

Minutes Disability Access Committee 10 July 2012

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Attendees: Clr Howard Fisher; Janine Smith (Community Rep); Peter Lee (Community Rep); Jim Nichols (Lithgow City Council), Iain Stewart (Lithgow City Council) and, Viktoria Gulabovski (Lithgow City Council).

Apologies: Clr Joe McGuinness; Daniel Smith (Community Rep); Julie Favell (Uniting Care); Levente Boda (LINC) and, Matthew Johnson (Lithgow City Council)

Officers: Viktoria Gulabovski

Declaration of Interests: NIL

Recommendation

That the attendance and apologies be confirmed.

MOVED: Clr Howard Fisher
Carried

SECONDED: Janine Smith

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the 28 May 2012 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on the 25 June 2012.

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

Summary

A progress update on business arising was provided.

Commentary

A schedule of meetings for the year has been sent to all members.

Viktoria contacted the chief occupational therapist at Lithgow Hospital, Bronwyn Webb, and she confirmed her interest in being a member of the DAC via email on the 6 July 2012.

The Australian Standards for Access and Mobility document was tabled and discussed. Members will receive a copy of the section relating to walkways, kerb ramps and landings via email.

The areas that require attention with regards to access and mobility on Main Street have been mapped out and Iain Stewart will provide a report to DAC at the next meeting on 21 August 2012.

A media release was sent out on 6 July 2012 highlighting the formation of DAC and requesting submissions from the community regarding access issues in the Lithgow LGA. Submissions close on 17 August 2012. Submissions will be made available to the Committee as they come in.

Recommendations

1. That Bronwyn Webb be endorsed as the additional organisational representative on the Committee.
2. That the progress update on business arising be noted.

MOVED: Cllr Howard Fisher
Carried

SECONDED: Janine Smith

ITEM 4 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND MOBILITY PLAN ON GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

Summary

There was discussion about a pedestrian access and mobility plan on the Great Western Highway.

Commentary

Council has funds for the development of pedestrian access and mobility plan on the Great Western Highway. The specific area is between the intersection of Magpie Hollow Road and the Great western Highway through to the end of the 70km/h speed zone just past the Tourist Information Centre.

A consultant will be coming in to Council to review the pedestrian and access facilities along this route. A committee will be formed and DAC members are invited to be a part of this committee.

A media release will be sent out advising the community of this initiative.

Further, Iain Stewart recommended that a DAC member sit on the Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC) as some of the items raised at meetings relate to disability parking. The DAC supported this view and Peter Lee volunteered to be a member of the TALC.

Recommendations

1. That the report on the pedestrian access and mobility plan be noted.
2. That Peter Lee be endorsed as the community representative on the Traffic Authority Local Committee.

MOVED: Cllr. Howard Fisher
Carried

SECONDED: Peter Lee

ITEM 5 DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

The DAC will commence development on the Disability Action Plan at the next meeting with the view to put a request in to Council for a budget on items considered urgent. A list of urgent items will be made available to Council for their consideration to assist in the budget allocation.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Janine Smith advised that the disability parking in front of the civic ballroom is too small and the space needs to be extended. Iain Stewart will look into repainting the parking boundaries.

6.2 Peter Lee raised an access issue at Eskbank House Museum, which is located at the main entry on the east side of the building. It is a 50mm raised lip from the pathway to the verandah and can prohibit frail aged people from entering the building on their own.

Next Meeting

Thursday 21 August 2012 at 4.00 pm in the Hartley Building Meeting Room, Lithgow City Council