



Access and Mobility Meeting held at Marlborough Library/Te Kahu o Waipuna, Blenheim 24 September 2024, 2.00pm

Attendees: Clr Matt Flight, Co-Chair
Clr Deborah Dalliessi, Co-Chair
Dianne Gibb, MS & Parkinsons
Ricky Shadbolt, Grey Power
Annie Percy, Grey Power
Camilla Nilsson, Idea Support Services
David Clode
Carla Taylor
Nicola Gausel, NMDHB (by Teams)
Abhay Maskey, NZTA/Marlborough Roads

MDC: Linda Craighead, Parks and Open Spaces Planner
Bill East, Duty Building Control Officer
Dhyanom Gala, Building Control Group Manager
Jodie Griffiths, Community Partnerships Advisor
Gillian Dixon, Secretary

1) Clr Dalliessi welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

2) **Apologies:** Jane Tito
Robyn Blackburn
Lynn McKay
Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton
Hularii Mckenzie

3) The minutes of the previous meeting – 12 March 2024 – were approved.

4) Matters arising from the last meeting:

1	“Invitation: Taking part in a survey about outdoor recreation for disabled people” from DOC/Recreation Aotearoa – link to be circulated.	Complete
2	The Future of the Access and Mobility Form – ideas and thoughts for future meetings to be sent to Gillian. Ideas back to Gillian by end of October. Reminder to be circulated. Jodie has already sent her comments.	On going Gillian
3	Letter to Bridget at the Stadium re possible use of their hoist for the Aquatic Centre. Letters of support from Marlborough Lions, Idea Support Services, MS & Parkinsons to be sent to Gillian to pass to Clrs for centralised letter from the group.	On going Gillian & Clrs Dalliessi & Flight
4	Safe routes for pedestrians and scooter users. Ideas for a map. Retirement villages and Greypower to be contacted for their input into the map.	On going Charlotte
5	Update on the adult changing room at the Library. The changing facility at the Marlborough Library and Art Gallery is now open for use.	Complete

5) General Business
NZTA/Marlborough Roads – Abhay Maskey
No update provided

Building Control – Bill East

- Bill introduced Dhyanom to the group as Bill will be retiring on 29 January 2025 and Dhyanom will attend future meetings for Building Control.
- There is a current slump in new dwellings being built.
- The team had recently received Building Consent Accreditation for the next two years with good feedback.
- Code clause changes coming up that will affect new building work – e.g. smoke alarms

Parks and Open Spaces – Linda Craighead

- Reminder for any problems with trees overhanging footpaths to contact Council on trees@marlborough.govt.nz
- Three new toilets have been approved
 - Replacement toilet in Horton Park
 - Replacement toilet in Oliver Park
 - New toilet in the Westwood Development for completion mid-2025.
- Carla advised that the wheelchair swing at Pollard Park is damaged. No reports had been made but Linda will check.
- Two members of staff from the Parks and Open Spaces team had recently visited two North Island accessible playgrounds – Hamilton and Kapiti – to gain further insight into what is required to provide a play space that anyone of any age can enjoy.

Grey Power – Annie Percy

- Gail Chambers is now National Federation President.
- Bill asked if there had been any queries regarding the upcoming “Granny Flat” legislation. Not that Annie had heard. Although not through yet, there will be some building conditions but if anyone has any questions please let Bill know. Annie suggested that Bill could maybe attend a future Grey Power meeting once the legislation is through.

6) Any Other Business

- The increase in infringement fee to \$750 for misuse of a mobility parking space was noted.
- David asked if the three very large potholes outside his house could be investigated. With no footpath outside his house access to the road is currently very difficult. **Abhay to investigate further.**
- Dianne informed the meeting of a very dangerous incident at the railway crossing on Main Street in which she was involved when the wheels of her wheelchair became stuck in the rails. Dianne informed KiwiRail of the incident with them eventually mending the crossing a week later. Letter from Cirs Dalliessi and Flight to KiwiRail to outline Dianne’s case.
- Dianne also asked that instead of Access and Mobility meetings being cancelled could they be postponed.
- Jodie provided an up-date on behalf of the Positive Aging Group who meet monthly:
 - There are no taxi companies in Picton who accept the Total Mobility vouchers but Blenheim Taxis may be happy to do something.
 - There is a problem for mobility scooter owners having to go on the road in Picton.
 - Jodie will continue to provide feedback into the meetings.
- Nicola Gausel will provide more information on Nelson Tasman Regional Accessibility Forum and its members. (Nicola has since provided the last meeting minutes).
- Carla had a query regarding the length of free mobility parking which Clr Flight answered.

The meeting closed at 3.04pm

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10 December at 2.00pm in the **Committee Room at Marlborough District Council**

Action Points from the Meeting

1	Ideas and thoughts on the future of the Access and Mobility Forum back to Gillian by end of October.	ALL
2	Letters of support for an additional hoist to be collated and sent from Clrs for a centralised letter to the Aquatic Centre.	Gillian and Clrs Dalliessi and Flight
3	Retirement villages and Greypower to be contacted for their input into the "Safe Routes" map.	Charlotte
4	Letter from Clrs Dalliessi and Flight to KiwiRail to outline Dianne's case	Clrs Dalliessi and Flight
5	Potholes outside David's house to be investigated	Abhay Maskey
6	Check in Liberty swing at Pollard Park is damaged	Linda