates on what minor amenities we will see upgraded sooner rather than later?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

Council has received requests for new bike hoops, replacement of a tree, updated seating and litter bins at the Dawson Street Shopping Strip. Given the long-standing need and condition of these items, officers have conducted an audit and determined these will be replaced in the coming months. In parallel, strategic work will be undertaken to assess options for potential further improvements to the area.

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting during Item 8 Public Questions, the time being 7:28pm.

PQ1095 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL RUSSO

Graffiti is a major issue in Hume and while council do a great job to stay on top of it, VicRoads don't action any requests to clean graffiti on their assets. We have major graffiti concerns at the following locations

- 1. Sharps Road, Tullamarine (Melrose Drive End) Freeway wall
- 2. Mickleham road (Tullamarine Freeway) Intersection (Traffic light poles, Underpass bridge, Traffic light services boxes)

Will council write to VicRoads requesting to clean graffiti on their assets at these problem areas?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Council has written to the Department of Transport and Planning (formerly VicRoads) and responsible Ministers about graffiti removal and other roadside maintenance concerns on

multiple occasions. We will continue to advocate for much needed improvements to the standard of roadside maintenance on arterial roads and freeways.

PQ1096 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL RUSSO

Tullamarine residences made a request recently to install 2 x new bin surrounds at Dawson St Shops at Tullamarine due to concern there was no recycle bin in the area. The response we got back from council officers was:

"There has been 1 new bin stand installed at these premises and the other bin stand is fine and operational. There has also been 2 new smoker's poles fitted at this address. This is not a busy shopping strip and at the moment what they have is sufficient."

Gladstone Park milk bar have them installed when there is only 2 shops VS Dawson st that has 6 shops. As it will promote recycling as a new cafe has opened there and the coffee cups and lids need recycling.

Can council reconsider and think of the environment and proceed with this small basic request for our community?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Across Hume City Council there are over 420 locations with public litter bins, with a further 70 locations having public place recycling bins.

Officers are currently reviewing the provision of these bins in light of further changes like the Container Deposit Scheme and a further assessment of the need for bins at Dawson Street shops will be completed.

PQ1097 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

On Thursday 22nd February 2024 it was 39 degrees Celsius and the Outdoor pool at the Sunbury Aquatic and leisure centre was closed 6:44pm.

The Indoor pool predominantly being used for swim lessons and squad training how much available space was available between those hours for casual swimmers, families or toddlers to play? please provide answer in M2 and exclude the warm water pool as this is an age restricted space.

During the closure of the outdoor pools at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, the indoor pool space available to the general public was between 2 lanes (90m2) and 3 lanes (135m2) for lap swimming and approximately one quarter (20m2) of the shallow space.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

During the closure of the outdoor pools at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, the indoor pool space available to the general public was between 2 lanes (90m2) and 3 lanes (135m2) for lap swimming and approximately one quarter (20m2) of the shallow space.

PQ1098 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

On Thursday the 22nd of February 2024 the outdoor pool was closed until 6:44pm, an interschool event took place that completed at 3PM. Between 3pm and 6:44pm what was the reason the outdoor pool remained closed?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

On Thursday 22 February 2024, the outdoor pools at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre were open to the public from approximately 2:30pm following a school carnival.

At approximately 5:45pm, the outdoor pools were closed due to a thunderstorm and reopened at approximately 6:45pm.

This is In line with the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations, when a Thunderstorm is within approximately 10km, outdoor pools must be closed to ensure the health and safety of both users and staff.

PQ1099 PUBLIC QUESTION - MOIRA ATTWATER

The minutes of seven committee meetings were presented to the 12 February council meeting as confidential attachments, without any explanation of which parts of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 required the minutes to be confidential. Transparency is an overarching governance principle of the Act, and on page 256 of tonight's agenda it says that "The self-assessment has highlighted that the (Audit and Risk) Committee continues to operate at a very high standard". For a member of the public, such as myself, I don't view this as a very high standard and would like the minutes of all advisory committee meetings, including the Audit and Risk Committee, to be reported to Council meetings as public documents.

Will the Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Committee be penalised via a deduction from their independent member fees for their failure to comply with section 6.2 and 5.6 of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Council meeting agendas are not set by the Audit and Risk Committee so the independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee will not be penalised.

PQ1100 PUBLIC QUESTION - MOIRA ATTWATER

The Draft Transport Strategy has a number of actions relating to a future planning scheme amendment. One of the questions in the strategic justification of planning scheme amendments is, "is the amendment likely to have a significant impact on the transport system, as defined by section 3 of the Transport Integration Act 2010?"

So my question to Council is will the Draft Transport Strategy have a significant impact on the transport system, as defined by section 3 of the Transport Integration Act 2010?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

The draft Transport Strategy is a high level strategy that has been prepared with consideration of the Transport Integration Act and includes a number of actions that Council may undertake in the future. Following community consultation the draft Transport Strategy will come back to Council for approval of the final Strategy. The draft Strategy does not include a planning scheme amendment.

Following approval of the final Strategy, officers will prepare an implementation plan to undertake the actions in the Strategy and recommended projects at a local level.

Any planning scheme amendment required for implementation will be assessed against the Transport Integration Act, the Planning and Environment Act and other relevant acts at that time.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in
		Agenda
9.1	Draft Hume Transport Strategy	7

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That Council:

- 2.1 notes the findings from the community consultation undertaken in November and December 2023 contained in the draft Hume Transport Strategy.
- 2.2 endorses the draft Hume Transport Strategy for community comment for a period of four weeks.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in
		Agenda
9.2	Quarterly Finance Report - December 2023	53

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That the quarterly finance report for the six months ended 31 December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in
9.3	Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) Second	Agenda 83
	Quarter Progress Report	

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting during item 9.3 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) Second Quarter Progress Report, the time being 7:50pm.

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting during item 9.3 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) Second Quarter Progress Report, the time being 7:53pm.

The Council notes:

2.1 the progress of actions and indicators of the Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) [refer to Attachments One and Two]

CARRIED

Report No. 9.4	Report Statutory Planning Quarterly Report October, November, December 2023 Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell That Council notes the report.	Page in Agenda 125
		CARRIED
Report No.	Report Quarterly Capital Works Report Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Carly Moore That the report be received and noted.	Page in Agenda 141
		CARRIED
Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.6	MONTHLY CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE	167
	Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry That Council receive and note the report.	CARRIED
Report No.	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - December 2023 and January 2024 Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry That Council notes this report on correspondence is or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Par	
		CARRIED
Report No. 9.8	Report Annual Assessment against Audit and Risk Committee Charter Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry That Council notes the report.	Page in Agenda 255

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during item 9.8 Annual Assessment against Audit and Risk Committee Charter and did not vote, the time being 8:27pm.

CARRIED

Report No. Report Page in Agenda 9.9 Local Government Reforms 2024 Submission 271

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council endorses the attached submission to be sent to Local Government Victoria.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No. Report Page in Agenda 10.1 NOM24/05 - Councillor Naim Kurt 281

Mayor Vacated the Chair.

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell

NOTICE OF MOTION: 24-HOUR LIBRARY ACCESS

I move that Council:

Notes that:

- a. Hume Libraries currently operate across eight physical locations, including three Hume Global Learning Centres (Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Sunbury), one standalone branch library (Tullamarine), one community library (joint-use with the school library in the Gladstone Park Secondary College) and three remote library kiosks (at the community centres in Kalkallo, Mickleham North and Greenvale West).
- b. Whilst Hume Libraries provide a service that is accessible to a large percentage of the Hume community, including a good geographic spread of services, and branches that are open at nights and across the weekend, their branch hours can still be unsuitable for shift workers and people requiring extended study time.
- c. There are industry examples of library services, including services in Victoria, that have implemented 24hour library access to one or more branches, which supports greater accessibility.
- d. Directs officers to investigate 24/7 library requirements, including the suitability for trialing 24/7 access at Hume Libraries, and provide a briefing report to Council on the findings.

