

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2022-3

Wednesday 8 June 2022



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 8 June 2022 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown		X
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk		X
	Wendy Nielsen		X
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen	✓	
Staff	Mel Staples (Community Development Officer)		X
	Anthony Verdow (Executive Officer Engineering)	✓	

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

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Anne Rathjen
 SECONDED: Don Hempton

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 13 April 2022 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Plans for 2022

- Public awareness to enable decision makers, engineers, designers, planners and business owners to go beyond the minimum standards for access and inclusion. Include a talk at one of the Kingborough and Huon Business Enterprise meetings about accessibility of premises and how businesses interact with people with disabilities.

Action: Di Carter to contact KBEC

- Community awareness raising regarding keeping the need to keep footpaths clear of vegetation, garbage bins (as soon as practical) and parked cars – opportunity to create a brochure and send to all ratepayers when the rates notice goes out in July. Positive approach to encourage community kindness, mindfulness and how actions impact others.

Action: Mel to meet with Sam regarding the production of a brochure

- Weekly column in Kingborough Chronicle and Kingston Classifieds to raise community awareness with real life stories on some of the issues that people with disabilities face.

Action: Cr Paula Wriedt to contact the Kingborough Chronicle

Action: Fran to write a letter to the Mercury to be reviewed by Committee.

- Collect a list of all the broad groups of disabilities so that Council staff are aware of the types of allowances that are required when new developments or upgrades are being planned

Beach Matting at Kingston Beach

Wheelchairs are in place with an MLAK key yet to be registered and promoted. The beach matting will be considered at Council budget meeting. However, it is likely that the matting will not be considered a priority in the 2022/23 financial year as there still needs to be more work on operational matters.

Action: Mel to talk with Clarence Council about their experiences

Disability Awareness Training – 1 June

Michael Small (Equality Consulting), Disability Access Consultant and advocate provided awareness training for staff and elected representatives. It was also attended by many members of the Advisory Committee. Compliment to Council staff who attended as they were genuinely interested in the material presented. Encourage staff/engineers etc to go above and beyond the applicable standards.

Action: Mel to send out a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to DIAAC members.

Shortage of Wheelchair Maxi Taxis

Mayor Paula Wriedt wrote to the Minister for Disability Services and the Minister for Transport to inform them of the critical shortage of wheelchair accessible Maxi Taxis. No reply has been received. The Mercury picked up the issue and did an article. Meg Webb will raise the issue in the upcoming budget estimates. David raised question are they legally required to provide a return trip. Legal Aid didn't know. Could write to Attorney General requesting clarification.

Action List 2022

- Beach Matting – number of operational impacts which need to be resolved.
- Maxi Taxis – David raised question are they legally required to provide a return trip. Legal Aid was not aware of legal implications. Could write to Attorney General requesting clarification.
- Mary Knoll Paths – Steep section has been cleared however signage required.
Action: Anthony to follow up with signage.
- Community Hub
Action: Mel to contact Tony Millhouse to action all issues
- MLAK key – register and promote once the Changing Places has received certification.
- Disability Parking – Mayor met with Channel Court
- Disability Parking – Lightwood Oval parking spot provided but can this be relocated.
Action: Anthony to follow up
- Disability Parking – KSC – the current parking is located near drop off area and it's in an awkward position. Is it possible to have 2 spots provided on the other side of the ramp?
Action: Mel to follow up with Sean Kerr
- Zap Gym – they comply with the standards and can be removed from the action list.

Inclusive Complaints Mechanism Sub-Committee Report

This committee has yet to meet.

Action: Cr Wriedt to send out meeting request.

Correspondence

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Don Hempton has been nominated to Kingborough Community Safety Committee. Next meeting is 20 June 2022.

Other Business

Council Street Trading Policy 2022

- Committee discussed Street Trading Policy with no additional changes recommended.
- Suggested Council could implement markers on footpath where property boundary begins. Noted COH do this in Salamanca etc...
- Noted some issues with Pep Pizza. Staff to check they adhere to permit conditions.

Discussed Policy with no additional changes recommended.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Noted that Councillors have a code of conduct which includes bullying regulation.

Action: Cr Wriedt to double-check with GM.

Accessibility checklist for public toilet facilities

Action: Anthony to prepare a basic checklist for public amenity facilities or provide a copy of any existing to committee for review.

Anti-Discrimination meeting 23 June

David Vickery will be meeting with the Commissioner. David could speak to the Attorney General about the Maxi Taxi issue.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 10 August 2022 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.17pm.