

Accessibility for All Forum Minutes

Monday 10 June 2024 – 10.00 am

**Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond**

Present: Chair Campbell Rollo (Nelson City Council), Councillor Glen Daikee (Tasman District Council), Paul Shattock (Manager - Community Engagement, Nelson City Council), Brett Husband (Public Transport Operations Supervisor, Nelson City Council), Elizabeth Perrone (CCS Disability Action), Lynda Scott (Living with Disability, CCS Disability Action), Kaye Halkett (Blind and Low Vision), Mike Stevens (Blind Citizens), Karen Wilson (Blind Citizens), Rodger Curry (Blind Low Vision NZ), Nic Gausel (Public Health), Kate Malcom (NELSUST), Maureen Keogan (Grey Power), Elizabeth Dooley (Living Streets Aotearoa Inc.), Chelsea Scanes (Nelson City Council), Melanie Ellis (Tasman District Council), Alan Grey (Boffa Miskell), Jeanette Ward (Abley - Bridge Street Project Team), Gina Persico (Nelson City Council)

Apologies: Jane Murray, Sally Mottram, Pam Coltman, Jamie McPherson, Nic Brydon, David Kemp, Amy Shattock, Marg Parfitt, Dwayne Fletcher

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves and the organisation they represent.

The Chair moved that the apologies listed above be accepted.

Seconded Maureen Keogan

CARRIED

2. Councillors Update – Chair and Tasman District Councillor Glen Daikee

Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and other projects

The Chair noted that there were approximately 1,500 submissions to the Nelson City Council's long term plan and it was a positive process. There was a good push from the community that accessibility is at the forefront of the agenda. Specifically in year 2 of the Long Term Plan - July 2025, they will create an Accessibility Strategy and auditing for all their community based facilities.

Current policies under review include the outdoor dining and sandwich board policy with submissions opening today. The forum may wish to submit on this, either at a , link here: [Commercial Occupation Policy | Proposal: Commercial Occupation Policy, fees, Urban Environments Bylaw | Shape Nelson.](#)

Councillor Daikee noted that Tasman District Council has also completed the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 process and received over one thousand submissions. The draft Public Places bylaw will go out soon, please see link here [Public Places Bylaw | Shape Tasman.](#) The Blind Citizens helped with this which is great, thank you for your efforts. \$1.5 million has been agreed between our two councils for an accessible playground for Saxton. This area will include BBQ's and an accessible toilet. See Attachment 1 for images of some playground examples for playground options being considered.

3. **Bridge to Better Project Nelson City – Update from Paul Shattock – Manager – Community Engagement, Nelson City Council**

Mr Shattock explained the background to this project which includes new infrastructure and a new sewer pump treatment plant for Nelson. This is to increase housing capacity in the central city – ie below-the-ground pipes. This is the largest capital project since water treatment in the early 2000s. It's a \$70 million project which includes \$30 million from Central Government.

Alan Grey (Boffa Miskell), Jeanette Ward (Abley - Bridge Street Project Team) spoke to their presentation which included questions for the forum and images of the Bridge Street plans – see Attachment 2. They asked for feedback from the group on accessible parking locations, parking design, walking along the street clearways and types of pedestrian crossings.

Responses included:

- Need the parks on Bridge Street as six parks are lost to the market on Saturdays and access is quite difficult.
- Wheelchair spaces need to accommodate opening the door fully and some vehicles are longer for platforms at the back.
- Absolutely need the sandwich boards to be on the curb side of the footpath (not the building side) as in Richmond.
- Agreed that the accessible parks be placed outside Age Concern and near Noel Leeming.
- Speed limit of 30km/hour to be retained.
- In consideration of leaf fall, trees will be retained and any new trees will include deciduous trees and low maintenance plants.
- Karen and Rodger agreed to work with the Project Team throughout this project
- [Blind Low Vision NZ - Accessibility Guidelines](#)

4. **Accessible Public Toilets - Kate Malcolm - Nelson Strategy Transport Group**

Kate Malcolm tabled a document – see Attachment 3.

Feedback from the group included:

- Nelson is well-provided with public toilets however, toilets are marked on the toilet building but there is no signage on how to get to the toilets, so they are hard to find.
- Need hooks behind the door to hang canes on.
- Karen - Accessible toilets currently not well designed, towels and too far from the sink
- Consider wheelchair users - door latches are often too high, paper towels too high etc
- Preference to not install the fully automatic toilets – very hard to find the flush button on the wall.
- In general, women's toilets are very narrow with the sanitary bin as well.
- Baby change tables that don't fold away are a hindrance.
- There should be latches behind the door to hold it open, hooks behind doors for canes, shelves for essential equipment not included.

Action: Chair will provide feedback at the next meeting.

5. Terms of Reference Review - Chair

The Chair suggested a new name for the forum: Regional Accessibility Forum (RAF)

Moved Kate /Seconded Maureen Keogan

CARRIED

Changes to the Terms of Reference are to be drafted as follows:

- Meeting frequency to stay the same however, subcommittees can be formed from within the forum as needed.
- Meeting length of two hours and to meet four times per year.
- Forum – edit the role of the forum as follows: the role is one of advocating for accessibility and inclusion within local government and the wider community, at an operational, project and planning level.
- Chair term – to change length of term to coincide with the Council triennium.
- The chair can be an elected official or any member of the forum.
- Meeting venue must be accessible.

M Ellis will draft up the changes to be approved at the next meeting.

It was also noted that if a member submits an apology, they can be provided with a Zoom link via email so they can join the meeting online, however, meetings will not be recorded for viewing at a later date.

6. General Business

- **Brett Husband – Public Transport Operations Supervisor, Nelson City Council**

- Marg Parfitt is leaving Nelson City Council at the end of July.
- Government subsidy was removed for the Bee Card fees.
- Bus timetable has proven to be too tight with not enough time to get through. Some quick fixes – but some significant costs for others, so they are looking to see what they can do to solve this.
- Installing a new audio system – for announcing bus arrivals etc.
- Bus trial is due for review now, so looking at all the feedback. Regional Transport Committee.
- Kate – Review starting beginning August after 1 year of the service. Feedback received through Shape Nelson and Customer Services. Please provide more feedback at the next A4A meeting.

Action: Brett Husband to update the forum at the next meeting.

- **Lynda Scott – Dangerous footpath**

Gladstone Road – there is a depression which is dangerous for anyone on a mobility scooter or in a wheelchair that needs to be filled.

Action: Councillor Glen will follow-up

- **Kaye Halkett – Pedestrian Crossings in Berryfields**

There needs to be some crossings around the bus stops to link them. There will be a school in the future. Some of the tactile surface tiles have been laid incorrectly.

Action: Bill Rice will liaise with Kaye Halkett.

The next A4A Forum is 26 August and the last one for the year is 25 November 2024.

Meeting closed at 11:54 am