

# Minutes

## A4A Forum

### Accessibility for All

Friday 23 November 2018– 10.00am

Council Chambers, Tasman District Council

#### Present

Cr Dean McNamara, Brylee Wayman (Policy Advisor), Megan Bell (Technical Officer – Transportation) and Robyn Scherer (Executive Assistant) (Tasman District Council);

Cr Paul Matheson (Chair), Marg Parfitt and Rachel Large, (Nelson City Council);

Ruby Aberhart, Simon Horrocks and Ivan Geeves, (independent members);

Chris Allison (Health Action Trust);

Jane Murray (Policy Advisor – NMDHB, Public Health Service);

Pamela Coltman (Greypower);

Kaye Halkett and Mike Stevens (Nelson Branch, Blind Citizens of New Zealand);

Kim Howell (Life Unlimited);

Kate Malcolm, Nelson-Tasman Community Transport Trust.

#### Apologies

Cr Dana Wensley, John Harwood, Jamie McPherson, Drew Bryant, Dwayne Fletcher, Sarah Holman, Amanda Stevens and Ron Burt

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Cr Matheson invited everyone to introduce themselves.

#### 2. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 24 August 2018

Mrs Coltman asked for an amendment to the minutes; the reference to Greypower providing help with a van and driver, should read that Pamela Coltman can help with a van and driver.

MOVED – Pamela Coltman  
SECONDED – Megan Bell  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Chairs Report

The Chairs report was taken as read.

MOVED – Cr Matheson  
SECONDED – Brylee Wayman

#### 4. Paxster Update (Marg Parfitt, Nelson City Council)

Ms Parfitt noted that Nelson City Council had approved the use of NZ Post Paxster vehicles on Nelson Streets on a trial basis. She advised that the proposed routes are currently being determined and the new service will be monitored.

Cr Matheson said that while he had originally been skeptical about the use of Paxster vehicles, he had seen them in action in the Hutt and locally, and was now supportive. He urged the A4A members to see the results of the trial before making further comment. He also suggested that the wider issue is footpath space and the use of motorised scooters should they be introduced to the region.

Chris Allison suggested that Paxsters take up considerable space on the footpath and this results in suppressed demand for active transport, ie, people won't do the activity because they are concerned about safety. This is a particular issue for older people who are likely to withdraw from using footpaths if they don't feel safe. Mr Allison also suggested that there were significant flaws in the Hamilton City Council's data gathering for their Paxster trial. He said that Wellington City Council has not allowed Paxsters because they have the same issues we have. Mr Allison expressed his disappointment that he had raised his concerns at A4A and they were not considered by Nelson City Council.

Kaye Halkett said that it was also important that A4A discuss the whole lime scooter issue on footpaths as many of the issues are the same. She spoke about the lime scooters being left anywhere including lying across footpaths which causes a significant trip hazard. Ms Halkett urged the councils to be proactive rather than reactive on this issue and to learn from other towns and cities regarding their experience with motorised scooters. Ms Halkett said that the Blind Citizens of New Zealand strongly opposed the introduction of motorised scooters in this area.

Ms Parfitt recognised that the variety of electric scooters, e-scooters and invalid carriages (mobility scooters) is an issue for all local authorities in New Zealand. However, she noted that the current legislation allows them to be used on footpaths. She said that motorised scooters would require an exemption from the councils to operate on our roads.

She also spoke about children who use scooters to get to and from school and how this mode of transport meets the objective of active transport.

Ms Parfitt said that staff are happy to receive guidance from the A4A forum regarding the Paxster trial.

In response to a question about courier companies using the footpath to make deliveries, Ms Parfitt noted that Government legislation is clear that only NZ Post Paxster vehicles can use the footpath.

The meeting discussed the general management of footpaths and the need to balance the requirements of a range of users. Cr Matheson suggested that the A4A forum could select a panel of interested and affected users to discuss "footpaths of the future". He noted that the issue of footpath congestion and safety was a New Zealand-wide issue and there was a need to get this conversation going with the whole community.

**Action: Cr Matheson to discuss the option of establishing an A4A working group to focus on "footpaths of the future" with Cr Wensley.**

### **Mobility Parks in Queen Street**

Megan Bell spoke to the pre-circulated map regarding the proposed mobility parks in Queen Street; locations are outside Specsavers at the entrance to Richmond Mall and outside the DHB in Queen Street. Megan invited forum members to provide feedback on the proposed parks. Mrs Aberhart suggested that the Council could ask van drivers that park in mobility zones to only use the designated park space when they are dropping off or collecting people.

### **Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust**

Kate Malcom spoke about the goal of the Community Transport Trust which aims to address the deficiency in the provision of public transport in Wakefield, Tapawera, Mapua and Motueka. She spoke about a mini bus service model which is already being used in South Canterbury. The service provides a van driven by volunteers utilising vans that are already in the area.

The Trust is working to stimulate demand for the service and is applying to the Rata Foundation for funding support. The Trust is also looking for letters of support. Pamela Coltman said that Nelson Greypower would be keen to support the service. Mrs Aberhart suggested that the Stoke Seniors group could also provide support.

### **Age Friendly Policy**

Brylee Wayman noted that Tasman District Council's Age Friendly policy is open for consultation until 25 January 2019. She said the policy will guide the Council's planning to meet the needs of the growing number of older people in the District.

Cr Matheson noted that Nelson City Council is also developing an aging strategy.

### **General Business**

- A4A - What we are and who we are? The forum's terms of reference needs to be updated. This will be discussed in the New Year.
- Parking areas in Richmond – it was agreed that a map of parking areas and parking time limits in Richmond needs to be made available. Megan to action.

The meeting closed at 11.14 am.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Letter to be sent to Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council regarding supporting changes to the building code to include 'universal/lifetime design' of housing.	Cr Wensley	Work in progress
Review A4A 'Terms of Reference'	Cr Wensley	Next meeting
Map of parking areas and time limits - Richmond	Megan Bell	Work in Progress