

Access and Mobility Forum, Meeting Notes held in the Committee Room, Marlborough District Council on Monday 18 June 2018 at 2.30 pm

Present

Clr Jenny Andrews (Chair), Rhys Thomason, (People First), Nigel Perry (Picton Senior Citizens), Phil Hunnisett, (Grey Power), Ricky Shadbolt, Linette Mortlock, Jill Scoble (Marlborough Stroke Group), Catherine Donnelly (Age Concern), David Clode (CCS), Glenn Spencer, Dianne Woolf (CCS), Steve Murrin & Deanna Gleeson (Marlborough Roads)

MDC Staff

Linda Craighead (Reserves and Amenities), Bill East (Building Control Manager)

Guest speaker:

Community Constable Russell Smith

Attendance

Rebecca Waldron (MDC Secretary)

Apologies

Robyn Blackburn, Chris Parnell, Camilla Nilsson, Lyn Nicholls, Dianne Gibb, Bryan Strong, Lyn McKay

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Linda Craighead to the group; Linda is acting as Co-ordinator while Jane is unavailable.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Rhys/Nigel that the notes of the 26 March meeting were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

- It was noted that if you don't want to receive the free papers in your mail box it is necessary to put a sign on the box saying "No Express".

4. Actions from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Investigate the corner at Freswick Street and Main Street for mobility scooter access on the pram ramp The pram crossing is in poor shape and is with HEB for repair along with a corner section of the adjoining road that has slumped. Completed	Chris
2.	Safety engineer to review narrow footpath by theatre This site has had a safety audit done. The safety audit notes the footpath is 1.5m wide (the current standard being 1.4m) however it should be noted that the theatre building has the perception of a slight outwards lean which creates a 'shy' effect to users of the footpath pushing them towards the centre of the footpath, effectively narrowing the available width. Unfortunately this is an issue with the design of the building not the footpath. Completed	Chris
3.	Fix the hole in the crossing on Scott Street (outside Bings Motel) With HEB for repair. Completed	Chris
4.	Get safety engineer to investigate corner of Hutcheson Street and Landsdowne Park Have reviewed the crash history for the last few years on this site and there have been only 3 injury crashes (2 serious back in 1981 and 1 minor in 2001). The two serious crashes were outside factors, eg alcohol/fatigue. There was 1 non-injury crash in 2001. Completed	Chris
5.	Investigate issue of Intercity bus \$10.00 charge for wheelchair users To be continued	Jane
6.	Inform Grahame Smail of difficult access at Ward toilet Completed. Was paved in March – if still an issue can be re-looked at	Linda

- **From Action Point 1:** Nigel noted that because of the narrow road at the corner of Freswick Street and Main Street there can be a large back up of traffic while left turning traffic waits cars to turn right. He suggested that Marlborough Roads investigate taking the right turn away. Steve agreed to look into this.
- **From Action Point 4:** Catherine Donnelly noted that the wooden surround around the power pole at the corner of Hutcheson Street and Landsdowne Road is at eye level when sitting in a car, and limits the visibility of approaching traffic. Steve is going to investigate this.

5. Correspondence

- No correspondence was tabled at the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting Rebecca noted that an email had been received from Jean Wilson announcing her resignation from Council Committees. Jenny will bring this to the next meeting.

6. Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin

- Steve handed out an update from Chris Parnell (Appendix 1).
- Steve noted that feedback has been received by Picton residents about untidy footpaths. Footpath repairs have been left until the Ultra-Fast Broadband installation is completed. Chris is now putting together the capital works project for Picton footpaths for 2018/2019.
- Nearly a million dollars' worth of damage has occurred in Queen Charlotte Drive recently due to the weather.

- David Clode's submission to the Long Term Plan (LTP) was discussed. Steve noted that the first draft of the LTP has recommended that Battys Road will drop to a 60 km area.
 - A review of speed limits in Marlborough is going to be undertaken soon with the public able to make submissions on the review.
 - Discussion on the lack of footpaths and increase of traffic on Battys Road took place.

Questions/Answers

- The holes in the footpath on Seymour Street outside Bings Motel and outside 106 Maxwell Road were noted.
- It was suggested that yellow lines should be painted on the road outside the Idea Services Day Centre in Scott Street so that vans can drop off and pick up people safely. Steve will look into it.
- Steve introduced Deanna to the group. She will represent Marlborough Roads at the meeting if Steve and Chris are unavailable.
- Concern was raised over the new cycle lane and traffic island design at the corner of Maxwell and Eltham Roads.
- The camber on Battys Road was discussed. Steve confirmed that it is due to be reshaped next summer.
- Steve explained that tactile paving is installed on pavement at crossings to assist visually impaired pedestrians.

Steve withdrew from the meeting at 3.00 pm

7. Building Control Update – Bill East

- Building Control was recently audited for accreditation by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ).
- The building consent for Kmart has been received.
- The two Marlborough buildings that had Unreinforced Masonry Orders placed on them have had their orders removed.
- There are less than 50 Earthquake Prone Buildings in Marlborough.
- Climate Change is an issue affecting the whole of Council with the Government trying to assist the Territorial and Regional Authorities in preparing for the future. This includes addressing issues such as repercussions for subdivisions and infrastructure.
- The Marlborough building industry has temporarily slowed recently which has given the Building Control team time to consolidate.
- Building Code of Compliance procedures were discussed.
- Bill clarified a burned out building can legally remain as is until it becomes a dangerous building.

