

Minutes Disability Access Committee 9 July 2013

ITEM 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Attendees: Mayor Maree Statham, Julie Favell (Uniting Care), Matthew Johnson (Lithgow City Council), Iain Stewart (Lithgow City Council), Cllr Joe McGinnes and Bronwyn Webb (Occupational Therapist).

Apologies: Jim Nichols (Lithgow City Council), Ally Shelton (Lithgow City Council)

Officers: Matthew Johnson and Melanie Jones

Declaration of Interests: NIL

Recommendation

That the attendances and apologies be confirmed.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb

SECONDED: Matthew Johnson

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

No confirmation of the previous minutes of the meeting held 28 May 2013 as there was no quorum.

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

Summary

A progress update on the Main Street public toilets was provided.

Commentary

The installation of public toilets in the Main Street area was discussed and is scheduled to happen this financial year. Iain Stewart informed the committee that there is now a working party who will report to Council with information regarding issues and ideas.

Recommendations

That the report on business arising be noted.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM 4 MAIN STREET PAVERS

Summary

A progress update on the Main Street Pavers issue was provided.

Commentary

Iain Stewart provided an overview of the plan to make improvements to the Main Street. There is \$500,000 to begin the process of addressing the issues in the Main Street area, and a strong working party to look into issues and

begin planning this process. Mayor Statham asked the Disability Access Committee to put forward any concerns, ideas and suggestions at the next meeting and Melanie to prepare a report to give to the working party. Issues to be included are disability parking, access and ramps.

Recommendations

That the report on the Main Street pavers be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Bronwyn Webb

ITEM 5 ACCESS ISSUES AT LITHGOW VALLEY PLAZA

Summary

A progress update on the access issues at the Lithgow Valley Plaza was provided.

Commentary

Pictures of the site illustrating the access issues and the problems with the footpaths and ramps leading into the Coles car park were presented to the committee. Julie Favell explained the situation and offered some ideas for solutions to the committee. Iain Stewart requested a site inspection with Julie Favell to look at the issues. Melanie to arrange an inspection for Friday 19 July.

Melanie to contact Jim Nichols for an update on the lighting issues at the Coles complex.

Recommendations

That the report on the access issues at the Lithgow Valley Plaza be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Bronwyn Webb

ITEM 6 DISABILITY CAR SPACE AT THE CIVIC BALLROOM

Summary

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

Commentary

Iain Stewart reported that the access issue at in front of the Civic Ballroom has been looked at and will be fixed in the next 4-5 weeks.

Recommendations

That the report on the access issues at the Civic Ballroom be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Bronwyn Webb

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Commentary

7.1 An update on the progress of the outdoor gym equipment at Lake Wallace was provided. The equipment has been ordered and installation should be around mid August.

7.2 Access issues in Main Street near the Mobility Aids business. Mr Collins has asked that Council look into the possibility of installing hand rails on the

footpath/steps from the road outside his business. Melanie to arrange a site visit with Kym Snow.

7.3 Mayor Statham discussed the issue pertaining to the steps outside the Portland Chemist. These steps are difficult for many people to negotiate, and require handrails to be installed. Iain Stewart to report back at the next meeting on the progress of this situation.

7.4 Cllr McGinnes made comments on the lack of concrete footpaths throughout many areas in Lithgow. It was discussed that the grass on the footpaths instead of concrete makes it very difficult for people in wheelchairs or motorised scooters to negotiate. Iain Stewart discussed the changes being made to codes for developers which now requires them to put footpaths in.

7.4 Cllr McGinnes discussed that he would like to use Council Connections to highlight what the Disability Access Committee is working on, and also ask the public for feedback and ideas on access issues. Possibly a media release to ask for comments, ideas and suggestions would be helpful also.

Recommendations

That the report on General Business be noted.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb **SECONDED: Julie Favell**

Next Meeting
Tuesday 20 August 2013
4.00 pm
Hartley Building Meeting Room, Lithgow City Council