

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2018-2

Wednesday 11 April 2018



Kingborough

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Cr Paula Wriedt | ✓ | |
| | Julie Taylor (Arthritis Tasmania and Osteoporosis Tasmania representative) | ✓ | |
| | David Vickery (Community representative) | ✓ | |
| | Mirjam Holthuis (Baptcare) | ✓ | |
| | Kevin Brown | | ✓ |
| | Kris Apps | ✓ | |
| Staff | | | |
| | Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer) | ✓ | |
| | Renai Clark (Roads & Stormwater Engineer) | | ✓ |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence requested.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mirjam Holthuis

/Seconded David Vickery

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21 February 2018 as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Universal Access Forum

Committee member Julie Taylor Provided an overview of the Universal Access Forum held on March 8 at the Blundstone Arena.

Attended by approximately 120 people, the aim of the forum was to increase understanding of the principles and practice of universal design. The forum came out of a desire to move beyond the requirements of compliance with DDA legislation in building and design and towards creating an atmosphere where building/design includes consideration of all abilities from the very start.

The forum attracted building surveyors, designers, architects, council staff and councillors. Presenters were chosen for their skill and knowledge in designing and building using inclusion/universal design principles in order to produce public spaces and/or private premises which are usable by people of all abilities.

Forum presenters included Dale Webster Executive Director CBOS, Michael Small Universal Design Consultant & Cathryn Kerr Senior Urban Architect Hobart City Council. A Q & A was facilitated by Robin Banks (previously Tasmania Anti-Discrimination Commissioner) and included people with lived experience of disability who were able to provide insight into the opportunities which exist for improving conditions within public spaces and the benefits of designing with varying abilities in mind in the public and private sphere.

An evaluation was undertaken which revealed that respondents found the forum of a high standard and felt that the content was useful/very useful with the vast majority stating that the knowledge gained would be taken back to the workplace.

Ideas and suggestions were gathered from respondents including ways to ensure a universal design approach continues to grow, existent barriers which prevent universal design from being the norm, ways to encourage more extensive use of universal design principles.

A follow-up meeting of the working group is scheduled in order to put actions discussed into place and to ensure the momentum is kept.

Presentation to Local Businesses

In planning for the all abilities access presentation to be hosted by the Access Advisory Committee for local businesses it was suggested that The Kingborough Community Enterprise centre be contacted to investigate if a presentation could be provided at their next function. Staff to follow up.

Blackmans Bay BBQ

The Committee was provided with copies of the plans for the proposed Lions Club Blackmans Bay BBQ shelter. Further discussion is to be held with the Lions Club to ensure accessibility considerations are built-in to the final design.

Inclusion List

It was noted that the Wetlands Walk is not accessible as the path width is too narrow. Staff to request information regarding audit of tracks and trails in relation to disability access.

Channel Court Accessibility

Following up on correspondence received from Christian Homes regarding Channel Court accessibility, it was requested by the Committee that a letter be written from Council to Channel Court outlining the importance of providing premises which consider the access needs of many local residents and are welcoming to all.

You + Me = Community Festival

Committee member Mijam Holthuis provided an overview of the recent *You + Me = Community* event which is designed to enshrine universal access principles by providing activities which allow for people with varied abilities to participate in any of the activities provided.

It is hoped that a similar event could form part of the opening of the Kingston Park facility. Staff to follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

None.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

A copy of the Accessible Events Guide was forwarded to local schools and community groups that are hosts of community events in an effort to bring accessibility to the forefront of event planning.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No Development Applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

Accessible Commuter Buses

Cr Wriedt reported on a Councillor workshop which focused on commuter buses. Assurances were sought at the workshop that all newly commissioned buses will be wheelchair accessible. Councillors were informed that by 2022 all commuter buses in use will be wheelchair accessible.

Dog Management Policy

A draft Dog Management Policy will soon be available for public comment. Committee members will be notified when the document has been released.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14 June 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.55pm.