

# MINUTES

## KINGBOROUGH ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2020-4

Wednesday 9 December 2020



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 9 December at 2.00pm.

**PRESENT**

		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGY</b>
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
	Julie Taylor	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown		✓
	Di Carter	✓	
	Paul Gilby		✓
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk		
	Melinda Harris	✓	
	Justine Barwick		✓
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	David reeve (Executive Manager Engineering Services)	✓	
	Anthony Verdouw (Executive Assistant Engineering Services)	✓	

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Melinda Harris

/Seconded Fran Thompson

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21 October 2020 as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Capital Works Bids**

Executive Manager Engineering Services, David Reeve, was present to explain the process of requesting and registering capital works bids.

Several suggestions were put forward including:

- Consistent and adequate surfacing of the Whitewater Creek track
- Formal pathway to the Kingborough Sports Centre area from Greenhill Drive/Corlacus Drive area and Spring Farm to Kingborough Sports Centre area.
- Footpath maintenance on Hutchins Street

- Footpath maintenance in Willowbend Road
- Difficulties posed for those using mobility aids on View St Blackmans Bay
- Investigate provision of a disabled parking bay in footpath/parking upgrade adjacent to the Salty Dog.
- Provide accessible paths to the picnic tables at Blackmans Bay
- Provide accessible path to the Dru Point toilet block
- Universal access be considered as integral to Kingston CBD upgrade

### **Footpath Maintenance & Provision Policy**

A draft copy of the policy was provided to the members of the Access Advisory Committee prior to the meeting.

Executive Officer Engineering Services, Anthony Verdouw, was present to discuss the draft policy.

Suggestions included:

- Use of consistent terminology;
- Discourage the use of pavers due to the likelihood of uneven surfaces developing over time;
- A stipulation that non-slip surfaces should be used at all times;
- A determination that minimum DDA standards be exceeded and designs provide the best possible outcomes for as many users as possible.

### **Access Policy**

The updated Draft Access Policy will be presented to Council for consideration on 14 December 2020.

### **Committee Name Change**

A report recommending a name change for the Committee will be presented to Council on 14 December. Discussion took place in relation to the recommended changes. It was unanimously agreed by the Committee that the Chair of the group advocate for the name to become *Kingborough Council Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee* in order to best reflect the focus of the group.

### **Access Information Brochures**

Draft brochures providing disability access advice were distributed to the group. Editing suggestions were put forward and will be included prior to final design and production.

### **Development Applications**

Notification of one Development Application for Change of Use to visitor accommodation on Bruny Island was received. Brochures providing information on disability access and inclusion were forwarded.

### **Other Business**

#### **Building Better Homes Campaign**

Committee members agreed that a response from the Access Advisory Committee would be appropriate. Staff to follow up.

### **Dementia Friendly Tasmania Project**

Di Carter presented information on the Inclusive Wellbeing Initiative being undertaken by Dementia Friendly Tasmania.

### **Baptcare Visit to Bruny Island**

Melinda Harris provided information on Baptcare's visit commenting that accessibility at Alonnah was good. As a general comment, it was noted that residents would benefit from a social worker being available on the island. The underlying issue of inadequate transport was highlighted.

### **International Day of People with Disability**

It was suggested that the Access Advisory Committee look toward hosting an event to celebrate the awareness day in 2021. Staff to follow up.

### **Hall Audit**

It was reported that as part of the development of the Hall Strategy an audit of halls had been carried out. Accessibility was a criteria of assessment. Staff to obtain a copy of the report.

### **Ongoing Improvements at the Community Hub**

A report will be requested for presentation the February 2021 meeting of the Access Advisory Committee.

### **2020 Wrap-Up**

An overview of the Committee's activities throughout 2020 was provided by Cr Wriedt. Thanks were extended to all committee members, staff involved in carrying out the work of the committee, and especially to the committee's executive support staff member for extensive and highly professional work.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 10 February 2021 2pm at the Council Chambers.

### **CLOSURE:**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.15pm.