CARRIED

Report No. Report Page in Agenda
10.2 NOM24/06 - Councillor Jarrod Bell 283

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council

a) Write to both Josh Bull MP, Member for Sunbury and the Minster responsible seeking an update on the progress on the implementation of the Jacksons Hill Master plan since the master plan was approved by the Minster for Planning and gazetted on 8 November 2018.

b) The letter should;

- Highlight the positive collaboration and direct communication with Department of Transport and Planning counterparts regarding the implementation of the Jacksons Hill Arts and Cultural Precinct.
- Highlight council's ongoing efforts and positive engagement with community regarding the development of the Jacksons Hill Arts and Cultural Precinct.
- Acknowledge the governments investment into Jacksons Hill including:
 - At Sunbury Primary School,
 - At Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist school and
 - The governments contribution to Councils plans.
- Request an update or clarification on any further state government-led initiatives or plans that may impact the development timeline for the broader Jacksons Hill site, while communicating community concern over timelines for delivery of the master plan.
- Seek a briefing from the appropriate department officials on the Governments plans for the short and medium term implementation of the Master Plan.
- Additionally, the letter should contain a request that the security gates be opened during daylight hours, under the supervision of the onsite security so that community access to the site can be returned to enable passive community enjoyment of the site again.

CARRIED

Report No. Report Page in Agenda
10.3 NOM24/07 - Councillor Sam Misho 285

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Joseph Haweil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- a) Complete a Municipality wide mailout of an A5 Waste Information Card with a magnet back that can be stuck to residents' fridges or other suitable locations within their home to inform residents and businesses specifically stating their options to dispose of waste and reduce dumped rubbish.
- b) To have a barcode on the A5 to direct rate payers to the council website for more information and also to arrange for a collection or pick up.
- c) providing a hotline number on the same A5 to report failures to satisfy the promises made by council or the respective contractor. A telephone line, rather than anonline chat or form, to ensure that all members of the community can express their concerns promptly and are able to speak to a human rather than a machine. This approach is not to appointing blame but to ensure adequate supervision and flexibility in improving our services
- d) Investigate options to utilise a variety of media channels e.g. print, multicultural radio communication and online to inform the community and ensure a focus on multicultural communications are taken in support of point A.

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during item 10.3 NOM24/07, the time being 8:55pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during item 10.3 NOM24/07, the time being 8:56pm.

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

Amendment

- a) Complete a Municipality wide mailout of an A5 Waste Information Card with a magnet back that can be stuck to residents' fridges or other suitable locations within their home to inform residents and businesses specifically stating their options to dispose of waste and reduce dumped rubbish.
- b) To have a barcode on the A5 to direct rate payers to the council website for more information and also to arrange for a collection or pick up.
- c) providing a hotline number on the same A5 to report failures to satisfy the promises made by council or the respective contractor. A telephone line, rather than an-

online chat or form, to ensure that all members of the community can express their concerns promptly and are able to speak to a human rather than a machine. This approach is not to appointing blame but to ensure adequate supervision and flexibility in improving our services

- d) Investigate options to utilise a variety of media channels e.g. print, multicultural radio communication and online to inform the community and ensure a focus on multicultural communications are taken in support of point A.
- e) A report comes back to Council with implementation costings in relation to points a,b,c,d.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Trevor Dance	Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Chris Hollow	Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Naim Kurt	Cr Sam Misho
Cr Jack Medcraft	Cr Karen Sherry
Cr Carly Moore	•

CARRIED

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

11.1 PJL307 - LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the first named signatory of the petition joint letter be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager Community Health & Wellbeing.

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during item 11.1 PJL307 - LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee, the time being 9:33pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting during item 11.1 PJL307 - LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee, the time being 9:33pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting during item 1.11 PJL307 - LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee and did not vote, the time being 9:36pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during item 1.11 PJL307 - LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee and did not vote, the time being 9:36pm.

CARRIED

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential items.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act* 2020 to consider the following items:

14.1 Aitken Boulevard, Craigieburn Duplication - Additional Funding Requirement

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:37pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:47pm.