

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2021-5

Wednesday 13 October 2021



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 9 June 2021 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk		✓
	Justine Barwick		✓
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
Guest	Kim Strickland (Baptcare)	✓	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land on which the Committee met and acknowledged elders past and present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Fran Thompson

SECONDED: David Vickery

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 August 2021 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Beach Matting at Kingston Beach

Information has been provided by Victoria's Beach & Waterways Inclusion Network in relation to beach matting considerations. To allow a comprehensive overview to be provided, ideally an audit of Kingston Beach should be undertaken. A quote has been sought and an approach to Hobart City Council made requesting a partnership to engage a qualified contractor to undertake an audit and provide a presentation to relevant staff and committee members. Staff continuing to follow up.

Community Hub

An update was provided on the Changing Place facility stating that changes required to enable the certification of the facility are being undertaken. This includes the replacement of the sink, replacement of the grab rail and providing greater colour contrast at the doorway/surround. Other items to be followed up with the Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Cr Wriedt informed the committee of her efforts to rectify the current lack of disabled parking bays at the Community Hub caused by adjacent construction requirements. The road incline and lack of sufficient width of the bays located at the entrance to the hub, determine that compliant disabled parking bays are unable to be allocated. Efforts will be ongoing.

Educational Brochures

Contact has been made with the producers of the Wheelie Good Guide which promotes accessible locations, services and businesses. Promotion through Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre and via other means will continue.

Kingston Park Stage 2

Basic design drawings of the Stage 2 playground toilet block were supplied to the committee. No specifics were provided in the designs, however, the groups' information brochure which offers tips on improved design for users can be referenced. These include: provision of full length or appropriately positioned mirrors, appropriately positioned hand sanitisers and adequate circulation space. The preference for automatic doors was stated.

Request for assistance in choosing table height and style was forwarded from Council's Urban Designer. A preference for the higher 850mm table height was unanimous and tables that include seating at one end, leaving three sides open was also unanimous.

Addressing Accessibility Within Capital Bids Process

A quote has been sought to engage a Disability Access consultant to provide an information session to Council staff. The session would focus on ways of incorporating accessible design features that go beyond the minimum requirements at early design and costing stages.

Correspondence

Out: Letter to Premier, Peter Gutwein, requesting information on the scheduled review of Accessible Island: Tasmania's Disability Framework for Action 2018-2021

Out: Request for quote from Push Mobility to undertake a beach audit and provide a presentation on the provision of beach matting at Kingston Beach.

Out: Request for a quote from Equality Building to provide a presentation on ways to ensure accessibility is guaranteed consideration at the early design stage of relevant Council capital works projects.

Development Applications

None reported.

Other Business

Kingston Community Garden

Cr. Paula Wriedt informed the committee that following on from the August meeting's presentation by Chris Keen from Kingston Community Garden she had made visit to the garden. Mayor Wriedt informed the group that there was ample flat space at the garden, reinforcing hopes that accessibility features were a real possibility at the area.

'More Than Carers' Expo

Di Carter informed the committee of the scheduled 'More Than Carers' expo being organised for late November. Dementia Friendly Tasmania will be involved.

Affirmative Marketing Campaign – Dementia Friendly Tasmania

As part of Dementia Friendly Tasmania's wellbeing initiative, an affirmative marketing campaign is being conducted to help people understand and develop a positive approach to people with dementia's abilities - rather than their limitations.

Sensory-Friendly Locations

It was brought to the committee's attention that there is a growing demand for sensory-friendly locations as evidenced by supermarket chains offering quiet times for shopping. It was suggested that promotion be done which highlights the need for low-stimulation spaces as well as providing information on any known spaces.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 December 2021 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm.