



Minutes

Disability Access Committee

12 November 2013

4.00-5.00pm

Hartley Meeting Room

Lithgow City Council

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Mayor Maree Statham, Janine Smith, Julie Favell and Bronwyn Webb.

APOLOGIES: Iain Stewart, Kym Snow and Dan Smith.

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek, Matthew Johnson, Jim Nichols and Melanie Jones

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting held 8 October 2013 were endorsed via email and presented to Council on 28 October 2013.

ACTION

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Jannine Smith

SECONDED: Juli-Ann Brozek

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Steps outside Portland Chemist: After an onsite visit, it was decided to install a handrail adjacent to the Chemist in Williwa Street Portland to address access issues pertaining to the steps. An update will be provided to the committee when the work is complete.

3.2 Main Street Improvement Plan Update: An update will be provided at the next meeting after the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan Committee meeting being held Wednesday 13 November 2013.

3.3 Access at Lithgow Valley Plaza Update: A progress report was provided about the solutions to access issues at the Lithgow Valley Plaza. The centre managers and owners have agreed to work with Council to address access issues that have been identified at the Valley Plaza. Also Council has completed work to the layback on the car park exit on Lithgow Street, making it accessible to wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The committee will continue to be informed regarding further progress.

3.4 Update on the Disability Car Space at the Civic Ballroom: After an onsite visit it was decided that the disabled access car space outside the ballroom will be moved back one parking space to the rear of its current location and a no stopping zone placed where the disabled access parking zone is located currently. An update will be provided to the committee after the completion of this work.

ACTION

THAT the progress update on business arising is noted and relevant staff be contacted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Bronwyn Webb

ITEM: 4 DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN

SUMMARY

The progress of the Disability Access Plan was discussed and is currently in the research and planning stage. A plan is being developed to consult with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and the community to obtain feedback and input to inform the plan. An initial draft of the plan will be distributed prior to the next meeting for comment from the committee.

ACTION

THAT the progress update on the Disability Access Plan is noted.

MOVED: Jannine Smith

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM: 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

5.1 Hassans Walls Boardwalk: There was discussion on the Hassans Walls Boardwalk which will include disability access. The project is now scheduled for completion in January 2014.

5.2 Work at Eskbank House and Museum: An overview was provided on work being planned to improve access at Eskbank House and Museum including work to the entrance ramp and the toilets. Lighting in the car park and pathways will also be upgraded.

5.3 Lighting issues in the lane way beside the Library: It was noted that there is a lack of lighting in the lane way beside the Library and the footpath is very narrow. This is quite a highly used area as it leads to car parking and is also an access to Woolworths. Council officers to follow up before next meeting.

5.4 Improvements to laybacks along Main Street: There was a discussion surrounding the improvements recently being done to a number of laybacks along Main Street, particularly near Bunnings and Raine & Horne. Also raised was the work currently being done to the pavers in Main Street which appears to be improving surface friction.

5.5 Disability Access Parking in Main Street: There have been complaints from business owners reported in the Mercury about concerns with how disability access parking spaces are being used in Main Street. Reports have indicated that drivers with disability access parking permits displayed are parking in the spaces all day, and are preventing other drivers from having access to the spaces. The committee would like to see a media release put out highlighting the issue.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 December 2013
4:00-5:00pm
Hartley Building Meeting Room
Lithgow City Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:40pm