

PRESENT

Members:

Brian Bucket
Elizabeth Rose
George Payne
Helen Booby
Max Waters
Mike Ipsen
Sharon Beard
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Place)
Julie Priest (PMHC Place Facilitator - Aged & Disability)

Other Attendees:

Bruce Gibbs
Julie Haraskin
Ian Irwin
Ben Oultram
Jeffrey Tapping
Carmel Tapping
Brodie Rafferty
Ross Henderson (Ability Links)

The meeting opened at 2.05pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Rob Turner, Councillor Lisa Intemann, Vicky Whitfield, Lyndel Bosman and Phil White be accepted.

A warm welcome to Bruce Gibbs, Julie Haraskin, Ian Irwin, Ben Oultram, Jeffrey Tapping and Carmel Tapping who expressed interest in joining the Access Committee and are attending today as observers. Anthony Clarke noted as an apology.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.12 Development and Compliance.

Julie Priest has submitted the Access Committee's feedback and request for review of the shared zone within an accessible car park to the Premises Australian Standards Review. She has signed up to email alerts to give status updated on the submission outcomes and will provide any updates to the Committee when received.

Discussion about including this in the Development Control Plan with Brian Bucket. Lucilla Marshall advised this process could take 12months to be reviewed.

CONSENSUS:

Updates to be provided about changing the shared zone in an accessible car park when they come to hand.

5.14 Access Friendly Project

Mike Ipsen, Helen Booby, Max Waters, Vicky Whitfield and Julie Priest attended SailAbility on Wednesday 13 May. Mike spoke about his experience and Max commended SailAbility on their volunteers. Brian Bucket had attended the onsite meeting six weeks earlier. All agreed that a permanent pontoon is supported. Lucilla Marshall advised that SailAbility have lodged a DA for a permanent pontoon as their grants require this permission for their applications. Council's Australia Day event also supports a SailAbility fund raising activity.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to coordinate the next Access Friendly visit project and advise Committee Members.

5.17 Access Requests

1. Taxi requests for kerb ramp at Coles and layback on Horton Street

Discussion about works on Horton Street with pedestrian crossing points. Works for Kerb Ramp at Coles was submitted by Jeffrey Sharp for 2015/16.

2. Accessible car park requests

The Committee reviewed the community request for an additional accessible car park to be installed at Lake Cathie Woolworths (private car park) and the request for an additional accessible car parking space at the Port Macquarie Court House.

CONSENSUS:

That the Access Committee endorse that a letter of support be sent to Lake Cathie Woolworths advocating for the need for an additional accessible car park. That the Access Committee endorse an additional accessible car park to be installed at the Port Macquarie Court House.

3. Public seating

Max Waters discussed the ongoing request. Council's Landscape Architect has advised that there are no left-over seats from Mrs Yorks Garden which can be recycled. The Tea & Treasures location is on the register for seat allocation

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee be provided any updates at the next meeting.

4. Disability Friendly Bus Stops

The Volunteer Coordinator and Julie Priest have met with ACES for a training briefing. ACES will undertake an audit of the bus stops which will assist in Council's grant application.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee review the information when the bus routes audit has been completed and to prioritise new bus shelter locations for the grant application.

5. Access issues

El congratulated Council on reducing kerbside and round-a-bout flora. The kerb and gutter at Bridge and Hollingsworth needs to be inspected. Max Waters enquired if the footpath and been improved near Joeys day care centre.

CONSENSUS:

That the kerb and gutter at Bridge and Hollingsworth be inspected and an update be provided at the next meeting about the footpath near Joeys day care centre.

6. Access works completed

The North Haven accessible public toilet and shower, plus linking footpath and car parking

space has been completed.

The Bonny Hills Community Hall accessible bathroom with grab rails has been completed.

The Committee congratulated Recreation & Buildings team for their outstanding efforts.

200 metres of footpath have been completed at Dunbogan which includes a park bench and destination signage as part of the Beach to Beach project.

06 PEDESTRIAN EGRESS & SAFETY

Brodie Rafferty addressed the Committee and spoke about his experience of skateboarders on footpaths in Port Macquarie CBD. Brodie has found them to cause potential accidents and that the Police have not given him requested assistance.

Lucilla Marshall advised that the section of footpath is to undergo a transformation with a minimum 2.5 metre wide footpath which should alleviate pinch points. These works are expected to commence by Christmas. Max Waters discussed how egress with bicycles and skateboards. Julie Priest spoke about complaints about Mobility Scooter users with incidents reported at Settlement City.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the verbal report presented by resident Brodie Rafferty under the aegis of Ability Links. That Rangers monitor the situation before and after the footpath works have been undertaken.

07 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS ACCESS SUB-COMMITTEE

A call for new members was issued via the Council Matters newspaper column in three newspapers, online with the front page of the Council website and to the Disability Interagency Network. Applications to join the Access Committee have been received from:

- Bruce Gibbs
- Julie Haraskin
- Ian Irwin
- Ben Oultram
- Jeffrey Tapping
- Carmel Tapping
- Anthony Clarke

Clr Turner has reviewed the applications and requested the applicants be invited to attend the meeting as observers to gain an understanding of how the Committee operates.

Currently there are two vacancies and George Payne advised that he will be retiring. Phil White has requested sick leave for six months.

The Committee expressed their thanks and gratitude to George for all the volunteer time he

has given to champion a disability friendly community.

CONSENSUS:

That the number of membership positions available be reviewed by Councillor Turner. The applicants to be contacted by Julie Priest to seek their feedback on joining the Committee.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.1 Long Flat accessible toilet:

Max Waters enquired as to the status of price quotes for the works.

CONSENSUS:

An update about the Long Flat accessible toilet works to be provided at the next meeting

08.2 Wauchope streetscape:

George discussed works needed at Wauchope CBD. John Mongard Landscape Architect is undertaking consultation with community, Council and RMS. Likely changes will include moving location of pedestrian crossing, street scaping and review of accessible car park locations. George spoke about incidents where people are parking at the accessible car parks either without a mobility parking scheme permit or using someone else's.

CONSENSUS:

That the Rangers be requested to patrol Wauchope CBD especially to monitor the accessible car parking spaces.

08.3 Yellow Brick Road:

Brian Bucket spoke about the stencilling needing to be replaced with a larger design and better quality paint. The Breakwall is currently under review by TCMP to widen and split the cycle way.

CONSENSUS:

That Yellow Brick Road be a Committee project for the next 12months.

08.4 Access Committee Representative for Town Centre Masterplan Sub-Committee:

Infrastructure & Asset Management are seeking expressions of interest for membership to the TCMP, with representative from Access Committee, CBD landowner, Chamber of Commerce and CBD trader. The Committee thanked Brian Bucket for all his hard work in

on the TCMP. Brian spoke about the commitment needed with one monthly meeting and several working group meetings a month.

CONSENSUS:

That members interested in representing the Access Committee on the TCMP to contact Julie Priest.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm.