

Access and Mobility Forum Meeting held at Marlborough District Council, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim on Tuesday 5 December at 2.00pm

Present: Cllr Matt Flight (Co-Chair)
Cllr Dalliessi (Co-Chair)
Diane Gibb
Lisa Wheeler
Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton
David Clode
Ricky Shadbolt

MDC Staff: Robyn Blackburn (Road Safety Coordinator and Greypower)
Bill East (Duty Building Control Officer)
Linda Craighead (Parks and Open Spaces Planner)

Attendance: **Leanne Stowell – Ministry of Social Development (MSD)**

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies Received

Jane Tito, Jodie Griffiths, Fern McGaw and Paul Southey (post apology from Hularii)

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2023 were approved by Bill and seconded by Cllr Dalliessi.

4. Presentation by Leanne Stowell – Senior Case Manager at MSD

Leanne provided information on what is available from WINZ/MSD:

- Disability allowances are both income and asset tested and are available to anyone with on-going health issues
- Can help to pay for extra costs with medical fees
- Prescription costs (to be confirmed with the new Government)
- Full travel costs for travel to and from home to doctors' appointments
- Window cleaning, gardening, lawns – assessment required for inside house work
- Fees can cover recreational and sport related costs if advantageous to health
- Accommodation supplement for mortgages
- Essential work required on the home e.g. Hole in the roof requirement repair
- Major improvements covered by the relevant agencies
- Combined income and assets are tested – the rates are on the MSD website.
- Child Disability Allowance is for all children under the age of 18 who have extra needs.

All decisions are reviewable. Any queries, please contact MSD.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

1.	Disability car parking spaces at Bay Audiology Clr Flight has spoken to Bay Audiology but no further action required.	
2.	Timing of locked doors on disability toilets Can we extend the period of time on the disability toilets for them to be locked for 20 minutes? Linda will discuss with Grahame Smail. Also to discuss, the disability toilet in Picton being on a plinth	Linda Craighead
3.	Problems with camber for manual wheelchair users on Queen Street and Francis Street. The camber is within specification on Francis Street. Dianne suggested that the specifications need changing. The problem is for those in wheelchairs going up and down whereas cars can go up a bit steeper. Charlotte is working with the Transport Planner for Marlborough Roads but working with something that is 30 years old. Discussions are continuing.	
3.	Compliance process for the new Kāinga Ora homes Action Complete	
4.	Specialist change facilities policy Six submissions received with one person wanting to be heard which happened at the last Assets and Services Committee Meeting. Up-date will be provided on the outcome, in due course.	Linda Craighead
5.	Pedestrian/mobility scooter access from the Taylor River shared pathway to the hospital. This was discussed at the Marlborough Road Safety Action meeting and Marlborough Roads advised that this cannot be funded. Robyn and Hannah from Te Whatu Ora went to investigate this morning. Ideas for a temporary solution – funding through Changing Streets – were taken back to Te Whatu Ora. Robyn to survey the Group to find out what is needed.	Robyn Blackburn
6.	Inviting new members to the group. Action complete	
7.	What is available from MSD to our community members living with mobility issues. Action complete.	

8.	<p>Raising of all pedestrian crossings in Marlborough Not going to happen due to cost of installation and on-going up-keep.</p>	
9.	<p>Decision relating to mobility parking at the airport Clr Dalliessi and Diane carried out a site visit and met with Seve Holtum the Airport Manager. There are three designated mobility parks by the short term (30 minute) area which are a good size. In the two minutes drop off area there is only one access point so you would have to step into the roadway. If in a taxi, the ramp would take up two spaces. There are 10 disability parks in the long-term area. Recommendation to Council would be that the shuttle bus park should be a disability car park instead. Clr Dalliessi to send further details, with maps and photos to Linda.</p>	Clr Dalliessi
10.	<p>Marlborough Walking and Biking Strategy Charlotte provided an update. The new Coalition Government's 100-day plan includes funding being pulled on some major multi-modal plans. Charlotte recommends that trials are carried out for connectivity on urban streets but not sure what is going to be committed by Government.</p>	
11.	<p>Large trucks parked on roadsides around Picton School Charlotte provided an up-date. Because of the new Port development, the trucks are being directed down Kent Street to park whilst waiting to board the ferries. Charlotte is pushing for the safety of pedestrians and those that require access to that part of town. Richard Coningham will be aware of everything that is going on at the moment.</p>	

6. General Business Including updates from:

Marlborough Roads

No updates provided.

Building Control Update – Bill East

- Things slowing down in residential areas with some companies looking to lay people off.
- Working on replacing staff/succession planning
- Work on the Summerset villas continues
- iRex project building work being approved
- Not a lot of work on the colleges at present
- The Code of Compliance on the Library has been issued
- Any alterations do require an asbestos report.

Parks and Open Spaces Update – Linda Craighead

- Making sure all contractors are available over the holiday period and ensuring grass is mown to prevent fire risk.
- Vandalism is increasing including graffiti on public walls and damage and poisoning of trees
- Freedom camping numbers are increasing in the area.

7. Any Other Business

- Lisa Wheeler discussed riding on the top of the stop bank between Marshall Place and Snowden Crescent – as this is an issue for the Rivers Team, Linda will follow up with them and report back.
- Robyn distributed a pamphlet on the new parking permit information for disability parking and how/where can park. Some feedback has already been received on metered car parks and clarification in the pamphlet is required. Could include information on airport parking.
- Diane rang Council on 26 November to advise of a water pipe burst near the Fire Station and the repair was carried out very quickly. Well done!
- Dates for next meetings were agreed by Clr Flight and seconded by Bill.

The meeting concluded at 3.52pm

Actions from the Meeting

1.	Linda to discuss with Graham Smail the timing on public toilet doors.	Linda Craighead
2.	Specialist Change Facilities Policy – update on the submissions received.	Linda Craighead
3.	Questionnaire for Pedestrian/mobility scooter access from the Taylor River shared pathway to the hospital.	Robyn Blackburn
4.	Recommendation for disability car parking in the current shuttle bus area at Marlborough Airport.	Clr Dalliessi
5.	Linda to discuss with the Rivers Team Lisa's query regarding riding on the top of the stop bank between Marshall Place and Snowden Crescent.	Linda Craighead