



Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held Lansdowne Park, Blenheim on Monday 5 December 2022 at 2.00pm

Present: Ricky Shadbolt, Carolyn Corrin, Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton (Marlborough Roads), Fern McGaw (NZTA), Diane Gibb (Marlborough MS and Parkinson’s Society), Hularii McKenzie, Carla Taylor (ORS Teacher MGC/Amputee Society TOS).

MDC Staff: Robyn Blackburn (Road Safety Coordinator), Bill East (Duty Building Control Officer), Louise Richards (Customer Services Officer), Jodie Griffiths (Community Development Administrator), Clr Matt Flight.

Attendance:

Gillian Dixon (MDC Secretary)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Robyn welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Clr Flight to his first meeting, with a Karakia.

2. Apologies Received

Nigel Perry, David Clode, Rhys Thomason, Jane Tito, Linda Craighead, Paul Southey (Marlborough Roads) and Clr Deborah Dalliessi

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of 12 September 2022 by Diane and seconded by Jodie

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1	Mobility parking spaces outside Bay Audiology. Ongoing. Clr Flight to contact Bay Audiology to discuss customer parking at back of premise. No space for disability parking on the road.	Clr Flight
2	Pedestrian crossing near Redwoodtown Countdown – follow up with Marlborough Roads Jodie Griffiths will connect with Sharlene Eden from Maataa Waka discuss further. Complete.	Jodie Griffiths
3	Tree roots on Alfred Street to be checked Rubber ground cover and tree root grinding to be looked at in the New Year. Complete	Jane Tito
4	Older Persons Forum are working on a quarterly magazine, Jodie will follow up. Complete	Jodie Griffiths

5. General Business Including updates from: Marlborough Roads and Waka Kotahi Fern McGaw – Network Technician, Marlborough Roads

- SH61 on schedule to open on 18 December
- Pedestrian crossings in Waikawa to be up-graded to include tactiles.
- Please contact Marlborough Roads with any concerns or complaints – contact details on the MDC website.

Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton Marlborough Roads

Charlotte introduced herself to the group and explained her role includes:

- Helping people to feel safe on our streets
- The use of public transport and trying to get people out of their cars for local journeys
- The Total Mobility Scheme

Building Control Update – Bill East

- Work on the new library is going well
- Changes to the new Building Act were discussed including replacement windows, wet areas and accessible showers

Parks and Open Spaces Update – Robyn Blackburn

- The Responsible Camping by-law hearing is taking place 6 December
- The proposed bike skills track on the Gentle Annie in the Wither Hills Bike Park had received 490 submissions with the majority in favour. Will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.
- On-going vandalism and graffiti occurring at a number of facilities
- Upgrades to walking tracks including the Gentle Annie
- Further upgrades planned for toilets around the district
- Consent granted by independent commissioner to remove a large notable gum tree on Rema Reserve.

6. Any Other Business

- **Jodie – Request from Grey Power to change the start time of future Access and Mobility meetings because of clashes with Grey Power meetings.**
Dates for next year's meetings to be arranged with this in mind. **Gillian**
- **Robyn – email from Carla re removal of disability car parks in the drop off area of the car park at the Airport.**
Charlotte to investigate further. **Charlotte**
- **Robyn – feedback, Comment and Suggestion Form from Sonia Hopkins of the Wairarapa, a visitor to Blenheim in October.**
Robyn to forward to the Blenheim Business Association for them to find out from Sonia which shops she found not to be wheelchair accessible. **Robyn**
- **Robyn – email from Hularii to the Mayor regarding proposed wheelie bin roll-out**
Jodie will speak to the Comms Team about a possible "Think of Your Neighbour" messaging piece. **Jodie**
Robyn to email Alec McNeil – Solid Waste Manager – re recycling bins regularly strewn on footpaths. **Robyn**
- **Robyn – email from Hularii to the Mayor regarding public adult change table facilities for disabled whanu.**
Provision of specialist change facilities policy was tabled and discussed. Hularii will contact Ports Management to access plans and advocate for adult change table facilities in new development.
- **Robyn – Mobility Parking Permit Flyer.**
Robyn distributed copies of the flyer and asked if people were aware of it. Please let Robyn know your thoughts, comments or if changes are required. Flyers are distributed by CCS Disability Action. **ALL**
- **Carolyn – Accessible lift at the ASB Theatre.** Bill will investigate further. **Bill**

The meeting concluded at 3.20pm with a Karakia

Dates of Meetings for 2023 – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Monday 27 March

Monday 26 June

Monday 25 September

Monday 4 December

Actions from the Meeting

1	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology	Clr Flight
2	Dates of 2023 meetings	Gillian
3	Disability car parks in drop-off area at Airport.	Charlotte
4	Comment form to BBA	Robyn
5	“Think of your Neighbour” messaging.	Jodie
6	Recycling bins on footpaths	Robyn
7	Mobility Parking Flyer	All
8	Accessible lift at the ASB Theatre	Bill