



Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held Lansdowne Park, Blenheim on Monday 12 September 2022 at 2.00pm

Present:

Clr Jenny Andrews (Chair), Clr Thelma Sowman
Jill Scoble (Marlborough Stroke Club), Nigel Perry (Road Safety Volunteer),
Tania Nash (St John Marlborough), Taylah Rasmussen, Ruby King and Sandi Charles
(Marlborough Youth Trust), Deanna Gleeson (Waka Kotahi), Fern McGaw and Paul Southey
(Marlborough Roads), Carla Taylor (Special Needs Teacher at Marlborough Girls College),
Lynne Nicholl
Diane Gibb (Marlborough Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Society),
Glenn Spencer

MDC Staff:

Jane Tito (Manager, Parks and Open Spaces), Bill East (Duty Building Control Officer), Louise
Richards (Customer Services Officer), Jodie Griffiths (Community Development Administrator)

Attendance:

Gillian Dixon (MDC Secretary)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Clr Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the attendance of Lynne
Nichols to the last meeting to be chaired by Clr Andrews. Meeting Lynne was the catalyst for
the forming of the Access and Mobility Forum.

2. Apologies Received

Russell Hopkins (Grey Power), Carolyn Corrin. Barbara McKenzie and Reese Tomlinson
Apologies were confirmed by Jill Scobie and seconded by Lynne Nicholl.

Clr Andrews advised the meeting of the passing of Brian Strong at the end of August and
acknowledged his work with the Marlborough Sounds Vehicle Trust.

The meeting also acknowledged the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a minute's
silence.

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of 21 June 2021 were confirmed by Diane Gibb and seconded by Glen Spencer.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1	Mobility parking spaces outside Bay Audiology. Marlborough Roads to be contacted for further information Bay Audiology to be contacted directly for further discussion	Jane Tito
2	Pedestrian crossing near Redwoodtown Countdown – follow up with Marlborough Roads Jodie Griffiths will connect with Sharlene Eden from Maataa Waka discuss further	Jodie Griffiths
4	Lack of hand dryers in the toilets at Harling Park Jane advised that this was due to insufficient power to run the hand dryers.	Jane Tito
5	Email from Russell Hopkins regarding poor condition of footpath of Rudd Crescent and if this is in fact Rutledge Drive The holes in the footpath have now been filled	Jane Tito
6	Tree roots on Alfred Street to be checked Still underway	Jane Tito

5. General Business Including updates from: Marlborough Roads and Waka Kotahi Deanna Gleeson – Network Manager, Waka Kotahi

Fern McGaw – Network Technician, Marlborough Roads

Paul Southey – Cyclic Supervisor MRJV, Marlborough Roads

Due to recent weather events everyone is extremely busy at the moment.

If any trip hazards are discovered, please ring the Marlborough Roads office so they can be put into the system. Please ensure that the address and a full description of the problem are provided at the time. An update on the most recent work being carried out was provided with examples of the crossings on Ward Street and Francis Street and work on Grady Street.

Clr Andrews praised Marlborough Roads and the great results from the work carried out by them. She also praised the Council Front Desk staff, especially their work through the recent weather events.

Nigel Perry mentioned the confusion that is being caused by the new Stop sign at the junction of Seymour Street and John Street due to the Give Way markings still being visible. Deanna acknowledged that there had been a delay in getting the markings removed but it is in train to do so.

Building Control Update – Bill East

Clr Andrews thanked Bill for continuing to be a part of the Committee.

Bill advised that his team were currently dealing with a high volume of work due to their bi-annual audit and the recent serious weather event. Over a hundred properties have received white, yellow and red stickers after being inspected and had received the necessary correspondence.

Parks and Open Spaces Update – Jane Tito

The recent weather events – two since February – had meant a great deal of work for the Parks team. Jane provided an up-date on current projects, including:

- The Taylor River reserve at Stuart to Sinclair streets, accessible pathway complete
- Up-grades to public toilets continue with Rai Valley and Taylor Dam now complete. Unfortunately, the toilets at Ōkiwi Bay have suffered damage again in the recent floods.
- Council is working with the Police regarding the vandalism at Carluke domain.
- A consultation process to be launched for the possible introduction of mountain bike jumps at the Gentle Annie track.
- Trees on Solway Street have been replaced with new plantings.
- Council is looking at a new design for the A&P Hub, for a longer-term vision.
- The Responsible Camping By-law is to go to final consultation shortly and it is hoped the new by-law will be in place for the beginning of this summer season.
- Plans to surround tree roots in the CBD with Permatek are being considered.

Jane thanked Cllr Andrews for her work on the Access and Mobility Committee.

6. Toilets at Westwood Business Park

Cllr Andrews said it would be good to see a public toilet at the Westwood Business Park. Jane confirmed that there is a paper going to Council with a recommendation for a public toilet to be built there.

7. Any Other Business

- It was agreed that once the new Library building is complete, an Access and Mobility meeting should be held there.
- Louise informed the meeting that there had been a large number of calls regarding the quality of this year's rubbish bags. Where possible they had been swapped but it is hoped that the ones in question were just a bad batch.
- Jodie praised the work carried out by Lynne Reeves before her passing. She was a tireless advocate for the Age Friendly Strategy Five Year Plan which had been well received. Also, the Older Persons Forum are working on a quarterly magazine, Jodie will follow up.
- Diane commented on Seymour Square and how it is looking amazing at the moment.
- Tania gave a brief outline on the service provided by the St John transportation service. The service is available for any health or wellbeing appointments and bookings should be made at least 24 hours prior. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available and the area covered includes Seddon and the Sounds. Although the service is free, donations are appreciated.
- Taylah and Ruby were very happy to report that the Sticks and Wheels group had doubled in membership since they last presented to the Committee and that some of the new membership are not necessarily connected to the Marlborough Colleges. Also, Oscars have donated one of their vans to Marlborough Youth Trust.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 December 2022 – venue TBA

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm

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