

## Access and Mobility Forum, Meeting Notes held at Marlborough District Council on Monday 29 March at 2.00 pm

### Present

Clr Jenny Andrews (Chair), Clr Thelma Sowman, Ricky Shadbolt (Greypower), Nigel Perry (Road Safety), Bryan Strong (MSCVT), Wayne Carey, Vicki Carey (Little People of Marlborough), David Clode (CCS), Diane Gibb (MS & Parkinsons), Wendy Humphrey, Linette Mortlock, Dianne Woolf (CCS), Camilla Nilsson (Idea Service), Jill Scoble (Marlborough Stroke Club), Lucan Orchard and Deanna Gleeson (Marlborough Roads)

### Guest speaker

Rick Edmonds of the Linkwater Pathway

### MDC Staff

Graham Smail (Parks and Open Spaces Officer), Brendan Robertson (Senior Building Control Officer)

### Attendance

Gillian Dixon (MDC Secretary)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Clr Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Jane Tito, Cleone Stringer, Bill East, Lynne Nicholl, Rhys Thomason (People First), Lorraine Duthie, Bobby Houlahan (Age Concern), Hularii McKenzie

### 3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of 7 December 2020 were confirmed.

**Moved:** David Clode

**Carried:** Linette Mortlock

### 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Repair of cracks in footpath in Rutledge Drive <b>The footpath along Rutledge Drive was reviewed and appeared to be in good order. Could a street address be provided to allow a closer inspection of Rutledge Drive footpath issues</b>	Jane
2.	Ask APL about the children playing on the top floor of the parking building	Jane
3.	Look at the accessibility of the footpath to the Boathouse Theatre along the riverbank.	Jane
4.	Follow up and advise of the Access app on the Council webpage <b>Process to include Access Aware app on MDC's website underway. This information has now been included on Council's website on the following:</b> <a href="https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/parking/disability-parking-information">https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/parking/disability-parking-information</a>	

No	Action	Person Responsible
5.	Investigate the gradient of the mobility parks beside Liz Davison Place	Lucan

## 5. General Business

### Marlborough Roads Update – Lucan Orchard and Deanna Gleeson

- Lucan and Deanna informed the meeting that this is the season for footpath upgrades and those underway include Dillon Street, McKenzie Street and Selwyn Street.
- Scoping process is underway for linking Nelson Street between the dip to the Hutchinson Street corner.
- Footpath and curbing renewal is under way on Arthur Street.
- Deanna was asked if there were any plans to remedy the tree root uplift on the corners outside Gascoigne Wicks and Council. This work is part of a larger contract tendered and awarded before Christmas 2020 but the Contractor has still to start on these particular areas. Deanna would check the possibility of the work being done before ANZAC day but thought it unlikely at this stage.
- It was noted that wheelchair users do encounter problems with slumps on pavements and David Clode is happy to show Council where these problems are. Cllr Andrews thanked David for his offer of help.
- Deanna was asked if there were immediate plans for grinding uneven footpaths. Please let Deanna know exact location of any problem areas and they will be immediately sprayed as a visual locator for remedial work.
- The problems encountered at the junction of Freswick and Main Street, mainly due to large trucks turning into New World supermarket, were discussed. Unfortunately, there is not enough room at that junction to do any hard engineering and signage is the only option.
- Cllr Andrews thanked Deanna and Lucan for attending the meeting. If anyone has any problems, please let them know the exact location details including street and nearest house number.

Lucan and Deanna left the meeting at 2.45pm.

### Building Control Update – Brendon Robertson

- Brendon attended on behalf of Bill East and informed the meeting that, although Bill has retired from his role as Building Control Group Manager, he will still be involved with the Access and Mobility forum. The forum was very pleased to hear this.
- Brendon will look at how the group can provide input into any future planning and is always available to receive any comments or ideas.
- Vicky advised the meeting that she had had some recent input into the airport parking up-grade. After a general discussion around mobility parking spaces, Brendon confirmed that the building code did specify what was required and was always adhered to.
- The toilets at the new library were queried. Brendon was not sure what tapware is being installed but would be to the building code.
- Seymour Square toilets will have accessible cubicles and building should be complete by the end of April. Wherever possible, all new toilets are to be touchless. If toilets are being up-graded and don't have the space, ambulant toilet pans will be installed.
- It was noted that Brendon suggested a visit to the Library before its official opening could be arranged for the group.

Brendon left the meeting at 3.00pm.

### Parks and Open Spaces Update – Graham Smail

- Graham attended the meeting on behalf of Jane Tito.
- Graham advised the meeting that his team always gives considerable thought to making access better in all parks and open spaces by constantly looking at removing barriers, looking at how all people can access the space and removing trip hazards. If anyone sees anything that they think causes a problem please take a photograph and let Council know the full location details.

- Graham is also responsible for cemeteries in Marlborough and he informed the meeting of the work his team does to keep them at a very high standard. All information concerning cemeteries is available at [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/cemeteries](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/cemeteries) or by emailing [cemeteries@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:cemeteries@marlborough.govt.nz).

### Other Items

- A reminder from Cllr Andrews that the Seniors Expo is happening tomorrow (30 March 2021) – 10.00 – 2.00pm
- Camilla updated the meeting on the performance by the NZ Symphony Orchestra at the ASB Theatre on 13 March. Unfortunately, due to other events in the area, not many people attended but it was a lovely concert and the venue was very welcoming. Camilla sent an email to the NZSO to thank them for the “casual” concert and suggested that future concerts may be better to take place on week days so as to include schools and care workers and not to clash with other events in the area.
- Bryan informed the meeting that the Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust had carried its 1,000<sup>th</sup> passenger last week.

## 6. Guest Speaker – Rick Edmonds of the Link Pathway

- A photographic presentation by Rick informed the meeting of the work undertaken on the pathway to present day with the new section at Havelock opening for Easter.
- The pathway runs from Havelock to Picton and is intended to get people off the narrow Queen Charlotte Drive and to be as accessible for as many people as possible.
- The project has received lots of help and support during the build including the Canterbury Student Army.
- The pathway is easily accessed at various points along the way but can also be completed in a day (8-12 hours).
- Maps of the pathway route are available at iSties and on the MDC website and further information at <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/cycling-and-walking/popular-tracks/the-link-pathway>
- Thank you to Rick for a very informative and enjoyable presentation.

## 7. Proposed Meeting Dates for the rest of 2021

Monday 27 September

Monday 6 December

### Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 June to be held at Marlborough District Council in the Committee Room

The meeting concluded at 3.25pm

## Actions from the Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Repair of cracks in footpath in Rutledge Drive <b>The footpath along Rutledge Drive was reviewed and appeared to be in good order. Could a street address be provided to allow a closer inspection of Rutledge Drive footpath issues</b>	Jane
2.	Site visit to the new Library to be arranged before the official opening.	Brendon