



Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held Lansdowne Park, Blenheim on Monday 20 June 2022 at 2.00pm

Present:

Clr Jenny Andrews (Chair), Clr Thelma Sowman, Jill Scobie (Marlborough Stroke Foundation), Nigel Perry (Road Safety Volunteer), Russell Hopkins (Grey Power), Glenn Spencer, Carla Taylor (Special Needs Teacher at Marlborough Girls College), Rhys Thomason and Penelope Banfield (People First), Diane Gibb (Marlborough Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Society), Carolyn Corrin, Catherine Donnelly (Alzheimer's Society)

Guest presenters:

Dr Susan Jackman, Executive Manager at the Hāpai Access Card

Marlborough Youth Trust – Taylor and Ruby

MDC Staff:

Linda Craighead (Reserves and Amenities Planner), Bill East (Duty Building Control Officer)

Attendance:

Gillian Dixon (MDC Secretary)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Clr Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies Received

Jane Tito, David Clode, Ricky Shadbolt, Brian Strong, Lyn McKay, Lynn Nichol, Hularii Mckenzie and Jodie Griffiths.

Apologies were confirmed by Jill Scobie and seconded by Nigel Perry

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of 21 June 2021 were confirmed.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1	Repair of cracks in footpath in Rutledge Drive have now been completed.	Linda Craighead
2	Site visit to the new Library to be arranged before the official opening	Brendon Robertson
3	Mobility parking spaces outside Bay Audiology. Marlborough Roads to be contacted for further information	Linda Craighead

4	Pedestrian crossing near Redwoodtown Countdown – follow up with Marlborough Roads	Linda Craighead
5	Parking in Blenheim CBD in general to be discussed at meeting with Stuart Smith MP	The Mayor
6	Lack of hand dryers in the toilets at Harling Park	Linda Craighead

5. General Business Including updates from:

Building Control Update – Bill East

Building work in Blenheim is still very healthy with the major projects being:

- The Marlborough Colleges
- Summerset Retirement Village
- Port Upgrade – including a temporary building for the terminal
- Various Kāinga Ora builds

As in the rest of the country, the main problem is the supply of building materials together with the lack of staff to carry out the work.

Work on the Library is going well, thanks to forward planning, there are no problems with materials supply.

Parks and Open Spaces Update – Linda Craighead

- Toilet up-grades continue with Koromiko, Rye Valley and Taylor Dam Reserve.
- Proposed toilet upgrades are the Renwick Dog Park, Lake Elterwater and Ferry Bridge Picnic Area.
- Unfortunately, vandalism continues to be a big problem for the Parks and Open Spaces area with toilets being regularly damaged and cars driven across parks and other grassed areas.
- Neil Street in Havelock was opened by the Mayor on Saturday 18 June, this includes the creation of a new park, road surfacing, landscaping and pedestrian access to War Memorial Park.
- Overhanging vegetation inspections are about to start.
- Work on pavements being uplifted due to tree roots has been carried out and matting placed around the most prominent areas to reduce trip hazards.
- Moves to raise the profile of the Picton Foreshore to a premier park are underway and the Picton Foreshore Management Plan will be out for consultation shortly.
- Carolyn Corrin asked if the tree roots on Alfred Street could be checked.

There was no representation from Marlborough Roads

6. Guest Speaker – Dr Susan Jackman, Executive Manager at the Hapai Access Card

The Hāpai Access Card was launched in December 2020 and is an access card for people with disability, with no age limit.

There are 1,100 card holders in Christchurch and the organisation is working with companies in Queenstown, has received funding for Nelson and Selwyn and is keen to come into Marlborough and to ultimately have the card in use nationwide.

Susan explained how the card can be used and how it is a way for companies and services to think smarter without necessarily having to spend large amounts of money. How it can help with solutions rather than pose barriers for the disabled community. The businesses where the Hāpai card can be used include cafes, cinemas, theatres, major tourist attractions, Driving Miss Daisy and all Christchurch City Council facilities. Work with the BNZ is currently underway to

have the card as an official Photo ID. The cost of the card is \$30 for three years and anyone who is interested in obtaining one or would like more information can go to www.hapaifoundation.org.nz

7. Guest Speakers – Ruby, Taylah and Sandi from the Marlborough Youth Trust

Ruby and Taylah recently attended the ILEAD conference in Wellington and from that conference are now engaging with youth at Myspace and with the inclusion centre from MGC: This group is called MYT Sticks and Wheels and they came to tell the meeting about the work they are doing and their plans for the project. Their focus is around funding for transportation to the centre, staffing and bathrooms with adequate facilities.

The Access and Mobility forum were very interested to hear the work that was being carried out by the team. Taylah asked if she could be included as a regular attendee and Clr Andrews confirmed that she would be included in future meeting invites.

8. Round the table up-dates

Penelope Banfield and Rhys Thomason – People First

Penelope was pleased to announce that meetings were now back to being run face-to-face. Also, there were new members and there had been a few changes to staff roles with a new Assistant now on board.

Dianne Gibb – Marlborough MS and Parkinson's Society

A new Support Worker is now on board and monthly meetings are up and running again.

Catherine Donnelly – Alzheimer's Society

Things generally are ticking along but looking to build an extension to the building. A big thank you for the work members of MYT had recently carried out.

Jill Scobie – Marlborough Stroke Foundation

Events had been put on hold due to COVID but they are now slowly coming back including the monthly lunch group. Some older members still reticent about being out in groups.

Carolyn Corrin

Carolyn was disappointed that the slide show for the new Library did not show any images of people with disability. Bill advised that it had become apparent that building work was being carried out to the building code but not exceeding the requirements. There does not seem to be a voice for advocacy for people with disability anymore. In his opinion, there is a need to create a desire to make buildings more accessible.

Carolyn also questioned if there is a lift at the ASB Theatre. Other member of the meeting confirmed that there is.

Clr Andrews

An email from Russell Hopkins regarding the poor condition of the footpath in Rudd Crescent had been received. Russell wondered if the matter in previous meetings regarding Rutledge Drive was in fact the same problem. **Linda will check with Marlborough Roads.**

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19 September 2022 – venue TBA

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm

Actions from the Meeting

1	Mobility parking spaces outside Bay Audiology. Marlborough Roads to be contacted for further information	Linda Craighead
2	Pedestrian crossing near Redwoodtown Countdown – follow up with Marlborough Roads	Clr Sowman to check with the Mayor
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5	Email from Russell Hopkins regarding poor condition of footpath of Rudd Crescent and if this is in fact Rutledge Drive	Linda Craighead
6	Tree roots on Alfred Street to be checked	Linda Craighead