8. Guest Speaker – Community Constable Russell Smith

- Cllr Andrews introduced Community Constable Russell Smith.
- Constable Smith clarified the situation regarding vulnerable members of society when there is a civil emergency. The Police's role is to respond where requested by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and agencies or organisations who may request help for members of the public. It is up to the different agencies to pass to the EOC, information on the citizens who may require extra assistance.

- Bill East clarified that The Readiness and Response Group meet quarterly to discuss this sort of issue and there is an Action Plan in place to deal with these types of situations.
- Constable Smith noted that in the aftermath of a civil emergency the reality is that people will be left to their own devices for a few days. People must make an emergency plan to prepare for their own needs in an emergency event. (Follow the link below to find out more information on making an emergency plan).

<http://getthru.govt.nz/how-to-get-ready/people-with-disabilities/>

Deanna Gleeson withdrew from the meeting at 3.20 pm.

- Constable Smith presented a PowerPoint to the group on keeping safe in the home and reducing the opportunities for crime. (Appendix 2).

Bill East withdrew from the meeting at 3.40 pm.

- The issue of emails being received from sites that mimic legitimate businesses was discussed. Constable Smith suggested sending the email on to the real company which may help them to prevent further scams.
- Cllr Andrews thanked Constable Smith for coming to speak to the Forum.

Catherine Donnelly withdrew from the meeting at 4.05 pm.

9. Road Safety Update

- Robyn was not able to attend the meeting but sent an update which was circulated to the group (Appendix 3).
- Robyn also provided the draft Walkability Map for circulation (Appendix 4). She would appreciate any feedback you may have on the maps. Please email her with any comments: Robyn.Blackburn@marlborough.govt.nz.

10. Reserves Update – Linda Craighead

- The adult changing table at Liz Davidson Place is now available. Electronic fobs are being issued to users. Please contact Council if you would like to be issued one of the fobs. Data on the use of the facility will be able to be accessed from the electronic locking device.
- The Pollard Park entrance way is being revamped and will include an area for buses to park. The playground is also being redeveloped and will ideally be completed before next summer.
 - It was noted that the rubber matting that is being installed in new playgrounds can be hard to manoeuvre in a wheel chair when the weather is hot.
- The Picton playground at the Foreshore has been upgraded.
- 100 street trees are being planted.
- The issue of parking congestion at Landsdowne Park was discussed. Glenn Spencer pointed out that people are parking their cars in front of the ramps onto the pedestrian crossings which means he is not able to negotiate the car park independently in a wheelchair. It was noted that yellow lines have not been painted yet and that this might alleviate the situation. This issue is also a problem at the RSA carpark but the layout of the area is being altered by Marlborough Roads which should improve accessibility.

11. General Business

- The position of the post box at Redwoodtown was discussed. It would be helpful if it was moved to somewhere that parking is available, Linda will follow this up.

David Clode and Rhys Thompson withdrew from the meeting at 4.30 pm.

12. Marlborough Sounds Vehicle Trust - Update

The Trust has bought two vehicles for Picton and Blenheim. Bryan Strong emailed an update from the Trust (below):

- The Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust will, before long have a car based in Blenheim. The purpose of the vehicle is to take the residents of Blenheim and surrounding districts to Nelson for medical appointments.
- As a Charitable Trust we have been operating since October 2016 and since that time have carried 141 passengers, 83 of them from the Blenheim area.
- Until now our car has been based in Picton using Picton volunteer drivers but with the coming of the Blenheim car we will need Blenheim based volunteer drivers. The aim is to have around 10 or 12 local drivers so that each driver will not get too many trips and hopefully not too few. There are 5 volunteers already signed up so we only need 6 or 7 more. If you have a clean licence and pass a health check from your own doctor call 03 574 1311 or email soundsvehicle@gmail.com for further details.
- Both cars were registered in the name of the Trust on Tuesday 19 June and the first trip using "our" car was on Wednesday 20 June. (We don't hang about you know). Coincidentally, the driver and passenger on our very first trip in Oct 2016 were the same driver and passenger in our first 'own car' trip on Wednesday.
- The Blenheim based car will need a little TLC and should be 'on station' by 1st or 2nd week in July. Given that the distance from Blenheim to Seddon is not all that different from the distance to Picton, we have offered our service to the residents of Seddon/Ward at a fare yet to be established.

13. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is being held on 1 October 2018.

14. Actions from the Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Investigate issue of Intercity bus \$10.00 charge for wheelchair users	Jane
2.	Investigate removing right turn option from corner of Freswick and Main Streets	Steve Murrin
3.	Investigate barrier around pole at Hutcheson/Landsdowne corner obstructing the view of oncoming traffic	Steve Murrin
4.	Check out whether yellow lines could be painted outside the Idea Services Day Centre in Scott Street	Steve Murrin
5.	Find out whether the post box at Redwoodtown can be moved to a more suitable area.	Linda Craighead

The meeting closed at 4.40 pm.

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