



**Access and Mobility  
Meeting held at Marlborough Library/Te Kahu o  
Waipuna, Blenheim  
12 March 2024, 200pm**

Attendees: Clr Matt Flight, Co-Chair  
Clr Debra Dalliesi, Co-Chair  
Hana Wilkinson, Health New Zealand/Te Whatu Ora  
David Clode  
Ricky Shadbolt  
Ray Craven  
Taylah Rasmussen  
Lisa Wheeler  
Carla Taylor  
Dianne Gibb  
Fern McGraw, Marlborough Roads  
Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton, Marlborough Roads  
Evan Teale (for Jill Scobie, Marlborough Stroke Club)  
Hularii McKenzie

MDC: Jane Tito, Manager Parks and Open Spaces  
Diane Bell, Customer Service Officer  
Gillian Dixon, Secretary

1) Clr Flight welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

2) Apologies: Bill East  
Catherine Donnolly  
Camilla Neilson  
Nigel Perry  
Jodie Griffiths

3) The minutes of the previous meeting – 5 December 2023 – were approved.

4) Matters arising from the last meeting:

1.	Questionnaire for pedestrian/mobility scooter access from the Taylor River shared pathway to the hospital.  The link and information have been circulated to the group. Carla asked for it to be sent to her again.	Gillian (completed and closed)
2.	Recommendation for disability car parking in the current shuttle bus area at Marlborough Airport now complete. Clr Dalliesi circulated a photograph of the new parking space (attached at appendix I). Well done to her and Dianne for achieving this outcome.	Closed
3.	Linda to discuss with the Rivers Team Lisa's query regarding riding on the top of the stop bank between Marshall Place and Snowden Crescent. Jane confirmed that Linda had spoken to the Rivers Team and changes to the stop bank can not be made without compromising the stop bank.	Closed

## 5) General Business

### Marlborough Roads – Fern McGraw

- Trip hazards work completed on Wither Road, Hillside Terrace and Hillcrest Avenue.
- Grove Road, Dillon Street, Eltham Road and Hutcheson are next.
- Grinding work on Parker Street and Hospital Road to be carried out.
- Chip sealing work throughout the region is now coming to an end.

### Building Control - No update as Bill an apology

### Parks and Open Spaces – Jane Tito

- Jane circulated information from the Department of Conservation/Recreation Aotearoa – *“Invitation: Taking part in a survey about outdoor recreation for disabled people”*. The link will be circulated after the meeting.  
**Action: Gillian (complete)**
  - A new waling path in the Tirimoana Recreation Reserve at Anakiwa is now complete.
  - Upgrades to pathways in cemeteries have been undertaken.
  - The Wither Hills Farm Park remains closed due to fire danger but this has led to increase numbers at Picton and Havelock Parks and Pollard Park.
  - The car park at Lansdowne is now fully sealed.
  - Plans are being put to the Long-Term Plan for the boardwalk along Riverside Park Reserve to be replaced with a heavy-duty plastic (as below). The current boardwalk is made of macrocarpa and the plastic tiles will be longer lasting.



- Havelock playgrounds now have more accessible features.
- The timings on some of the public toilet locks have now been increased to 20 mins.
- A report from Grey Power had been provided for the meeting by Robyn Blackburn– attached at Appendix II

## 6) Any Other Business

### • The Future of the Access and Mobility Form

Clr Flight asked, as a group what you would like to see at future meetings. Please consider and get back to [gillian.dixon@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:gillian.dixon@marlborough.govt.nz) with your thoughts and ideas. Recent attendance figures had been very low but today's meeting numbers were encouraging. The Library is a good venue and will be booked for the rest of the year.

Jodie Griffiths is working on a database of agencies in the region and Gillian has already provided her with the Access and Mobility Group contact list.

