

Access and Mobility Forum, Meeting Notes held in the Committee Room, Marlborough District Council on Monday 16 September 2019 at 2.00 pm

Present

Cllr Jenny Andrews (Chair), Rhys Thomason (People First), Ricky Shadbolt (Greypower), Rachel Burden (Idea Services), Lorraine Duthie, David Clode (CCS), Diane Gibb (MS & Parkinsons), Glenn Spencer, Bryan Strong (MSCVT), Dianne Woolf (CCS), Nigel Perry (Road Safety), Jill Scoble (Marlborough Stroke Club), Lyne McKay, Adrian Chilvers, Lucan Orchard (Marlborough Roads), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads until 2.20 pm)

Guest speakers:

John Griffiths, Lynne Nichol

MDC Staff

Jane Tito (Reserves and Amenities Manager)

Attendance

Rebecca Waldron (MDC Secretary)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Robyn Blackburn, Bill East, Braden Prideaux, Phil Hunnisett, Linette Mortlock, Penelope Banfield, Hularii McKenzie, Shona Currie and Camilla Nilsson

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of 10 June 2019 were confirmed. I

Moved: David Clode and Diane Gibb

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Look into the tree obstructing the view on Maxwell Road and Queen Street and the hedge at the corner of Sinclair and Main Street – Marlborough Roads will look into it - tbc	Marlborough Roads
2.	Produce a list of disabled parks available in the region's car parks with the help of Dianne Woolf (CCS) and Marlborough Roads Disabled parks in Marlborough are available on smart maps – staff will look into compiling a hard copy list - tbc	Robyn
3.	Investigate putting the Liz Davidson Adult Changing Facility (Te Huri) on the website (include the need to take own sling) – underway – completed see Appendix 1	Jane

5. Correspondence

- Ben Lucas who was the speaker at the last minute very kindly declined the offer of expenses. It was decided that a note of thanks should be sent to Ben on behalf of the Forum.

6. Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin

- A question from Christine Lohead on the dimness of the street lights in Witherlea was referred to Marlborough Roads recently. Steve noted that the streetlights in Marlborough are either designed for vehicles or pedestrians depending on the area. The lights in the CBD are very bright and the busier roads such as Maxwell Road, Redwood Street etc. have street lighting designed for vehicle traffic. In residential streets lighting is kept to a minimum level so that it doesn't affect residents. In rural townships only intersections have lighting.
- Lighting for the new subdivision and roundabout in New Renwick Road has been installed. There have been complaints as Marlborough Roads have had to increase lighting to make sure people see the roundabout.
- Discussion on international road signs took place. Steve noted that the signs used are those required by New Zealand law.
- Acid etching of the glazed surface of the CBD pavers has been chosen as the preferred option to reduce slipperiness. The improvements will be carried out at night-time to reduce disruption during the day, starting in October and taking approximately a month to complete.
- Submissions on the Speed Bylaw are open until 27 September. More than 200 submissions have been received so far.
- The current maintenance contract with HEB's finishes next March and the tendering process is underway for a new contract.
- There will be a new school crossing on Alabama Road for Redwoodtown School.
- New pedestrian refuges at Burleigh Park and one on Colemans Road are being looked at.
- Appreciation for the new pedestrian refuge at Hospital/Howick Road was expressed by members.
- The poor condition of Scott Street between Muller and Hospital Roads was commented on.

Steve withdrew from the meeting at 2.20 pm.

7. Road Safety/Cycle Walk Marlborough Update (Braden Prideaux by email)

Jane Tito read out Braden's email and answered any questions.

- My position has recently moved over to Marlborough District Council, previously from Sport Tasman. In essence my role is the same - with my main responsibilities being coordinating the Urban Cycleways Programme, Behaviour change initiatives (including the Ride On Cycle Skills Programme) and coordinating Bike Walk Marlborough activities.
- Additionally, I've taken on some additional hours for Robyn Blackburn's Walkability Programme. As part of this I'm currently liaising with Marlborough Roads to identify the routes that can be targeted, following the work Robyn has done with the Walkability Map.

Few other tasks currently underway:

- Taylor River Path: Pricing up the widening of the Taylor River Path, to a width of 3 metres as per the Marlborough Walking and Cycling Strategy. Once priced up, we will assess how we can fit this into the programme to be completed.
- Riverlands Shared Path (between Stuart Street and Kinross Street): Detailed designs being developed in partnership with KiwiRail to formalise this section of path. This includes installation of fencing (to separate walkers/cyclists from passing trains), chip-seal path and signage.
- Riverlands Path flooding: A 10-15 metre section of path located between Stuart Street and Alabama Road has been flooding over the winter months. I'm currently liaising with KiwiRail and other Council departments to come up with a suitable solution.

Questions/Answers

- Jane advised that there is work underway to make connections from the River Reserve into town.
- The recent budget meeting has allowed for 50 new carparks on Parker Road, outside the Tennis Club at Pollard Park which will also service Churchill Glade. There will be a further 28 new carparks added at the playground entrance and the car parking area beside the playground will be upgraded with room for more accessible car parking. It was noted that historically there has always been problems with flooding at the parking area beside the Tennis Courts.
- A comment on the issue of the footpath flooding by the Olive Grove on Alabama Road was made. Lucan agreed to look into this issue.

8. Guest Speaker – John Griffiths

John introduced himself and gave a short talk about his volunteering and interests.

- He has been a member of several organisations as a volunteer and joined the Committee for the IHC in the 1990s. They helped out with funding projects for Idea Services and Family Whanau amongst others. The Committee has now gone into recess due to a lack of younger members to carry on.
- John is the President of the Senior Citizens Club and organises the entertainment for the members. (Housie, guest speakers etc.). Meetings are held on the first and Thursday of each month between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm with afternoon tea to follow. They use the Red Cross van to transport members to meetings. Membership is \$5.00 per year and is open to anyone over 50 years old. The Club will go on a day trip later in the year and also has a twice yearly dinner out at the Redwood Tavern. John would like to encourage others to come along and asked the members of the Forum to let others know about the Club. John's number is 578 7767 and his email is jgriffith@slingshot.co.nz for more information.
- The Senior Citizens Hall is available for rent. Regular hirers pay \$15 an hour, one off events are charge \$17 per hour. There is no alcohol allowed in the rooms.
- Jenny thanked John for all his hard work for the community.

9. Guest Speaker – Lynne Nichol

Lynne who is a founding member of the Access and Mobility Forum gave a brief presentation to the group.

- Lynne suffered a serious stroke at the age of 43. Her experiences of being treated differently due to her disability have made her an advocate for disabled people and she has worked for the community to improve accessibility for those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs or with pushchairs.

She shared some of her achievements with the group, including:

- Being appointed to the Lotto Committee. She has also served on the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and was on the Steering Committee for the Taylor River Pathway project.
- Her fundraising achievements, including a scooter ride from Rotoiti to Blenheim on the Scoot for Loot when she raised \$26,000 for the Hospice, completing the Rail Trail on her scooter and raising \$30,000 for the Life Flight Trust and another trip to Rotoiti and back raising money for St Johns.

John Griffith withdrew from the meeting at 3.10 pm.

10. Reserves Update – Jane Tito

- Phil Hunnisett has raised an issue with Jane about the narrowness of the exit and dangerous ledge outside the Civic Pharmacy entrance on Arthur Street. Jane will follow this up with Council Staff.
- There is a new agricultural themed playground at Mark Smith Reserve in the Boulevard on Taylor subdivision.
- Money has been allocated for upgrading tracks and trails around the region including the Victoria Domain.
- A property on Elizabeth Street which was heavily damaged in the earthquakes has been added to Dalton Reserve.

- Picnic tables at the Picton Foreshore are being replaced with picnic furniture that is accessible.
- The carpark at Monro Street is being upgraded to cope with higher levels of demand. Jane noted that all carpark upgrades would cater for accessibility needs.
- It was clarified that access to the softball park at Landsdowne Park is by driving over the stopbank. The gate is locked unless the softball season is on. Jane is going to find out about this as the diamond is being used for T-ball but may not be accessible at the moment due to works being carried out on the town's drainage system.

11. MSCVT Update – Bryan Strong

- A reminder about the National Assistance Travel Scheme as outlined in the 10 June minutes.

12. Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

- It was suggested Bryan Strong could give a talk on the Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust and that Adrian Chilvers give an update on his accessible taxi service at the 2 December meeting.

Lorraine Duthie, Rachel Burden and Adrian Chilvers withdrew from the meeting at 3.30 pm.

13. Other Matters

- Entries for the Rapaura Springs Garden Marlborough Best Senior Garden and Best Presented Retirement Home are now open. Entries close on 25 October. An entry form can be found in Appendix 2.
- Jenny outlined some of the different situations she noticed concerning people with disabilities when she was overseas, including a destination restaurant in Switzerland where all the food was grown by people with intellectual disabilities and the concept of Park and Ride which could be put to good use in Picton.
- St Andrews Church is having a reunion at Labour Weekend.
- David informed the group about the Joy Club which is a monthly church service for people with disabilities held at St Andrews on the first Thursday of each month at 5.00 pm. A meal is held afterwards.
- David thanked Jenny and Jane for all the hard work that they have done for the Access and Mobility Forum.

14. Actions from the Meeting

No	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Look into the tree obstructing the view on Maxwell Road and Queen Street and the hedge at the corner of Sinclair and Main Street	Marlborough Roads
2.	Produce a list of disabled parks available in the regions car parks with the help of Dianne Wolf (CCS) and Marlborough Roads.	Robyn
3.	Look into flooding of pathway beside the Olive Grove on Alabama Road	Lucan Orchard
4.	Follow up on issue of dangerous entrance to Civic Pharmacy	Jane
5.	Look into accessibility at the softball park	Jane

The next meeting is being held on 2 December at 2.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Appendix 1



Figure 1 Icon for Accessibility changing facility now showing on Council's Smart Maps

Appendix 2



Garden Awards 2019

Entry / Nomination Form

Judging will take place at the end of October. Winners will be announced at the STIHL Shop Garden Fete on Sunday 10 November 2019 at Pollard Park.

Please tick

- Best Seniors (70+yrs old) Garden
- Best Presented Retirement Home

Full Name

Address

Phone

Preferred day for a site visit (Senior Garden)

Proudly sponsored by



Complete this form and return to the Garden Marlborough Inc office 92 High Street Blenheim PO Box 1180. Entries close Friday 25 October 2019