



Minutes

Disability Access Committee
 Tuesday 6 May 2014
 Hartley Building Meeting Room
 Lithgow City Council
 4.00-5.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Statham, Julie Favell, Janine Smith, Dan Smith and Bronwyn Webb.

APOLOGIES: Matthew Johnson and Iain Stewart.

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek, Jim Nichols, Kym Snow and Melanie Jones.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no quorum at the last Disability Access Committee meeting.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

SUMMARY

3.1 Update on access issues at Lithgow Valley Plaza

Lithgow Valley Plaza has agreed to work with Council to create an additional layback into the complex car park along Bent Street, for easier access by wheelchairs and motorised scooters. Consultation with the Operations Group to determine a date for work to begin will be undertaken and details reported back to the next committee meeting. Issues with the laybacks at the intersection of Bent and Hassans Streets were also discussed as being too high and difficult for people in wheelchairs and on motorised scooters to negotiate.

3.2 Pedestrian laybacks in Wallerawang and Portland CBD's

Concerns were raised about laybacks near the Coronation Hotel and Red Kelly's Café Portland, and a number of laybacks in the Wallerawang and Lithgow CBD's. An update on these matters will be provided at the next meeting.

3.3 Update on Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan

The project is currently in the investigation and analysis phase including community engagement which will be undertaken through a shop front drop in centre, pedestrian surveys and an online questionnaire.

3.4 Nomination new committee member

Nominations to be appointed to the Disability Access Committee have been received from Louise Bullock (Community Representative) and Kathy Dickson (Lithgow Community Transport - Organisation Representative).

ACTION

THAT the updates provided under Business Arising be noted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Louise Bullock be appointed as Community Representative and Kathy Dickson from Lithgow Community Transport be appointed as Organisation Representative to the Disability Access Committee.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM: 4 DRAFT DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN

SUMMARY

The draft Disability Access Plan has been completed and feedback from the Disability Access Committee incorporated. The plan will now be reported to Council and then placed on public exhibition for comment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The draft Disability Access Plan be reported to Council.

MOVED: Dan Smith

SECONDED: Bronwyn Webb

ITEM: 5 PUBLIC TOILETS/SEATING HASSANS WALLS LOOKOUT

SUMMARY

It was discussed that the lookout experiences a substantial flow of local and tourist visitation and there appears to be a need for public toilets and seating. Better progressive signage was suggested leading up to the lookout and security issues were raised with regard to locking the bottom gate. These issues can be incorporated into the development of the Hassans Walls Reserve Management Plan which is scheduled for 2014/15.

Dan Smith thanked everyone involved who made the Sir Joseph Cook Boardwalk project possible.

ACTION

THAT The discussion about issues at Hassans Walls Lookout be noted.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb

SECONDED: Janine Smith

ITEM: 6 LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL TOURISM APP

SUMMARY

There was discussion about the new Lithgow City Council Tourism App and whether it has the capability to incorporate disabled access information. After discussion with Tourism it was identified that work will be undertaken to include information about disabled access, and the committee is able to forward any relevant information and suggestions.

ACTION

THAT The discussion about the Lithgow City Council Tourism App be noted.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb

SECONDED: Dan Smith

ITEM 7: LIDSDALE FOOTPATH COMPLAINT

SUMMARY

Council has received a complaint from a resident of Lidsdale about issues concerning the footpaths in the area. The committee requested that Council write to the complainant informing him of the progress of works in the area and of any works to be undertaken in the next year. Follow up with the Operations Group will be undertaken and information reported back to the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT relevant consultation be undertaken with the Operations Group for information and report back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Dan Smith

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM 8: COMPLAINT/CONCERN SAFETY ON MORT STREET

SUMMARY

A complaint was received by Council's Road Safety Officer about Police parking on the nature strip outside Lithgow Police Station. Police cars are reported to block pedestrians view of oncoming traffic when crossing the road. The complainant would like to see a mirror placed in the spot identified to provide better vision. The complaint will be referred to TALC for their information and review.

ACTION

THAT the matter be referred to TALC for its information and review.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

- 9.1 Cllr Statham thanked Janine Smith for her efforts in supplying afternoon tea for the opening of Sir Joseph Cook Boardwalk.
- 9.2 The committee discussed the success of 'Blind Ally', the art exhibition in the ally off Main Street adjacent to the Tattersall's Hotel.
- 9.3 Concerns were raised about the steps at the entrance of Portland Pool. Accidents have been reported as there is no ramp, only steps and this results in access issues for people with mobility issues. It was suggested that a ramp needs to be installed.
- 9.4 Concerns were raised about road safety in Portland at an intersection in Williwa Street to the right hand side. There is reportedly a lack of vision and it has been suggested that a mirror be installed. This issue will be forwarded to TALC for investigation.

ACTION

THAT the discussion under General Business be noted.

MOVED: Bronwyn Webb

SECONDED: Janine Smith

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 June 2014
4.00-5.00pm
Hartley Building Meeting Room
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45pm.