

Minutes
Disability Access Committee
4.00 pm 16 April 2013
Hartley Building

ITEM 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Attendees: Mayor Maree Statham, Julie Favell (Uniting Care), Daniel Smith (Community Rep), Janine Smith (Community Rep), Clr Joe McGinnes.

Apologies: Bronwyn Webb (Occupational Therapist), Jim Nichols (Lithgow City Council).

Officers: Iain Stewart, Matthew Johnson and Melanie Jones

Declaration of Interests: NIL

Recommendation

That the attendance and apologies be confirmed.

MOVED: Janine

SECONDED: Julie

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

No confirmation of the previous minutes held 5 March 2013 as there was no quorum.

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

Summary

A progress update on business arising from earlier minutes was provided.

Commentary

3.1 There was discussion about the Disability Access Committee providing a regular update on the work of the Committee for inclusion in the Lithgow Council Connections, Melanie to speak to Deb McGrath.

3.2 Iain Stewart raised the issue about the lack of footpaths in the Lidsdale area, and discussed a complaint he had received regarding this issue. The committee will need clarification of the issues, Julie Favell agreed to contact the complainant to obtain further information.

3.3 The Mayor raised safety issues with the area around Wallerawang pre-school in James Parade, where there are no footpaths leading to and surrounding the pre-school.

3.4 The Mayor suggested a ramp or rail be installed near Portland Chemist. The steps there are very deep and difficult for people, particularly the elderly to negotiate. Iain Stewart said he would have a look at the issue.

3.5 The Mayor has received complaints regarding the ramp at Woolworth's car park, the bottom of the ramp has quite a high edge which is a hazard. Jim Nichols said he would raise the issue with the owners. As Jim was unable to attend the meeting, this issue will be carried over to the next meeting.

3.6 Safety issues were raised pertaining to the lack of lighting within the Coles car park.

3.7 Bronwyn Webb raised an issue with the footpaths in Methven Street, on the southern side near the factory and Park Parade. As Bronwyn was unable to attend, the issue will be carried over to the next meeting.

Recommendations

That the Business Arising from previous minutes be noted

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Daniel Smith

ITEM 4 MAIN STREET PAVERS

Summary

Iain Stewart gave an update on the Main Street pavers issue.

Commentary

There have been many other examples that have been looked at in other town CBD's. Possibly some sections of Main Street may be refurbished using these different options for public comment.

Recommendations

That the discussion on footpath pavers be noted.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED Julie Favell

ITEM 5 ACCESS ISSUES AT LITHGOW VALLEY PLAZA

Summary

This item will be carried over to the next meeting, Melanie to speak to Jim Nichols regarding options.

ITEM 6 DISABILITY CAR SPACE AT THE CIVIC BALLROOM

Summary

The disability ramp at the Civic Ballroom is difficult to access when a car is parked there.

Commentary

Iain Stewart will look into the issue and report back after some consideration.

Recommendations

That the discussion on disabled parking at the Civic Ballroom be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Daniel Smith

ITEM 7 DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN**Summary**

A progress report was provided on development of the Disability Access Plan.

Commentary

Work on the Disability Access Plan will continue with input from the committee.

Recommendations

That the report on the Disability Access Plan be noted.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED Julie Favell

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS**Summary**

Discussion was held surrounding public toilets in the CBD.

Commentary

An inspection of the current toilets in the Main Street area will be scheduled and the committee invited.

Recommendations

That the report on CBD toilets be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED Janine Smith

Meeting Closed 5.00pm

Next Meeting
Tuesday 28 May 2013
4.00 pm in the Hartley Building Meeting Room, Lithgow City Council