

Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held at Marlborough District Council, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim on Monday 26 June 2023 at 2.00pm

Present: Clr Matt Flight (Co-Chair)
Camilla Nilsson (Idea Services)
Fern McGaw (NZTA)
Jill Scoble (Marlborough Stroke Club)
Diane Gibb (Marlborough MS and Parkinson's Society)
Nigel Perry (Senior Drivers Safety)
Sue van Velzen (Age Concern)
Ricky Shadbolt (Greypower)
Sharlene Eden (Maataa Waka)
Hularii Mckenzie

By Teams: Clr Deborah Dalliessi (Co-Chair)

MDC Staff: Jane Tito (Manager Parks and Open Spaces)
Robyn Blackburn (Road Safety Coordinator and Greypower)
Brendon Robertson (Building Control Group Manager)
Bill East (Duty Building Control Officer)
Louise Richards (Customer Services Officer)
Diane Bell (Customer Services Officer)
Jodie Griffiths (Community Development Administrator)

Attendance: Gillian Dixon (MDC Secretary), Karen Delves (Security Alert)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies Received

Paul Southey, David Clode, Carolyn Cronin, Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton

3. Karyn Delves, Area Coordinator for Security Alert – Medical Alarm and Security Specialists

Karyn provided information on the two kinds of alarms available – the Standard Alarm which is home based and the Fully Mobile (GPS) alarm. The advantages of both versions were presented and discussed.

For more information on funding for medical alarms from the Ministry of Social Development, visit:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/health-and-disability/medical-alarms.html>

For any further details on the information provided by Karen please let Gillian know.

4. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

1	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology The Manager at Bay Audiology was not available when Matt called, he will email.	Clr Flight
2	Disability car parks at the drop off area of the Airport. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clr Dalliessi to discuss further with Charlotte.• Clr Dalliessi and Dianne to carry out a timed site run. Clr Dalliessi made contact with Dean Heiford and there no final decisions have been made on disability car parks at the airport. There is no need for a site visit at the moment but they would be included at the point were progress was being made.	Clr Dalliessi
3	Delays to collections including Francis and Stephenson and recycling crates on Maxwell Road. Clr Dalliessi to discuss with Alec McNeil Clr Dalliessi has discussed with Alec who explained that delayed services were being experienced across Blenheim due to problems with staff at the current provider. Please continue to report any problems witnessed.	Clr Dalliessi
4	Current flooding on the board walk needs signing at the Henry Street entrance to stop people going any further. Completed	Linda
5	Wadsco/Motor World Licence to Occupy details Fern reported that Charlotte had been to see Wadsco and were no longer parking cars on the area in question. Dianne queried this and the area in question was discussed again. Fern will investigate further.	Charlotte Fern
6	Distance from roundabouts to crossings to be checked Originally put in so people didn't have to walk to a crossing where they may not use. Existing ones will be changed as budget becomes available.	Fern
7	Residents of Ashwood and Springlands Villages complaints to be added to the Near Miss Report. Clr Dalliessi visited both villages – Ashwood have had a number of near misses which had not been reported, information provided on how to do so in the future. Springlands Village had not had any near misses and were comfortable not to pursue it any further.	Clr Dalliessi

8	<p>Junction of Seymour and John Streets – continued confusion with both STOP and GIVE WAY signage.</p> <p>Currently sitting with contractors to rectify, hoping to have an outcome by the end of the financial year.</p>	Fern
9	<p>Raised manhole covers after road re-sealing – list to be provided for Paul. Completed</p>	Nigel
10	<p>Library visit</p> <p>Took place on 17 April.</p> <p>There have been complaints and comments about accessibility at the Library.</p> <p>The lifts were not designed to take mobility scooters.</p> <p>Possibility of wheelchairs being provided to use in the Library to be checked.</p>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Jane</p>
11	<p>Mitre 10 Café Emergency Exit door plans to be checked</p> <p>Information sent to Diane</p>	Bill
12	<p>Forward Bill's report on ASB lift to Carolyn Corrin</p> <p>Completed</p>	Gillian
13	<p>Total Mobility Scheme information to be included in the Older Persons quarterly.</p> <p>The budget for the FY had been expended but the information will definitely be included in the August/September edition.</p> <p>Robyn advised that more people are taking trips because of the change in funding.</p>	Jodie
14	<p>Speed limit concerns on the regions roads to be provided to Gillian.</p> <p>Please make submissions to the Speed Management Plan online or at the front counter – open until 11 July 2023.</p> <p>Jill Scoble expressed her concern regarding speeding electric scooters on Muller Road.</p> <p>Robyn advised that Greypower are putting in a submission on the use of escooters. The general use of footpaths needs to be discussed further.</p> <p>Clr Dalliesi would like to hear of any experiences mobility scooter users may have had around the speed limits surrounding White Street and Beaver Road.</p>	All

