

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2023-3

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 14 June 2023 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen	✓	
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Renai Clark (Senior Roads Engineer)	✓	
	Khum Sharma (Civil Engineer)	✓	

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

Cr Flora Fox (Deputy Chair of the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee) chaired the meeting due to a delay experienced by Cr. Paula Wriedt (Chair).

MOVED: Don Hempton

SECONDED: Fran Thompson

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 April 2023 as circulated, be confirmed. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- 1. Kingston Beach Streetscape Upgrade** – Renai Clark (Senior Roads Engineer) and Khum Sharma (Civil Engineer) provided an overview of works planned for Beach Road and Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach.

Information on the research and consultation methods undertaken to fully understand road usage and problem areas was provided.

Details of road treatments and traffic slowing measures was provided, along with the inclusion of safer crossing points. It was explained that the aim of the upgrade is to change driver habits, ensure slower speeds, and raise driver awareness of other road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

Other traffic slowing measures such as permanent and mobile speed cameras were discussed. It was noted that these measures are not the function of Council but are a Department of State Growth responsibility and that overall traffic volumes are too low to warrant a presence on Beach Road.

Discussion took place in relation to poor visibility at the junction of Recreation Avenue and Beach Road and the danger this poses to pedestrians. Council has requested that foliage be reduced to improve conditions but does not have the authority to remove the foliage.

Cr. Wriedt entered the meeting at 2.35pm.

A question was raised regarding the potential for larger traffic volumes given the growing population of the area. It was noted that there are no firm projections for increase due to most of the traffic being local to Kingston Beach and/or through traffic to Blackmans Bay; both of these areas are not experiencing increased development.

Cr Paula Wriedt noted that a meeting is scheduled between herself and newly appointed Inspector Colin Riley at Kingston Police Station where speeding issues will be discussed.

Renai Clark and Khum Sharma left the meeting at 2.40pm

2. Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The Diversity and Inclusion Statement prepared by the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Subcommittee and supported unanimously by the full Committee was endorsed at the 5 June 2023 meeting of Council.

To further encourage the use of the statement it was requested that Cr. Wriedt take the statement to other southern mayors to suggest adopting the same or a similar statement. Cr. Wriedt agreed to the proposal.

Further to this, it was suggested that it be recommended that the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) adopt the statement to demonstrate public support for diversity and inclusion.

The following motions were put forward:

- 1) That consideration be given to placing the Diversity and Inclusion Statement adopted by Council at the 5 June 2023 meeting on the LGAT agenda for a future general meeting, requesting that all Council's adopt a similar statement.

MOVED: Anne Rathjen

SECONDED: Don Hempton

CARRIED

- 2) That Council consider including the statement in a prominent position at the entrance to the Civic Centre.

MOVED: Fran Thompson

SECONDED: Bob Schnierer

CARRIED

3. Beach Matting

The 2023/2024 budget request for beach matting was approved along with a donation to the Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club. The donation will cover costs associated with the management of the matting over the summer season. Promotion of the new amenity will follow.

4. Countdown Pedestrian Timers

The Committee was provided with concept designs for pedestrian crossing surface treatments and pedestrian crossing lights. Safety concerns were discussed, particularly the potential for children to be distracted by surface artwork. It was noted that the surface designs had been used in various locations without incident.

The Committee agreed that countdown timers would be preferable to the seagull design if the two could not be used side by side.

Julie to forward DIAAC preference to Transform Kingston staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minister's Consultancy Group

DIAAC members Anne Rathjen and Heather Anderson have both been appointed to the Minister's Disability Consultancy Group. Congratulations were extended.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9 August 2023 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm.