

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chairperson)
Brian Bucket - Access Building Designer
Max Waters - Port Macquarie & Vision Impairment
Nik Sandeman-Allen - Care & Mobility
Phil White - Wauchope Access
Sharon Beard - Education & Access
David Purnell - PMHC (for Aged & Disability Officer)

Other Attendees:

Paul Bailey – PMHC Facilities Officer
Elizabeth Rose - Observer
Elizabeth Conroy - Observer

The meeting opened at 2.10pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from George Payne - Wauchope Access, Helen Booby - Port Macquarie Access, Lyndal Bosman - Guide Dogs NSW, Julie Priest - PMHC Aged & Disability Officer and Mike Ipsen - Camden Haven Access be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2013 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Yellow Brick Road:

No further information regarding the project was available from Council at this time.

CONSENSUS:

1. That Council inform Committee of the start date of the footpath construction
2. That Council inform the Committee of the extent of stencilling that can be achieved within the budget.

5.12 Aldi Car Park:

Brian Bucket has been ill and as a result has not yet finished the draft Australian Standards letter for the chair to sign.

CONSENSUS:

Brian Bucket to complete the draft and send to Julie Priest.

5.14 Access Friendly Project:

A copy of the letter sent to the Hastings Coop regarding their new status of Access Friendly and a photo of the Access Committee visit to IGA Growers was circulated to all.

CONSENSUS:

Clr Turner to contact Port Central Management and discuss opportunity for Access Committee to visit retail stores.

5.17 Access Requests:

5.17.1 There was no information available from Council re the Risk Assessment to be carried out on the proposal of a portable ramp to access the Settlement Point Ferry & discussions with Council's insurers.

CONSENSUS:

Council to provide further information re the risk assessment and discussions with Council's insurers.

5.17.2 Brian Bucket has discussed with the Town Centre Masterplan Committee about Shared Zone signs in Clarence Street and advised that the Masterplan Review will be completed in 8 weeks.

5.17.3 Committee advised that the disabled parking space at Rebel Sport has been painted out and requested Council to pass to Development & Environment as a compliance issue.

CONSENSUS:

Development & Environment to be informed of compliance issue of painted-out disabled parking space at Rebel sport. Provide update at next meeting.

5.17.4 Nik advised that the handrail at the lighthouse new staircase was to be constructed by Council.

CONSENSUS:

Confirm that Council will be constructing the handrail on the new staircase at the lighthouse.

5.17.5 The need for pedestrian crossings on Lord Street (between Gordon Street and Hill Street) and Findlay Avenue (near Garden Village) was discussed and considered to be a safety risk to be brought to the attention of Council's Road Safety Officer.

CONSENSUS:

The safety issues of no pedestrian crossings on Lord Street (between Gordon Street and Hill Street) and Findlay Avenue (near Garden Village) to be brought to the attention of Council's Road Safety Officer.

5.17.6 Parking at the Wauchope Hospital, Palliative Care Unit, loss of a disabled parking space, would be dangerous to relocate to grounds of palliative care unit as it is a dangerous pedestrian exit to the street. Nik recommends a layback to be constructed for drop-offs. Did the Committee see plans for the DA?

CONSENSUS:

Recommend a meeting of stakeholders with Nik Sandeman-Allen and Council to discuss the issues and options to alleviate this issue.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 Update from Facilities Officer:

Paul Bailey, Council's Facilities Officer, Building Services provided updates about recent works.

- Wauchope Indoor Stadium - accessible amenities, the internal door has been removed, there is now clear access into the toilet, now compliant.
- Sancrox - works to start in 2 weeks to convert part of the canteen to accessible amenities. Paul asked if it will go on the MLAC locking system. Log Wharf Reserve, the cost will be \$10,800.
- Stair Nosings - Nik and Brian to check the ones installed and report back. Paul has more available to be installed.
- Glasshouse Auto Doors reprogramming - Paul asked if they are now working to the satisfaction of the Committee, Brian responded that they are. Paul asked if the Committee wishes to reprogram the other glasshouse auto doors at a cost of \$6000.
- Remaining DDA funds are \$52,800, less \$15,000 for Sancrox and \$6,000 for the Glasshouse doors. Paul suggested scooter recharging points at Wauchope or Laurieton.

CONSENSUS:

1. Nik and Brian to report back re the suitability of the installed stair nosings.
2. Committee agrees to spend \$6000 to reprogram the other glasshouse doors.
3. The Committee is to prioritise the remaining stair nosings at the next meeting.
4. The Committee is to prioritise the remainder of the DDA money at the next meeting.

06.02 Beach Wheelchair:

The September 18 launch of Council's Beach Wheelchair was reviewed favourably by the Committee. No further action required.

06.03 Plans for International Day of People with Disability:

Suggestions were a wheelchair cavalcade, Brian suggested a Bago Magic skit with a film. Nik suggested mobility scooter rides for kids, possibly a race around the Glasshouse Forecourt. Could the Beach Wheelchair be obtained for the day? Councillor Turner suggested a Ukulele performance similar to the Beach Wheelchair launch.

CONSENSUS:

That plans for International Day of People with Disability be confirmed at the next meeting

06.04 Development Application Reviews:

The Committee couldn't remember reviewing Das for some time, asked what is the process/mechanism to trigger their review?

CONSENSUS:

That Julie Priest to advise the process at the next meeting.

06.05 Layback at Horton Street Taxi Cab Rank:

Taxi Driver requested a layback on Horton Street cab rank and a hand rail. Councillor Turner suggested a project to workshop and plan re the rear entry of Port Central, involving a working party. Aerial views requested.

CONSENSUS:

That aerial views be available at the next meeting for the Committee.

06.06 Boardwalk Projects:

Phil suggested a boardwalk, Waniora Parkway lilly ponds. Another suggested project - a review of walks/boardwalks around Port Macquarie, start with Kooloonbung Creek and Sea Acres, Phil and another Committee member to inspect.

CONSENSUS:

That Phil White provide an update at the next meeting.

06.07 Retail Renovation:

Retail renovation, when does it require a DA compliant toilet?

CONSENSUS:

That Julie Priest discuss with DA Officer and advise at the next meeting.

David Purnell left the meeting at 2.40pm, Councillor Turner took the remaining minutes.

06.08 Pedestrian Crossing on Lake Road:

Nik enquired if there has been a previous request by the Committee for a crossing on Lake Road? If not, can we ask whether it can/will be considered?

CONSENSUS:

That Brian Bucket's design plan for Lake Road be forwarded to the relevant Council officers for their feedback.

06.09 Bench Seating:

What is the status of the request for a seat outside Inner Vision on Cnr William and Grant Sts? Can the Committee make a request for additional seating for the bus stop outside the Macquarie Hotel on Clarence Street?

CONSENSUS:

That an update on bench seating requests be provided at the next meeting.

06.10 Busways:

Discussion about disability friendly buses led by Phil White.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee write to Busways to clarify the number of buses in the LGA that currently comply with disability access, which routes they are on and what is the timetable on upgrading all buses to comply with legislation? (Phil)

06.11 Trailer Parking - Port Macquarie Golf Club:

Nik brought up an issue with parking of trailers at Port Macquarie Golf Club. The Committee agreed this isn't a Council issue and no further action is required.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.