

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chairperson)
Councillor Lisa Intemann
Anthony Clarke
Ben Oultram
Elizabeth Rose
Helen Booby
Ian Irwin
Jeffrey Tapping
Julie Haraksin
Lyndel Bosman
Max Waters
Mike Ipsen
Sharon Beard
Vicky Whitfield
Julie Priest (PMHC Aged & Disability Officer)

Other Attendees:

Bruce Gibbs

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Lucilla Marshall and Phil White be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2015 be confirmed with the following amendment:

5.17 be noted and changed to Munster and New street; and Buller Street footbridge between bridge and Hotel.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.14 Access Friendly Project.

The Committee reviewed the list of Access Friendly businesses that have been visited.

Suggestions to include on the list include Sails Resort, KFC, Subway, Majestic Theatre Laurieton, Kew Country Club, Sea Acres, lake Cathie Shopping Centre.

CONSENSUS:

That an Access Friendly visit be arranged for November 2015 with four to five Committee members in attendance.

5.17.1 Accessible car park requests

House with No Steps is undertaking an audit of the car parks and information will be provided at the next meeting. Jeffrey Tapping raised an issue of accessible car parking at Council with one space out the front and one staff car space which may not comply. Julie spoke about Council's unsuccessful grant application for mobi mats which are roll out temporary accessible car parking mats which can be used for events.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to review accessible car parking spaces at council headquarters and report back at the next meeting. Council to re-apply for mobi mats funding when an appropriate grant is available.

5.17.2 Disability friendly bus stops.

Lyndel Bosman spoke about Busways and guide dog training. Vicky Whitfield spoke about the mediation with herself, Busways and Human Rights Equal Opportunity Commissioner. Busways sent a bus to her house so she could road test it. Cllr Turner congratulated Vicky on the good results.

CONSENSUS:

Update to be provided at the next meeting about the ACES bus stop audit.

5.17.3 Footpath Priorities

The Access Committee to review the current listing of priorities and the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP).

CONSENSUS:

That members needing a copy of the PAMP to contact Julie Priest. That members review the priorities for discussion at the December 2015 meeting.

5.17.5 Access Works:

Julie Priest reported that the new Long Flat accessible public toilet will be a module similar to the Bonny Hills amenity.

The Lake Cathie Fishing platform will be located on the southern end of the park land. There have been meetings with Lake Cathie Fishing Club, Progress Association, NSW Fisheries, Engineers and Mike Ipsen. The proposed platform will be wider and longer in design than the Dunbogan platform.

The Building Facilities Officer will inspect the site for a ramp at North Haven river and provide a quote for the works.

CONSENSUS:

That an update about the access works be provided at the December meeting.

066 GENERAL BUSINESS**06.01 Charles Sturt University:**

The Charles Sturt University design will comply with the Australian Building Code in regards to ratio of accessible accommodation rooms and footpath linkages.

06.02 Annual Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan Report:

The Annual Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan Report was attached for the Committee members information. Cr Turner expressed his thanks and well done to the staff in implementing this action plan.

06.03. Guidelines for Park Benches and Shorelining:

Discussion of guidelines for park benches and shorelining. The committee discussed this and agreed on the following draft guidelines.

Draft Guidelines

- A minimum 1.4 metres wide unobstructed continuous path of passage be maintained on footpaths.
- Outdoor dining - wherever possible chairs and tables screened. This will enable navigation by people using canes.
- "A frames" as per the policy must be placed kerbside and a minimum 1.4metres from the building line.
- Park benches have a solid end wherever possible to enable easier navigation for people using canes. Commonsense to prevail upon the location of the park bench (kerb side or along the building line), to enable amenity from users to be sheltered from the weather and enable a reasonable line for unobstructed continuous footpath access.

06.04 Road Safety Officer:

An invitation be extended to the new Road Safety Officer to attend the next meeting to discuss issues including the pedestrian refuge on Horton street, signage for shared zone, Lake Cathie lack of pedestrian crossings, and the powerbox adjacent to the Glasshouse which obstructs view of pedestrian crossing.

06.05 Disability Inclusion Act:

Minister for Disability Services Hon. John Ajarka has written to council about the new Disability Inclusion Act. Julie Priest is attending the workshop on 7 November in Sydney to learn about the new requirements and LG NSW is reimbursing her travel costs.

06.06 National Disability Insurance Scheme:

Ben Oultram spoke about NDIS and the roll out of information to service providers and clients. Awaiting Federal Government to provide additional resources and training forums for the industry.

06.07 Ability Links Beach Wheelchair:**CONSENSUS:**

Clr Turner will enquire with LUSC about housing the beach wheelchair for free hire.

06.08 Glasshouse Gallery:

Lyndel Bosman spoke about the Wolfensohn Gift exhibition and the connection with the Glasshouse for her clients to participate in a tactile showing and looks forward to future projects.

06.09. Adult Change Tables:

Ben discussed the need for adult change tables which would assist primary carers. Two costings, installation to Australian Standards and possible locations. Ben's top five included:

- Lake Cathie
- Town beach (new amenities)
- McInherney park 9SailAbility)
- Flynns Beach
- Settlement City

CONSENSUS:

That Ben Oultram and Julie Priest investigate costings, Australian Standard criteria, funding (grants) and possible locations and report back to the Committee.

06.10 Governance:

Jeffrey Tapping spoke about opportunities for the Committee to meet outside of meeting times and ways to improve communication and a feedback loop.

CONSENSUS:

That an email contact list be distributed amongst the members and Jeffrey Tapping and Julie Priest to meet to discuss further.

The meeting closed at 3.55pm.