

Minutes

A4A Forum Accessibility for All

Friday 7 December 2012 – 1.00pm
Tasman Council Chamber, Tasman District Council

Present

Cr Judene Edgar (Chair), Cr Trevor Norriss, Cr Paul Sangster, Sarah Downs, Krista Hobday, Sharon Medcalf, Mike Tasman-Jones (from 2pm) (Tasman District Council) Donna Smith (Victim Support), Brian Say, Kaye Halkett, (Association of Blind Citizens), Simon Horrocks (Independent), Marg Parfitt (Nelson City Council), Jane Chamberlain (NMIT) and Karen Brookes (Golden Bay Community Board).

Guests – John Inglis (Astrolabe, Motueka) Howie Timms (Chair, Our Town Motueka), Andrew McGlashen (McGlashen Pharmacy), David Hill (Chair, Richmond Unlimited) and Duncan Gray (Chair, Uniquely Nelson).

Apologies

John Harwood, Wendy Wadsworth, Ruby Aberhart, Jane Kinsey, Marion Edwin, Ben Smithies, Mike Stevens and Joy Aiton.

Launch of Good Access Checklist

Good Access Awards were presented to the following entities:

- Nelson Post Shop – Serge Gauviro – Award presented by Duncan Gray
- McGlashen's Pharmacy, Richmond – Andrew McGlashen – Award presented by David Hill
- Astrolabe, Motueka – John Inglis – Award presented by Howie Timms
- Golden Bay Museum – Awarded presented to Karen Brookes acting on behalf of the museum

1. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 10 August 2012

MOVED Marg Parfitt
SECONDED Donna Smith
CARRIED

2. Matters Arising – Action List

- Placement of recycling bins so access not hindered - Sarah to follow up with David Stephenson.
- Write to Maurice Williamson re accessibility - Sarah to follow up with Judene Edgar.
- A4A Survey - This has been amended and it was agreed that it would be sent out in February 2013.
- Decks Reserve Car Park - This has still not been completed.
- New Accessible Car Parks at Tasman District Council - Do these meet requirements? Judene to follow up with Jim Frater regarding layout of these car parks.

3. Correspondence - Nil

4. Building Team Update

Access routes aspect of the Building Code is changing. Council staff are trying to ensure that designers and architects take accessibility into account at all times. The Building team is putting together some accessibility notes for designers so they know of requirements.

5. Safe Pedestrian Areas – Courtesy Crossings and Street Furniture

Kaye Halkett complimented the Gibbons contractors working on the new Council building for their efforts in maintaining pedestrian safety. Judene will write to Gibbons congratulating them on this aspect.

Kaye noted that the new eating area within the Mall has been fenced off which makes it easier to negotiate. But issue about how much space in the Mall is considered shop frontage and how much is pedestrian area. This is an issue at this time of the year.

Brian Say and Kaye met with Tracey Waddington and Daniel Holden from the Council to discuss sandwich boards and other material hindering access on footpaths. Brian and Kaye would like to see these eliminated as it takes the Council staff time and resource to enforce the bylaw. They would also like to see some consistency between Tasman District and Nelson City Council bylaws.

It was reinforced that any issues or complaints regarding material hindering access on footpaths should be referred to the Customer Services staff.

Action – Investigate rules, enforcement and penalties, what works and what doesn't in terms of NCC and Tasman District Council. Discuss at next meeting to find a solution.

A4A members can also look at what is being done in other areas. Brian Say suggested Invercargill as an example.

Sarah will also talk to Tracey Waddington about what the forum is proposing.

6. Footpath outside Oakwood Village

Sarah to investigate

7. Pedestrian Crossings – Takaka

Issue with a pole on the footpath by a pedestrian crossing in Takaka. Donna agreed to take photos when she is next in Takaka. Sarah to ask Gary Clark to follow up with NZTA. Karen will raise at next liaison meeting with NZTA.

8. Off-road Wheelchairs

Judene had some photographs of these wheelchairs which are used overseas for people to visit national parks. Judene will pass on to DoC. Sarah to email Judene photo of beach wheelchair.

It was agreed that it would be ideal to have any information about accessible things, eg toilets, wheelchairs for hire etc in one place.

9. Accessible Maps

Marg Parfitt reported that the first draft of the new map is available, new parks have been included. Marg suggested that it would be good if Tasman District Council could find funding for this map. The map also includes updated information about the use of parking permits.

10. Letter offering Driving Assessment Service

Marg Parfitt has received a letter offering a driving assessment service for older drivers and for those with a disability who might need extra assistance. This service is currently only available in Christchurch or Wellington. It was agreed that it should be raised with government agencies, ie the Ministry of Health. Judene will talk to Nick Smith about this service.

Action List

Action	Who	Timing
Placement of recycling bins so access not hindered – follow up with David Stephenson	Sarah	ASAP
Write to Maurice Williamson re accessibility – follow up with Judene Edgar	Sarah	ASAP
Accessible car parks at Tasman District Council – follow up with Jim Frater	Judene	ASAP
Write to Gibbons re their efforts in maintaining pedestrian safety at Tasman District Council during construction of the new building	Judene	ASAP
Investigate rules, enforcement and penalties for sandwich boards etc – Tasman District and Nelson City Councils. Discuss at next meeting to find solution	Sarah	March
Email photo of beach chair to Judene	Sarah	ASAP
Talk to Nick Smith about Driving Assessment Service	Judene	ASAP
A4A Survey - circulate	Judene	February