

Minutes

A4A Forum Accessibility for All

Friday 10 March– 10.00am
Wangapeka-Heaphy Room, Tasman District Council

Present

Cr Dana Wensley, Cr Dean McNamara, Chris Pawson, Dwayne Fletcher, Jeff Robinson, Richard Liddicoat, Sarah Holman, Megan Bell (Tasman District Council), Marg Parfitt, Cr Paul Matheson (Nelson City Council), Mike Stevens, Ruth Chignall, Kaye Halkett (Blind Citizens - Nelson Branch), John Harwood (Nelson Hearing Association), Simon Horrocks (Independent), Craig Fraser (Driving Miss Daisy), Ruby Aberhart, Sue Tilby (Age Concern), Chris Allison, David Kemp

Apologies

Jamie McPherson, Dwayne Fletcher, Krista Hobday, Donna Smith, Heather Walker

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 11 November 2016

Sandwich board 'bylaw'– it is in the TRMP not a bylaw. Noted.

MOVED John Harwood
SECONDED Kaye Halkett
CARRIED

3. Matters Arising – Action List

- **List of wheelchairs** – An article was placed in Newline and on Fresh FM. No responses received. Still a work in progress.
- **'Good Access = Good Business'** – Cr Wensley presented to the Positive Aging Forum. Look at revising checklist to encourage local businesses to get involved.
- **Mobility taxis in Motueka** – Progress with new Motueka Community Board. The issue is cost and it is not viable for operators. Work in progress.
- **Accessibility Workshop for Councillors** – Nelson City Councils workshop to be held on 3 May and Tasman District Councils on 17 May.
- **Disability Strategy** – Provide update at next meeting. Noted that the workshop in Nelson seemed very 'token'. To follow up before next meeting.

4. Correspondence

- Rata Foundation letter of support to the Blind Citizens New Zealand (Nelson Branch)

5. Election of Chairperson

Cr Wensley was nominated and elected as Chair

MOVED Paul Matheson
SECONDED Sue Tilby (Age Concern)
CARRIED

6. Trial of Waimea Express

Kate Malcom advised that this was a substantial petition with even greater public support than expected.

It is now at Council level. There will be a report submitted to the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) asking for a feasibility study. The conclusions from this study will determine the next steps.

Both this and the Richmond feeder route will be part of Public Transport Plan and include consultation with the public

7. 'Good Access = Good Business'

Cr Wensley distributed copies of the current 'Good Access = Good Business' publication for discussion.

It was agreed to seek input to update the information including looking at wider aspects of accessibility such as dementia and business websites.

Members are to email any ideas to Megan by 1 May 2017. This information will be collated and discussed at the next meeting in June.

8. Queen Street Upgrade – Update

Jeff Robinson presented an update of the Queen Street Upgrade. The project is at the point in finishing the design of street furniture and signage for the project. Looking at the 'B's' – bus stops, bike stands, benches.

In terms of safety during construction there will be night digging of the footpath. The contractor will then be required to get the footpath level by daytime for pedestrians.

Jeff has asked retailers not to have sandwich boards out during construction, however, this is on good faith.

9. Sandwich Boards

It was clarified that the rules regarding sandwich boards sit within the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP). There needs to be plan change in order to remove this regulation from the TRMP.

The Council's Land Development Manual is currently been worked on by Council staff. This will be a replacement for current engineering standards.

There was a discussion on making sandwich board restrictions a region-wide policy, not just for Queen Street.

Dwayne Fletcher and Cr Wensley to follow-up.

10. Nelson City Update

Total Mobility – moving to adoption of Ridewise. These changes include:

- Photo ID card for users.
- Looking out a roll out for 2017/18 financial year.
- Change for users – no more paper vouchers, all on a card which is used electronically .
- Currently being rolled out across country Council by Council. Will be nationally consistent.
- Council will hopefully cover the cost of the card for users but this is yet to be confirmed.

Annual plan

Proposal to suspend the Stoke Loop as we know it. Not performing and no patronage so will look at trailing something else. Alternative bus routes for Super Gold Users in particular.

Marg encouraged members to make a submission on the annual plan. Suggestion to include Stoke Seniors in consultation also.

11. Online Accessibility Issues - Newline Maps

In response to concerns from Blind Citizens - Nelson Branch, Richard Liddicoat (Tasman District Council's online systems architect) led a discussion on the Council's website and how maps are not accessible to screen reader users.

Richard explained that the Tasman District Council has accessibility guidelines they comply with but they would like to improve on.

Richard asked volunteers to test the website once some changes are made.

12. Cambridge Street Carpark

An item was raised in regard to the parking available for people to access the Senior Citizens room next to Age Concern. The lack of short-term parking may put people off attending.

Chris Pawson advised the group that there has recently been some changes, with a 60-minute row of parking in Papps Carpark.

It was noted that the Richmond Car Parking Strategy is in progress. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

13. General Business

The Disability Strategy was released in November. Members would like hard copies to be available for discussion at the next meeting

Craig Fraser from Driving Miss Daisy acknowledged the assistance from NZTA in providing a wheelchair ramp for users.

'Mudcake and Roses' publication has had a revamp which is excellent, but it was suggested it should include information on Total Mobility and A4A.

The increase in freedom campers using public toilets have made waits longer and unhygienic. This is an ongoing seasonal issue within the region.

Meeting closed: 12.00pm