

# Minutes

## A4A Forum Accessibility for All

**Friday 8 September 2017– 10.00am  
Council Chambers, Tasman District Council**

### Present

Cr Dana Wensley (Chair), Dwayne Fletcher, Drew Bryant, Sarah Holman, Brylee Wayman, Diane Evans (Tasman District Council); Marg Parfitt (Nelson City Council); Malcom Saunders (Independent); John Monk & Ruth Chignell (Blind Citizens – NZ); Mike Stevens (Blind Citizens – Nelson Branch); Ruby Aberhart (Independent); Simon Horrocks (Independent); Maria Walstra-Russell (Age Concern)

### Apologies

Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson (Nelson City Council), Heather Walker, Kim Howell, Kaye Halkett, Gill Clayton, John Harwood, Chris Allison, Amanda Stevens, Megan Bell, Cr Dean McNamara (Tasman District Council).

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Apologies accepted

MOVED – Ruth Chignell  
SECONDED - Ruby Aberhart  
**CARRIED**

Ruby Aberhart introduced herself and raised concerns over attendance by those who did not represent a specific interest group. She also expressed concern over the lack of representation from other community groups.

The Chair responded with assurance that all were welcome and their input valued. Attempts have been made to contact more community groups.

### 2. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 9 June 2017

MOVED – Drew Bryant  
SECONDED – Dana Wensley  
**CARRIED**

Ruby Aberhart wished her objection be recorded on the grounds that she would only approve the minutes if a 'thank you' letter was sent to NZ Post thanking them for their attendance at the special meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising – Action List

- **List of wheelchairs** – Megan Bell contacted the manager at Richmond Mall. All their wheelchairs were due to be serviced and would be checked. It was asked that an item be added to Newsline reminding businesses to check the tyres on their wheelchairs. Marg

Parfitt (Nelson City Council) confirmed that she will use the Retail Collective in Nelson to raise the issue.

**Action point: item in Newslines**

- **Mobility taxis in Motueka** – Total Mobility is moving across to a web-based voucher for all users. The Ride Wise card will be available nationally. Total Mobility is currently contacting all their members to ensure that they are introduced to the new system. Motueka does not have a taxi service but other providers in the area have been contacted to ensure that they are ready for the new system. Further discussions may be needed from Council – Marg Parfitt will raise this with Nelson City Council if required.
- **Talbot Street crossing** – Drew Bryant advised that the Urban Road Engineer (Steve Elkington) has checked the crossing. Please see **attached** information regarding the ramps leading to the pedestrian crossing areas. Steve is happy to visit this crossing with someone if they believe that his findings are not correct (cross fall well within limits/design standards). Simon Horrocks asked what procedure was in place for the public over concerns. Drew confirmed the process in relation to the LTP and how staff are working on solutions. Dwayne updated the meeting on the work done by the Planning Team on these issues in the LTP. Ruby wished to have noted her support of Simon Horrocks concerns.
- **New Zealand Disability Strategy** – Diane read Megan Bell's update confirming that this task has now been completed. Discussion centered around 'where to from here'. Cr Dana Wensley discussed 'Outcome 5' of the strategy later in the agenda as a suggestion for a way forward and priority setting.
- **Sandwich boards** – Dwayne Fletcher updated the meeting on the work being done by the Environment & Planning Department to remove the entitlement for sandwich boards in the current Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP). This will need to be confirmed by the Council after consultation and the process should be completed around the middle of next year. Once removed from the TRMP sandwich boards will be managed via the Road Controlling Authority powers (policy or bylaw).
- **'Good Access = Good Business'** – Review of this checklist and consultation with local businesses is still in progress – Dana confirms this is ongoing and she will update the next meeting.
- **Richmond carpark strategy** – Advice was given by Dwayne as to changes in car parking times around central Queen Street following congestion because of the upgrade.
- **'Mudcake and Roses' publication** – Cr Wensley reported that she had passed on issues with font size to Community Development staff and mentioned the request for more information (rather than 'story driven') content.
- **Tasman District Council Draft demographic report to be shared with members** – Brylee updated the meeting on progress and outlined the various projects being undertaken. Brylee promoted the various meetings that are coming up in the 'Long Game' series of talks, and those run by Tasman District Council as part of its draft Long Term Plan – check Newslines for details. Sarah advised the meeting that the Council is looking at an 'age friendly' approach to its policy, in preference to the term 'positive ageing'.
- **Invite a Plunket representative to A4A meetings** – An invitation has been sent and is now awaiting a response.
- **Members to email Megan comments in regards to Donna Smith's audit of Nelson City Council public toilets** – No A4A members gave feedback to Megan.

