
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Councillor Sharon Griffiths (Deputy Chair)
Ben Oultram (Community representative)
Elizabeth Rose (Community representative)
Helen Booby (Community representative)
Julie Haraksin (Community representative)
Lyndel Bosman (Community representative)
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Engagement)
Hayley Owen (Community Inclusion Team Leader)

Other Attendees:

Jessica Green (Community Inclusion trainee)

The meeting opened at 2:11pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the apology from Ian Irwin and Bruce Gibbs.

A letter from Bruce Gibbs was distributed to the Sub-Committee Members for discussion.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 3 November 2020 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.02.04. Tradies' Guide to good access

Councillor Alley provided an update to the sub-committee on the outcomes from the Australian Local Government Conference in 2019.

5.02.07 Brisbane City Council initiative

Councillor Alley discussed that Brisbane City Council has initiatives for DA's that are submitted that are for universal accessible buildings.

Group Manager Community and Community Inclusion Team Leader to seek the percentage of DA's submitted with and without the incentive so far at Brisbane Council, and also if there are any other NSW councils doing something similar. This information to be provided to Councillor Alley.

06.02 Visit to Airport to Create Access map

Community Inclusion Team Leader to contact Airport Manager to organise an appropriate time for the Access Working Group to conduct a Business Audit of the Airport. Time/day options to be sent to Access Working Group to confirm what suits best.

06 DISBURSEMENT OF DISABILITY ACCESS FUNDS

The Community Inclusion Team Leader presented to the group the fund allocation for identified Council projects from the Disabled Access Funds for the 2020/2021 financial year.

It was discussed that these projects had been approved by the Community Inclusion Team Leader and Group Manager Community in the absence of Sub-Committee meetings in 2020 due to COVID-19. Moving forward, now meetings have resumed, projects will be presented to the Access Working Group to assess on a low, medium and high basis to allocated funding.

Community Inclusion team leader to provide the locations of the new car parks at Tacking Point Surf Club to sub-committee members.

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note disbursement of funds from the Disabled Access Funds for the 2020/2021 Financial Year and the process of determining allocation of funds moving forward.

07 COMMUNITY INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Councillor Alley, Group Manager Community and Community Inclusion Team Leader gave an update on how the new Community Inclusion Committee will work and how the new Access Working Group will fit into this. Sub-Committee members were assured that Council recognise the work that they do is important, and they will continue to do this work, effectively it is just the name is changing. The disability representative of the Community Inclusion Committee will be introduced, and be invited to form part of the Access Working Group, once the Community Inclusion Committee hold their first meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note the resolution from Council regarding the formation of the Community Inclusion Committee and that the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee will be dissolved following the February 2021 meeting.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 ACCESS AUDITS

It is proposed that an Access Audit be performed on the businesses below once the Airport Access Audit is completed:

- Camden Haven Anglican Church
 - Lakewood Shopping centre
 - Billabong Zoo
 - Sovereign Place Shopping Centre
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08.02 DISABILITY CAR PARKING MAP

Community Inclusions Team Leader to obtain an update from GIS on the status of the Disability Car Parking map and to ensure all new disability car parks have been added to the map. It is further requested that symbols be added to the map to identify if parks are rear-to-kerb or standard, private or public and a photo of the car park to be added.

08.03 LIBRARY PRECINCT MAP

Community Inclusion Team Leader to work with Lyndel Bosman at Guide Dogs Association to look at developing a map of the library precinct.

08.04 SWIFT STREET - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Group Manager Community to follow up report on pedestrian safety on Swift Street and email outcome to the group.

08.05 MATTERS FOR INVESTIGATION

Request for investigation of the below items to be forwarded to the relevant Council departments:

1. Width of pedestrian refuges for mobility scooters at Lake Round (near private hospital), Coles at Lakes Innes and Gordon St (near Finians)
2. Installation of accessible toilet signage at Kew playground
3. New beach matts for Flynn's beach
4. Park St Intersection - pedestrian crossing button
5. Accessible access from Town Beach to Rotary Park to mobility scooters and chairs do not need to use the roadway.

08.06 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY, PARK STREET, PORT MACQUARIE

The Group was notified that the Development Application for the Entertainment Facility, Park Street, Port Macquarie had been refused.

08.07 ACCESS WORKING GROUP

Discussion on the possibility of recruiting additional members to the Access Working Group in the near future.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.