6. General Business Including updates from:

Fern McGaw – Network Technician, Marlborough Roads

- *Stuff* article on the rules for escooters and ebikes on the roads <https://www.stuff.co.nz/motoring/132276893/what-are-the-rules-for-escooters-and-ebikes-on-the-roads>. Circulated to the group.
- Work on Waikawai crossings has commenced to be more accessible and user friendly.
- Work on the causeway out to the wetland in Havelock is complete.
- The path to the lookout in Picton is complete.

Building Control Update – Brendon Robertson/Bill East

- Building Control is looking into building for dementia – not currently in the building code but we need to think about what makes buildings better. Commencing with in-house training and then to go out to the general design fraternity in Marlborough to talk about this subject. Design standards talk about disabilities focused on wheelchair issues and not always physiologic issues.
- The Building Control Team spent many hours with the designers of the new library discussing the main stairs but could not force the accessibility and the inclusion of handrails. The symbols for the signs for accessibility at the Library are to be changed in time for the official opening.

Parks and Open Spaces Update – Jane Tito

- Any issues with overhanging growth on street streets, please report to Council.
- Work on the pedestrianisation of London Quay in Picton being carried out will improve accessibility.
- Up-grades to footpaths and pedestrian crossings on High Street and access to the shops on Wyneham Street together with improved disability parks.
- Jamie Lyall, Property and Community Facilities Manager at Council is working with Carol Taylor working with Marlborough Girls College to advise what is the best solution for the changing facilities at the Library.

7. Any Other Business

- Nigel called Marlborough Roads about a No Right Turn sign on Seymour Street, near the Ambulance Station that cannot be seen because of an overgrown hedge. **Fern will check.**
- Diane queried the length of time that accessible public toilets are locked before automatically opening and if it is possible to change. **Jane will check.**
- Robyn has received a call from the friend of a lady who had tripped and was seriously injured outside the Haven Café in Redwoodtown. Cars were parked right outside the café, although there are yellow lines but they are faded. The caller should contact Countdown Supermarket and Brendon also suggested the contacting Robinsons, the owners of the carpark. **Brendon will pass on the details Robyn to pass to the caller.**
- Robyn has also received a query from Greypower regarding a trip hazard at the entrance into WINZ. As this is private land the owners will have to be contacted. **Robyn will investigate further.**
- Hularii queried the swipe card access for the toilet at the Library and the baby change table. **Jane will come back to Hularii.**
- Sue mentioned the uneven pavers outside WINZ near the river. **Bill will check.**
- Sue discussed Total Mobility Cards for Picton –she will check with Sharon when she returns from leave.

The meeting concluded at 3.37pm

Dates of Next Meeting

Monday 25 September – venue TBA (Gillian to check availability of the Library.)

Actions from the Meeting

1	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology Clr Flight to email the Manager.	Clr Flight
2	Fern will investigate further the parking outside Wadsco.	Fern
3	Availability of wheelchairs for public use at the Library.	Jane
3	No right turn sign on Seymour Street near the Ambulance Station obscured by overgrown hedge.	Fern
4	Timing of locked doors in disability toilets.	Jane
5	Trip hazard outside the Haven Café. Details of the owners to be provided and passed on.	Brendon and Robyn
6	Trip hazards outside the WINZ offices. Details of the owners to provided and passed on. The uneven pavers outside the WINZ office to be investigated.	Robyn Bill
7	Enquiry from Hularii regarding swipe card access to the Library toilet and baby change table.	Jane