

Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held at Lansdowne Park, Blenheim on Monday 25 September 2023 at 2.00pm

Present: Clr Deborah Dalliessi (Chair)
Paul Southey (NOC)
Fern McGaw (Marlborough Roads)
Sue van Velzen (Age Concern)
Sharlene Eden (Maata Waka)
Brenda Green (MS)
Nigel Perry (apology for lateness)

MDC Staff: Linda Craighead
Robyn Blackburn
Bill East
Jodie Griffiths

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies Received

Clr Flight, Jill Scoble, Louise Richards, Diane Gibb, Jane Tito, Charlotte Cambell-Lamerton and Gillian Dixon

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 26 June meeting were approved by Fern McCaw and seconded by Bill East.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

1	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology Clr Flight to email the Manager. Clr Dalliessi will follow up with Clr Flight	Clr Dalliessi
2	Fern will investigate further the parking outside Wadscro. Parking wardens have on their list to check regularly. One parking infringement has already been issued.	
3	Availability of wheelchairs for public use at the Library. A wheelchair is available at the Library to be used and one of our members has already used it.	
4	No right turn sign on Seymour Street near the Ambulance Station obscured by overgrown hedge. Foliage on Seymour Street road sign has been cut back.	
5	Timing of locked doors in disability toilets. Current Exeloo facilities have a 10 minute time limit, after which time the door will automatically open. Members of our group say this time is not long enough on some occasions. Clr Dalliessi will discuss with Dianne Gibb and Linda will discuss with Grahame Smail if it is possible to extend the time to 20 minutes.	Clr Dalliessi and Linda

6	<p>Trip hazard outside the Haven Café. Details of the owners to be provided and passed on.</p> <p>Contact details of Haven property ownership was forwarded to the people made the enquiry to Council.</p>	
7	<p>Trip hazards outside the WINZ offices. Details of the owners to be provided and passed on.</p> <p>The uneven pavers outside the WINZ office to be investigated.</p> <p>Trip hazards outside the local MSD office between Alfred Street and the Quays in Blenheim are the result of aging and a recent event has affected pavers moving, according to Bill. This is on private land and is not a building compliance issue so Council cannot ask for any compliance. It was agreed that a letter/email with photos taken by Bill to be sent to the property owner would be one way this group might address the issue. The ramp into the office is also antiquated. Gillian will send correspondence from the group with support from Robyn and Linda to Riverview House Limited.</p>	
8	<p>Enquiry from Hularii regarding swipe card access to the Library toilet and baby change table.</p> <p>The new specialist changing/multi-purpose room at the new Library will be open to the public and will not require a fob/swipe card to use.</p>	

5. General Business Including updates from:

Fern McGaw – Network Technician, Marlborough Roads

- Rudd Crescent, Riley Crescent, Morrington Terrace, Hutcheson Street and McLauchlan Street footpaths to be resurfaced or renewed.
- Wellington Street kerb ramp crossings to be updated.
- Paul asked others if they were aware of any other trip hazards on footpath network. Paul distributed cards with contact details if we want to report tripping hazards.
- Sharlene spoke about the camber on Queen Street making it difficult for manual wheelchair users. There are also issues like that on Francis Street. Fern and Paul will use a Smart Level to check the camber is compliant accepting that ground does move.

6. Building Control Update – Brendon Robertson/Bill East

- Te Kahu O Waipuna (new library) has passed its final building inspection and code of compliance will be issued when all the paperwork has come back.
- There is a lot of building activity in the commercial sector with the new schools' work having started, the Port Marlborough developments underway and Summerset Villas nearing completion. While industry is slowing there is word that several building consents will be coming in soon. Vineyard accommodation issues are on-going in Marlborough with more level of compliance needed than for homes.
- Sharlene raised the issue about the compliance process for the new Kāinga Ora homes either built or to be built as there is a concern about the homes having health and safety issues for residents. Bill responded that they would comply with building standards or they would have/will fail their final inspection.
- Jodie advised that Kāinga Ora are having two open days which are open to the public so Sharlene could go along and ask them the health and safety questions that are of concern. Sharlene had a list of health and safety issues that she had identified and will share the list with Bill and Clr Dalliessi. Jodie will send out the invite information to Gillian for her to distribute to the group.

7. Parks and Open Spaces Update – Linda Craighead

- The Specialist Change Facilities Policy is being reviewed so that Council has clear direction when planning for new facilities of this type.
- Currently Liz Davidson Place has a facility that is accessible by fob/swipe card entry only. Approximately 9 to 15 families/schools have been issued with an access fob. Gillian will send the link for community submissions on the policy when this is available.
- The title gifted to the new library was discussed by the group and is not a translation for 'Library'. Wayfinding signs and writing on the doors will be bi-lingual.

