

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2023-2

Monday 24 April 2023

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Monday 24 April 2023 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox		X
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen		X
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan		X
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen		X
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Scott Basham (Manager Legal & Property)	✓	
	David Reeve (Director Engineering Services)	✓	

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: David Vickery

SECONDED: Bob Schnierer

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 February 2023 as circulated, be confirmed. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- 1. Dog Management Policy** - Scott Basham (Manager Legal & Property) presented information on the general status of dog management in the municipality and on the stakeholder engagement process being undertaken to update the current policy which has been in effect for 5 years.

Committee members were invited to provide input regarding personal experiences and suggestions for consideration within the policy. Discussion took place in relation to extendable leads and the potential hazard they can pose to other walkers, particularly those who may be unsteady on their feet. Scott recommended that education rather than legislation would be the preferred method for changing behaviour in relation to considering the safety of other walkers.

It was noted that the Dog Management Policy aims to be equitable with the understanding that not all people are interested in dogs.

Classifications of assistance dogs were outlined. Council's registration process provides for three classifications: Guide; Assistance and Therapy dogs. All are exempt of registration fees.

Wheelchair users within the committee were asked if they had encountered any unique problems in relation to dog management. A concern was raised about the height of the hippocampe beach wheelchair in use at Kingston Beach. It was noted that the eye level of users is level with dogs and could pose a threat if the dog beach were to be extended. Scott informed the group that there is no proposal to extend the dog beach.

Any further input to the policy update was invited to be sent through via email.

Scott Basham left the meeting at 2.35pm.

- 2. Footpath Provision & Maintenance Policy** – David Reeve (Director Engineering Services) requested input for consideration in the update of the Footpath Provision and Maintenance Policy with the aim of reinforcing safety and accessible paths of travel.

Overhanging vegetation, paths blocked by parked vehicles, nature strip mismanagement and failure to collect empty wheelie bins promptly were listed as issues of concern. It was suggested that residents be reminded of their responsibilities in relation to nature strip maintenance and correct parking in order to allow for easy access by footpath users.

Suggestions for inclusion in social and print media will be forwarded to Council's Communications staff. It was noted that Council has produced a 'Keeping Our Footpaths Clear' brochure which can be letterboxed to those who are not complying with their obligations.

The discontinuation of the footpath on Diamond Drive was raised as an issue of potential concern. Pedestrians are required to cross the road, sometimes walking

into traffic and posing a risk to themselves and motorists. David agreed to check with staff regarding any plans for footpath extension work in the area.

David Reeve left the meeting at 2.50pm.

3. 2023/2024 Draft Budget – Capital works bids

- A bid for \$16,000 has been submitted for the 2023-24 budget plus an annual operational donation to the KBSLSC for managing the matting.

4. Ongoing Action Plan – updates were provided where possible. Further information to be provided via email to committee members.

5. Traffic Light Pedestrian Intervals – a request is to be made to the Transform Kingston team for installation of pedestrian countdown timers (as pictured) to be installed at the traffic light/pedestrian crossing adjacent to Banjo's Bakery.



6. Neurodiversity Sub-Committee Report - The sub-committee met with Council's Chief Information Officer and Customer Service Coordinator to discuss procedures which might be put into place for customer service staff to better understand non-verbal cues and be able to respond to different needs.

The sub-committee was able to inform staff of the National Assistance Card, a personalised card to assist people with disability and health conditions.

It was reported that a meeting had also taken place with Council's Manager People and Safety to better understand the systems that are in place for neurodiverse staff members. Notes from the sub-committee meeting are attached.

The sub-committee presented a 'Draft Diversity and Inclusion Statement' which was then endorsed by all Committee members present. The aim being, that the document be considered for inclusion in the Council staff induction process and on the Council website.

MOTION

That:

The recommendations from the DIAAC Sub-Committee report (included as attachment to the minutes), be considered for endorsement by Council.

MOVED: Don Hempton

SECONDED: Di Carter

Julie to prepare a report for Council.

- 7. Making Your Business Accessible Booklet** – suggestions for wording changes were provided by David Vickery to be forwarded to Department of Premier and Cabinet for consideration when updating the booklet. Julie to follow up.

8. Correspondence

Inward: Minister Ferguson - response regarding legal responsibilities of taxi operators

David Reeve – response to query about work at Burwood Drive

OTHER BUSINESS

- 9. Regulatory Impact Statement Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Regulations** – public comment is invited by the Department of State Growth on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations. Julie to draft comments drawn from previous correspondence and media, by the closing date of Tuesday 16 May.

- 10. Inadequate Access** - Cr Wriedt to write to the appropriate contacts and comment on:

- lack of stage access at the Tasmanian Women's Honour Role function hosted by the State Government at the Launceston Country Club;
- the national Cystic Fibrosis event hosted at an Adelaide hotel where the entrance to the accessible toilet was blocked by restaurant furniture.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14 June 2023 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.40pm.