- **AA Senior Drivers Course** – share information with the Positive Aging Forum and ‘Mudcake and Roses’ publication – Megan followed this up.
- **Check design of benches for Queen Street** – Information attached to meeting agenda. Jeff Robinson stated that there will be 14 of these placed in Queen Street. What is not shown is the skateboard deterrent. Mike Stevens from NZBC sought clarification of what had happened to the concerns raised by their group in the early stages of consultation. Mike Stevens to email Megan with this question.

#### 4. Correspondence

- Cr Dana Wensley has been invited to attend the Brightwater Working Party meetings regarding improvements to the main street on behalf of A4A.
- Nelson City Council contacted Cr Wensley asking if Tasman District Council would be interested in a workshop with Rodney Tolley on ‘Active Transport’. Marg Parfitt has requested a list of dates in February if there is an appetite. Mike Stevens fully supports and believes that these meetings are worth attending. Dwayne Fletcher asked that Megan be advised of the meeting day options as staff from Tasman District Council would like to attend.

#### 5. New Zealand Disability Strategy – ‘Outcome 5’ Accessibility.

Cr Dana Wensley opened the discussion. She talked about the issues at a policy and strategic level around pedestrian planning and the need to ensure that Council design guides were fit for purpose.

- Ruby expressed disappointment at the number of acronyms used throughout the document. She was also disappointed at the limited sections of the community that were consulted.
- Malcolm Saunders raised the fact that many of the issues discussed are national concerns.
- Mike Stevens advised of the upcoming Blind Citizens annual conference. Mike has offered to update the next A4A meeting on the conference and its outcomes. This item will be placed on the agenda.

#### Action Point: Update from Mike Stevens on next agenda

- Marg Parfitt reminded the meeting that there are several community groups that work at a national level. There are conversations being held that will impact on the issues at a national level.
- Cr Dana Wensley highlighted the need to ensure that these standards are introduced and implemented at a local level.
- Sarah Holman updated the meeting on the work she and Brylee are involved in and highlighted that the Council’s direction is to move towards policy that reflects all sectors of society.
- Dwayne Fletcher updated the meeting on the current status of the policies and noted that they are being reviewed next year.

- Footpath safety was raised, and Malcolm Saunders expressed his concerns over NZ Post vehicles being on footpaths. He believes that this should not happen. A copy of his recent submission to Council is **attached** to the minutes.
- Marg Parfitt updated the meeting on Nelson City Council's position on the issue of Paxsters. Those who are concerned can speak at the next Works & Infrastructure meeting. If you wish to speak please contact Marg and she will advise you of the process.
- Cr Dana Wensley advised that Tasman District Council is waiting for updated safety information about the Paxster vehicles from NZ Post before proceeding.

**Action Point: Cr Dana Wensley will update our meeting on progress at the next meeting.**

- Dwayne Fletcher confirmed that autonomous vehicles will have a national set of standards.
- Ruby Aberhart reminded the meeting of the need to think about all sectors of society.

**6. Update on the Richmond Carpark Strategy**

- Dwayne updated the meeting on progress. He noted that the review covers the whole area from Richmond through to Motueka.
- Timed parking and the demand for parking is increasing dramatically.
- There are quite a few future uncertainties around the numbers of vehicles; distances travelled and types of vehicles.
- Cost-effective parking and reasonable service are keys areas to be considered.
- The review will also consider public transport parking, mobility soccer parking, and consideration for short to medium timed parking over all day parking.
- It is hoped that the final report will be ready to present to the Council in November.