- Carla informed the meeting of new arrangements for booking the hoist at the Aquatic Centre. Only one person at a time can use the hoist, including time spent in the pool, in case of an emergency.  
**Action: Clr Dalliessi, Dianne and Carla will draft a letter to Bridget at the Stadium to enquire about the hoist that was at the Stadium.**
- Ray, a resident at Redwood Retirement Village, told the meeting that a friend with a mobility scooter had tipped over on Hospital Road. Would we be able to have a map showing the safe routes for pedestrians and scooter riders?  
Charlotte thought this was a brilliant idea and Clr Flight said it would be good to get together with all the Retirement Villages in the area to find out what would be required. Ideas included accessible toilets, including those with adult change tables, to be included in the map showing the best routes into town from each Retirement Village. This could also be included in the Citizens Advice website.  
Charlotte also reminded everyone to complete the [MDC Near Miss Report](#) for any accidents or near misses whilst out in Marlborough.  
**Action: Charlotte, Clrs Dalliessi and Flight**
- Carla asked if there was an update on the adult changing room in the Library.  
**Action: Jane will check.**
- Clr Dallessi advised that the Long-Term Plan will be open for consultation from 4 April to 6 May. Also, the roll out of wheelie bins has started but are not to be used until 1 July. Comms for retirement homes will be coming out shortly.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 11 June, 2.00pm at the Library.

### Action Points from the Meeting

1	<i>"Invitation: Taking part in a survey about outdoor recreation for disabled people"</i> from DOC/Recreation Aotearoa – link to be circulated.	Gillian (complete)
2	The Future of the Access and Mobility Form – ideas and thoughts for future meetings to be sent to Gillian.	All
3	Letter to Bridget at the Stadium re possible use of their hoist for the Aquatic Centre.	Clr Dalliessi, Dianne and Carla
4	Safe routes for pedestrians and scooter users. Ideas for a map.	Charlotte, Clrs Dalliessi and Flight
5	Update on the adult changing room at the Library.	Jane



**Appendix I**



## **Appendix II**

### **Report from Grey Power for Access and Mobility Meeting on 12 March 2024**

#### **Accessibility Parking**

We are concerned to hear that recently an older couple with mobility issues preparing for an MDC Citizen Ceremony the following day, decided to scout out the area around Council for accessibility parks for people with Disability Parking Permits.

We appreciate the reasons why there are none at the front of the building and two are available at the rear of the building to cater for people with mobility issues who have a Disability Parking Permit.

However, as the rear building accessibility parks were enclosed in the construction zone, they were unavailable for people to use. We note at least one of those parks is available now, 20 February, so it was noted that the parks were unavailable for a brief period.

Grey Power would ask that in future when accessibility car parks are temporarily unavailable that temporary accessibility parks are made available for Disabled Parking Permit holders to use as close as possible to those temporarily closed. Many of our members rely on accessibility parking to be able to access the services available to them in the community and Grey Power will always advocate for that.

Can it be confirmed at this meeting that Council will make sure staff and their contractors are aware of this request and to the best of their ability will make temporary accessibility parking available when others are temporarily closed, please.

#### **Courtesy Crossings**

Grey Power is aware that Courtesy Crossings should provide a place where drivers can stop safely to allow pedestrians to cross. Drivers are not required to stop at courtesy crossings; however, the official New Zealand road code recommends that drivers are courteous to pedestrians using or waiting to use a courtesy crossing.

Courtesy crossings are intended to facilitate eye contact between pedestrians and drivers resulting in a mutually negotiated position over who goes first. However, this can create uncertainty between road users as to who has the right of way, which can be uncomfortable (or unacceptable) for some people including Grey Power members.

In other regions, there are signs or writing on the road (see image) to warn pedestrians that cars have the right of way and pedestrians need to wait until the car has passed or has stopped to let them cross.

Grey Power would like to ask Council if the Courtesy Crossings throughout Marlborough could all have similar signage.



## Continuation of this Committee

Grey Power would strongly argue for the continuation of this forum even though the numbers of other organisations attending recent meetings has been disappointing leading to questions being asked within Council about the Forum's sustainability. Grey Power believes these meetings really do add value to our community by providing a forum where a wide range of access issues can be aired by the community and, when possible, actions can be taken to address those issues.

Grey Power appreciates that Council and staff give time and resourcing to manage and attend meetings and Council is justified in their concerns about future sustainability. We suggest various organisations in our community who can contribute to this forum are approached by Council about attending. And it would be timely if current members reaffirmed the Committees goals & objectives so we can be reminded of what we can bring to the meetings for discussion / action.

We feel strongly that it would be a big loss to drop this forum due to lack of membership as it is an element in the Marlborough Age Friendly Strategy, which has been ratified by Council in the Community Support & Health Services Domain as an ongoing initiative.