



Access and Mobility Committee Room, Marlborough District Council 9 December 2.00pm

Attendees: Clr Thelma Sowman
Kenneth Gordon, Marlborough Roads
Taylah Ramsussen, i-Lead
David Clode, CCS Disability Action
Lisa Wheeler
Rebekah Lowe, Te Whatu Ora
Vanessa Manley, Electoral Office

MDC: Jane Tito, Parks and Open Spaces Manager
Jodie Griffiths, Community Partnerships Advisor
Brendon Robertson, Consents and Compliance
Petra Hajnal, Consents and Compliance
Gillian Dixon, Secretary

- 1) Clr Sowman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2) **Apologies:** Robyn Blackburn, Grey Power
Carla Taylor
Lyn McKay*

*Together with her apology, Lyn sent her thanks to Marlborough Roads for “fixing the rumpty driveway up Weld Street”.

- 3) The minutes of the previous meeting – 23 September 2025 - were approved by **Jodie/2nd Brendon**
- 4) Matters arising from the last meeting:

1	Items to be checked by Marlborough Roads: • The refuge on Taylor Pass Road, near to the Hospital: - Signage for cyclists to be erected. - Continuation of the pavement to the RFD entrance. - Pronounced lip on the pavement • Footpath near the first driveway on the left on Arthur Baker Place. • Uneven footpath up Weld Street between Hospital Road and Wither Road.	Ken/Charlotte	Waiting for costings. Has been put into the GIS system Simcox have the snagging list Needs to be costed and funding to be found Has been made safe Has been made safe
2	Accessible signage at the Westwood toilet block	Grahame	Completed
3	People finding it difficult to cross the road safely to the Omaka Landing Doctors.	Clr Dalliessi	Ken will follow up

4.	Update on the up grades at the Stadium – Gillian to forward email from Carla.	Gillian	Completed
	After the meeting Jodie was able to provide a great update from the Stadium that they have been successful in getting \$15,000 of funding approved (66% of the funds required), there are still two other grant applications awaiting approval.		

5) General Business

Marlborough Roads – Ken Gordon

Current work being carried out at the moment includes

- Road re-surfacing and renewal together with line marking throughout the region
- New yellow lines approved at Westwood
- Annual footpaths renewals
- Gravel roads being repaired.
- The sudden end to footpaths at Westwood to be rectified

Building Control, Brendon Robertson and Petra Hajnal

- Brendan provided a summary of the report provided by Standards NZ on Disability Access Standards. For review: NZS 4121:2001 Design for Access and Mobility, Buildings and Associated Facilities. The report is very comprehensive, if anyone would like to receive a copy, please let Gillian know, but the main recommendations were that the Standard does need to be reviewed and updated. It will however take 2-3 years for any changes to be made as they will have to go to Government.
Brendan will keep the group updated on the process. Meanwhile, any questions on this or other building control issues, please contact Brendan.
- Jane will send a copy of the accessibility policy for parks and open spaces to Petra. **ACTION**

Parks and Open Spaces – Jane Tito

- The blessing for the build of the new A & P Park pavilion took place this week. The building will be single level located nearer to the Alabama Road side of the park with an opening date of November 2026.
- New toilets at Horton, Oliver and Renwick parks to be opened before Christmas.
- Funding has been received for new playgrounds which will be inter-generational and accessible.
- The up grade to London Quay in Picton is now complete and has received good feedback.
- A new Freedom Camping Ranger has been employed until the end of March.
- Overhanging vegetation will be addressed January-March.
- The new contractors have been busy catching up on mowing throughout the region.
- Jane will ask the Rivers team about accessibility whilst the Taylor River is being dredged. Charlotte will also talk to Lisa as this has also been discussed for the Whale Trail.
- Lisa told the meeting of a recent accident she had on Horton Street. Charlotte and Jane will discuss possible solutions for this not to happen again.

Grey Power – Gillian on behalf of Robyn Blackburn

- Grey Power is keen to learn about the progress being made to finance and install a second hoist at the stadium. Can we assist more?
- Grey Power is currently promoting an affordable healthy eating programme with our members. The \$10 packs with non-perishable meal ingredients are a great idea to have in the pantry and we have five packs to give away to members who may struggle some nights to put food on the table. Recipes available at our office.
- Robyn had a look at the entrance path to the new bathrooms at Westwood and could see where a white line has been painted on the step up from the car park to alleviate any trip hazard. Thank you to Council for that. She also noted there is a ramp entry point as well, so we see no need for any further signage.

- There has been a lot of talk about revitalising the CBD. How will this impact accessibility and can this be considered in decision making to improve accessibility? How can Grey Power help? (This was passed to Maighan Watson, Project and Contracts Manager at Council)
- Presently, for very good reasons, there are no Disability parks in Market Street. If that will always be too difficult to create due to space restraints versus space needed, could revitalisation include disability parking being made available on the two streets (Charles & Arthur) that feed into Market Street as close to Market Street as practicable. (Also passed to Maighan).
- Grey Power has been approached by a group planning to set up a Community Support Van/Car that will be available to Grey Power members and Age Concern Marlborough **members**. The intention is to provide a transport option for people who genuinely need a hand with essential transport around town - especially in those moments when other options like taxis are unavailable or stretched. We will update this committee when we learn more. This is also part of the work carried out by Charlotte)

Community Partnerships – Jodie Griffiths

- It was agreed that this portion of the agenda will now be Community Partnerships and iLead with updates from Jodie and Taylah.
- Jodie advised that Marlborough Children's Day is now back on the calendar. Anyone who is interested in having a neuro diverse activity included, let Jodie know.
- Taylah is preparing for next year's events which will be more on the theme of roadshows which should provide more feedback.

6) Any Other Business

- Lisa reported that the uneven surface at the road near Brayshaw Park had been repaired recently and the road was so much better. THANK YOU.
- Thank you from David to all the participants of the Access and Mobility meetings throughout 2025.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17 March 2026

Meeting dates for 2026

Tuesday 17 March

Tuesday 26 May

Tuesday 22 September

Tuesday 8 December