**7. Active Transport - Discussion**

- Cr Dana Wensley discussed her support to encourage greater emphasis on 'Active Transport' policies at a local level. She said that Tasman District Council has a Regional Pedestrian Strategy. This covers a range of issues such as pedestrian safety, understanding pedestrian needs and proposed strategy. This policy is dated 2010, and with changes around footpath use and electric vehicles, it may be time to review this policy and discuss whether it is still 'fit for purpose'. The 'Active Transport' workshops with Rodney Tolley scheduled for early next year will be useful to provide direction for future policy development.
- Drew Bryant advised the meeting that all of the councils are working together in a holistic way around the issues including vehicles, walking and cyclists.

**8. General Business**

- Ruby Aberhart raised concerns over the lack of car parking outside Age Concern. Dwayne Fletcher has discussed the issue with the Transportation Team (Jamie) and staff are currently looking at how they can address the issue and concerns raised.

Dwayne Fletcher reminded the meeting that the Council can only enforce restrictions on Tasman District Council carparks.

- Wakefield Express Bus Service: Dwayne Fletcher updated the meeting on a recent request from Wakefield residents to have an express bus service. Transport staff have completed a feasibility assessment. There will be some follow-up work done on the assessment and this will be reported back to the Council. There was further discussion around a service for the Richmond area. It was queried whether this bus service would be wheelchair accessible. Marg Parfitt advised that that would be determined by each Council and their contract negotiations.
- Marg Parfitt updated the meeting on Nelson City Council's Regional Transport Committee review of existing bus services. There are several changes under discussion and she will update A4A at the next meeting.
- Ruby raised safety concerns over residents crossing the road to access Stoke Community Centre. Marg will investigate increasing the time available for crossing to ensure walkers can make it safely to the other side.

**Meeting closed** – 11.54 am



Talbot/Salisbury Rd Pram Ramp Cross falls as measured on site 1/09/17

Cf – abbreviation for Cross fall

Maximum cross fall 1in8 or 12%

8/9/17

Councillors,

Engineering Services Committee, A4A Group, Richmond.

Tasman District Council.

Citizens are welcome to use our footpaths, ie people using their feet, walkers and runners, mobility scooter users are also welcome, also the hearing/sight impaired, and those recovering from illness and injury, plus families with children and prams, and citizens exercising with their dogs. Our legal right to have unencumbered access.

Walking is one of the most popular of recreational pursuits.

**'Our street footpaths for citizens are under attack'**

Walkers around our streets are now faced with skateboarders, scooters, plenty of bikers (soon legal maybe up to 14 year olds), plus in the central area we have intrusive 'flag signs' and 'sign boards' etc to negotiate.

Also there are quite a number of vehicles (+ trailers/boats) that park '2/4 wheels up' on footpaths around Richmond. I counted 13 along Warwick Street recently.

Now we are faced with the possibility of NZ Post 'quad bike' Paxsters roaming our streets delivering mail, pamphlets and 'soon to be on line' packaged goods.

Some streets have legal footpath reserve area up to 3.5m, but in our street the sealed footpath is 1.8m wide, with grass berms. There are a number of places this footpath width is down to 1.6m, 1.4m and even 1.2m, with overhanging growth from gardens. Both sides of upper Queen Street, the 1.5m footpaths are very unsuitable in places, as are parts of Champion Road, some are as narrow as 1.2m.

Already there are a number of courier firms carrying out delivery of online goods, offering very good service. Pamphlet deliveries in the main are handled by our young people keen to earn some good pocket money. Mail deliveries are by NZ Post (cycle), PX Service (motor bike), and personal 'hand drop' items from residents. The Nelson Mail delivery is excellent, handled by either motor bike service or vehicle service.

\*Paxster width 1.2m, are they NZTA registered as a quad bike, and will helmets be compulsory ?  
Would there be a commercial fee levied by TDC to use our public footpaths in this way ?

I do not think it is safe or appropriate for NZ Post to be given approval to use quad bikes (Paxster\*) on our footpaths, this is simply a commercial enterprise and undertaking to move into deliveries of online goods, plus pamphlets and mail.

This will be an intrusion.

Regards, Malcolm Saunders, Tui Haven, 18 Warwick Street, Richmond, 544 5053.