



Minutes

Disability Access Committee
 Monday 22 February 2016
 Hartley Building Meeting Room
 Lithgow City Council
 4.00-5.00pm

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1	Welcome/Present/ Apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Business Arising
4	Disability Inclusion Action Plan
5	National Recharge Scheme
6	Accessible Layback into Valley Plaza
7	Ambulance Parking Space in front of Ochre Medical Centre
8	Vehicles accessing lane ways between Main and Mort Street
	General Business

ITEM 1: WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Mayor Maree Statham, Julie Favell (Organisational Representative Disabilities/Ageing - Uniting Care), Janine Smith (Community Representative), Dan Smith (Community Representative), Debby Ong (Organisational Representative Disabilities/Ageing - Lithgow Hospital), Leanne Walding (Community Representative).

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ross Higlett, Juli-Ann Brozek, Jim Nichols, Matthew Johnson, Kathy Dickson (Organisational Representative Disabilities/Ageing - Manager Community Transport).

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart and Viktoria Gulabovski.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 30 November 2015 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 8 February 2016.

ACTION

THAT the ratification by email of the minutes of the 30 November 2015 Disability Access Committee meeting and their reporting to Council on 8 February 2016 be noted.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING

An update on business arising.

- 3.1 Update regarding the intersection at Hassan & Bent streets.**
Accessible works at this intersection have been programmed for this financial year.
- 3.2 Update on wheelchair access near Charcoal Chicken on Main Street.**
Wheelchair access has been installed in this area.
- 3.3 Distribute copies of the new Terms of Reference**
Copies of the new Terms of Reference were handed out to members of the Disability Access Committee for their information.
- 3.4 New member update**
At the Council meeting held on 8 February 2016, Leanne Walding was appointed to the Disability Access Committee as a community representative.

3.5 Liveable Communities Grant update

Council was unsuccessful at securing the Liveable Communities Grant on this occasion.

3.6 Accessibility and Halloween update

This access issue was reported to the Halloween Working Party on the 17 February 2016 for their consideration when planning subsequent Halloween events in Lithgow.

3.7 Footpath along Commens Street and Brays Lane

There are no funds to address this issue in this financial year. The DAC will make a budget bid for this item in the next financial year.

ACTION

THAT the update provided under Business Arising be noted.

MOVED: Janine Smith

SECONDED: Dan Smith

ITEM 4: DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

Work on the development of the Inclusion plan is set to commence in the next quarter. Members of the DAC identified local key stakeholders that need to be engaged as part of the consultation process. The DAC members will also be a part of the consultation process and provide input/ review the current Disability Access Plan.

ACTION

THAT Council notes the discussion under Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Leanne Walding

ITEM 5: NATIONAL RECHARGE SCHEME

The Recharge Scheme Australia Ltd charity supports Council's to provide a more accessible environment for people who use electric mobility wheelchairs and scooters. This includes designated power points for people to recharge their scooter or wheelchair battery. Further information in relation to the charging times will be sought before the DAC moves forward with this request.

ACTION

THAT the update on the National Recharge Scheme be noted.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Janine Smith

ITEM 6: ACCESSIBLE LAYBACK INTO VALLEY PLAZA

The accessible entry point into the Valley Plaza complex is often blocked because vehicles park in the spot opposite to where the layback was installed. The Valley Plaza complex manager will be contacted to see if they can paint white lines across the spot to signify that it's a non-parking area.

ACTION

THAT The discussion on the accessible layback into the Valley Plaza be noted.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Debbie Ong

ITEM 7: AMBULANCE PARKING IN FRONT OF OCHRE MEDICAL CENTRE

The ambulance parking space in front of the Ochre Medical Centre has recently been converted into a general public parking space. This spot was regularly used by Lithgow Community Transport and Uniting Care as a drop off point for their elderly clients to easily access the medical centre, the bank and the pharmacy. The loss of the ambulance space has caused logistical issues for these community organisations and barriers to accessibility for elderly people and people with disability. The DAC would like TALC to investigate the possibility of making the spot a "Drop Off" zone, which would accommodate the ambulance service, and to also see if doctor's surgery can be used for improved disability access.

ACTION

THAT the matter be referred back to TALC for reconsideration.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM 8: VEHICLES ACCESSING LANEWAYS BETWEEN MAIN & MORT STREET

Vehicles accessing the laneways between Main and Mort streets make a quick entry/exit in that vicinity without much regard for pedestrians. This makes it difficult for people with a visual impairment and other people crossing the area. It was recommended that this issue is taken to TALC with the recommendation that a zebra crossing or safety signage be installed.

ACTION

THAT The matter be referred to TALC for further investigation.

MOVED: Debbie Ong

SECONDED: Leanne Walding

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business was raised at this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Next meeting 10 October 2016
Venue: Hartley Building Meeting Room
Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm