

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Lisa Intemann (alternate)
Brian Bucket
El Rose
George Payne
Helen Booby
Max Waters
Sharon Beard
Julie Priest (PMHC Place Facilitator Officer)

Other Attendees:

Anne Radburn, Manager Client Services, Family and Community Services
Kevin Randall, Housing NSW, Family and Community Services
Kerry Etherington, resident

The meeting opened at 2.07pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Rob Turner (Chairperson), Mike Ipsen, Phil White, Lucilla Marshall, Liz Faasen and Vicky Whitfield be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2014 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.12 Aldi Car Park:

Julie Priest has sent a second letter to Australian Standards asking them to review the shared accessible parking space and pedestrian way.

CONSENSUS:

An update to be provided when correspondence is received from Australian Standards.

5.14 Access Friendly Project

The Committee reported back on their October visits to Douglas Vale Winery, Timbertown Resort Motel, Montana's on High, and Wauchope RSL who all are welcomed as an access friendly business and demonstrated great customer service and were disability friendly. Bago Tavern was visited and was non-compliant with wheelchair toilet door handle and sink and Committee reported a poor customer service experience.

Cr Intemann advised that any photos promoting Access Friendly can be sent to media with an extended caption

CONSENSUS:

Letters to be sent to businesses and photos with extended captions to media outlets and Chamber of Commerce for their e-newsletter.

5.17 Access Requests

1. Taxi request for kerb ramps.

Brian Bucket tabled a possible design solution for the Coles taxi rank. Discussion about text 'taxi' to be painted on the road and discussion about a bright yellow line be painted on the line of the kerb.

CONSENSUS:

Brian Bucket's design to be submitted to the PMHC Traffic Engineer and feedback provided at the next meeting.

2. Sailability invitation

CONSENSUS:

That the Access Committee will visit Sailability at McInherney Park in early February 2015.

3. Damaged road at Surgery cnr Tunis and Bold St Laurieton

CONSENSUS:

That an update be provided once these works have been completed

4. William St Observatory

Update provided that works have ceased at pedestrian crossing while engagement with residents occurs about the level of street lighting.

CONSENSUS:

An update to be provided at next Access Committee meeting.

5. Accessible car park requests

Port Macquarie Courthouse accessible car park is progressing. Discussion about Horton St West. Discussion about Short St and Lighthouse Beach Shops refer to General Business

CONSENSUS:

A review of accessible parking spaces be undertaken and identify where missing gaps are.

6. Crohn's Society

Julie Priest met with Clyde May. Crohn's Disease is rolling out a project so that businesses make their staff toilet available for people with Crohn's Disease if they need to suddenly use the facility.

7. Public Seating

Seating near Tea & Treasures and near the Post Box on William Street is on the list for public seating.

CONSENSUS:

An update be provided on this progress at the next meeting.

8. Nosings on the staircase at Flynn's Beach

Max Waters was pleased to advise that this had been completed. No further action required.

9. Accessible ramps painted in Wauchope.

George Payne spoke about how RMS has not re-instated the road markings for accessible parking space and ramp near Bottlo and L J Hooker officer

CONSENSUS:

RMS be requested to re-instate these road markings and an update be provided to the Committee.

06 PRIORITISE PMHC BUILDING WORKS FOR 2014/2015

Paul Bailey, Buildings Coordinator addressed the Committee about the priorities. These included:

- Apex Park - Building Services preferred option is the demolish current building and replace with new compliant model - cost 60K
- Log Wharf Reserve amenities - accessible path/ramp to amenities - cost 12.5K
- Landrigan Park amenities - change kiosk to unisex accessible amenity - cost 8K
- PM Historic Court House - change current mens and ladies toilets to one unisex accessible - cost 11K
- Long Flat - Building Services preferred option is the demolish current building and replace with new compliant model - cost 60K - note no costing has been provided for linking amenity to carpark.

The Committee members voted for the projects Apex park and Long Flat and were tied, with Cr Intemann abstaining from a casting vote as acting as an alternate to the Chair.

CONSENSUS:

That Cr Rob Turner and Julie Priest discuss the two preferred projects of installing a wheelchair accessible toilet module at Apex Park (Laurieton) or at Long Flat. Cr Turner to cast the deciding vote. That Building Services as per PMHC Procurement Policy receive realistic quotes for the works as concerns were raised about the \$60k costings.

07 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Julie Priest invited the Committee to two events including the Short Film Festival on Wednesday 26th November at the Glasshouse and the launch of the wheelchair fishing platform and Disability Strategy at Dunbogon on Wednesday 3rd December 2014.

CONSENSUS:

That the Access Committee accepted the invitations to the International Day of People with Disability events.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Need for accessible parking in Short Street, Port Macquarie:

Anne Radburn, Manager Client Services, Family and Community Services (FACS) and Kevin Randall, Housing NSW addressed the Committee.

Three departments of Family & Community Services (Housing, Aged & Disability & Home Care and DOCs) has relocated to 9 Short Street. This includes over 30 staff. Many of the clients need accessible parking and they have serious concerns about what will happen with the Food for Less car park as this will have a huge impact. 90% of Housings 940

clients are on a Disability Support pension and this is just one of the three departments.

CONSENSUS:

That the concerns of Family and Community Services about wheelchair accessible car parking will be taken forward.

8.2 Accessible concerns at Lighthouse Shops:

Kerry Etherington, resident addressed the Committee. She raised concerns about the unmonitored parking. She uses a frame and walking stick and often could not get a park and patrons were exceeding the 30minute timed parking. Another concern is that there is no designated wheelchair accessible parking space and kerb ramp to access the footpath in front of the shops. Kerry also regularly sees patrons bringing their dogs to the café and this has posed a risk to her when a dog has tried to leap up at her.

CONSENSUS

Julie Priest to check if the parking area is a private road or Council owned. To contact the Health Officer in regards to the issue of dogs, the Rangers about the timed parking and the Road Safety Officer regarding access to the footpath and accessible car park.

8.3 Pedestrian Crossing at Old Cemetery / Finnians:

Max Waters inquired about the need for a pedestrian crossing at this very busy intersection and road. Julie Priest advised that a pedestrian refuge is in place. If the resident would like to apply for an MLAK key they could access the coach terminal accessible toilet and not have to cross the road. Traffic Lights are likely to be installed in 2031.

8.4. Tripping on footpaths:

Max Waters inquired about litigation if someone tripped on a footpath and that the footpath on Pacific Drive from Post Office to Ocean Street has uneven path.

Julie Priest advised that Council has a continuous improvement program for footpaths

CONSENSUS:

Footpath repair request be submitted for Ocean Drive from Post Office to Ocean Street

8.5 Koolunbung Creek and Hollingsworth:

El Rose congratulated Council on the fabulous Koolunbung Creek. She enquired if it was possible to have unbroken white lines painted along the edging of the kerb and gutter for people with a vision impairment. Perhaps a service group could do this as a project. The round-about at Gordon and Hollingsworth has impaired viewing due to the planting

CONSENSUS:

Kerb painting project be investigated by Julie Priest and request be submitted for vegetation to be reduced at round-about at Gordon and Hollingsworth.

8.6. Thank you to Access Committee:

As this is the final meeting for 2014, Cr Intemann thanked and congratulated the Access Committee, on behalf of Cr Rob Turner, for its dedication. It is their pleasure to support the extra footpath program of \$500,000. The role of the Access Committee is vitally important and you are appreciated for your work and commitment and best wishes for the festive season.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.