8. Any Other Business

- Nigel advised the group after a recent medical event his eyesight has been affected and he can no longer drive. He asked Marlborough Roads about the John Street/Seymour Street T-intersection road markings and Fern advised this work has been passed to the contractor.
- Nigel also requested turning bays to be considered on roads such as Scott Street and Redwood Street that handle large traffic numbers. A list was given to Marlborough Roads staff for their response and recommendations at the next meeting.
- Sue asked about pedestrian/mobility scooter access from the Taylor River shared pathway to the hospital. Her client would like to see kerb ramp crossings on Taylor Pass Road so that they can stay out of live lanes trying to cross the road and link with paths. Robyn will raise the issue at the RSAP meeting as one of Te Whatu Ora's actions is to "Support active travel mode shift for Te Whatu Ora users and staff". Fern and Paul will also look at installing ramp crossings at the two points.
- Jodie has an enquiry through Mayor Taylor from a wheelchair user who would like to contribute to this group. Linda will talk to Jane about the process for inviting new people on to the group.
- Jodie also suggested the group invite a representative from MSD to join the group to discuss what is available to our community members living with mobility issues. It was decided in the first instance to invite MSD to present at our next meeting. Jodie will extend that invite to them.
- Nigel asked if there was still the intention to raise all pedestrian crossings in Marlborough. Fern explained they are currently waiting for the raised crossing on Weld Street to be audited and will check if the Alabama/Weld Street raised crossing/roundabout has been audited and the results. While Fern is not aware of any funding set aside for any further work it might be that Charlotte could be doing some work in this space.
- Grey Power were keen to know if there was any decision relating to mobility parking at the airport as the plans had not been finalised last time we met. Cllr Dalliessi will follow up with Dean.
- Grey Power would like to know what action Council is taking in making places more accessible for members who want to travel by bike or use pedestrian connections. Fern responded that the draft Marlborough Walking and Biking Strategy is almost ready for sharing and consultation. Charlotte will present that to the group when she is back from leave. There is a re-focus on road design to cater for people who want to use walking and cycling for their local trips.
- Grey Power talked again about the number of cyclists using footpaths. Fern suggested this might be addressed in the new strategy.
- A query has come to Council about the road safety issues with having several large trucks parked on roadsides around Picton School. The person advised that vision is being affected and making intersection travel difficult for several road users. Cllr Dalliessi advised that Mayor Taylor is working with iRex on this issue to find suitable parking solutions for the larger trucks waiting for their inter-island travel. Cllr Dalliessi will discuss with Richard Conningham at Council and ask if he is aware of any progress made.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 December 2023 – Committee Room, Marlborough District Council

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Actions from the Meeting

1	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology Clr Flight to email the Manager. Clr Dalliessi will follow up with Clr Flight	Clr Dalliessi
2	Timing of locked doors in disability toilets. Clr Dalliessi will discuss with Dianne Gibb and Linda will discuss with Grahame Smail if it is possible to extend the time to 20 minutes.	Clr Dalliessi Linda Craighead
3	Problems with camber for manual wheelchair users on Queen Street and Francis Street. Fern and Paul will use a Smart Level to check the camber is compliant accepting that ground does move	Fern McGaw and Paul Southey
3	Compliance process for the new Kāinga Ora homes Sharlene to share the list of health and safety issues with Bill and Clr Dalliessi Jodie will send out the information on the Kāinga Ora open day to Gillian for her to distribute to the group. DONE	Sharlene Eden Jodie and Gillian
4	Specialised Change Facilities Policy link for community submissions Gillian will send the link for community submissions on the policy when this is available. DONE	Gillian Dixon
5	Pedestrian/mobility scooter access from the Taylor River shared pathway to the hospital. Robyn will raise the issue at the October RSAP meeting. Fern and Paul will also look at installing ramp crossings at the two points.	Robyn Blackburn Fern McGaw and Paul Southey
6	Inviting new members to the group. As this is an informal committee, anyone who wishes to contribute to the group would be welcome where seen fit.	Linda Craighead
7	What is available from MSD to our community members living with mobility issue? Jodie will extend an invitation to MSD to present at our next meeting.	Jodie Griffiths
8	Raising of all pedestrian crossings in Marlborough. Fern explained they are currently waiting for the raised crossing on Weld Street to be audited and will check if the Alabama/Weld Street raised crossing/roundabout has been audited and the results.	Fern McGaw
9	Decision relating to mobility parking at the airport. Clr Dalliessi will follow up with Dean.	Clr Dalliessi
10	Marlborough Walking and Biking Strategy Charlotte will present that to the group when she is back from leave.	Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton
11	Large trucks parked on roadsides around Picton School. Clr Dalliessi will discuss with Richard Conningham at Council and ask if he is aware of any progress made.	Clr Dallessi

Meetings for 2024 –Committee Room, Marlborough District Council – 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesday 12 March

Tuesday 11 June

Tuesday 24 September

Tuesday 10 December