

# Minutes

## A4A Forum Accessibility for All

**Friday 14 August 2015 – 10.00am**  
**Wangapeka-Heaphy Room, Tasman District Council**

### Present

Cr Judene Edgar (Chair), Sarah Downs, Bettina Koessler, Peter Thomson, Rose Biss, Dugald Ley (Tasman District Council), Cr Eric Davy (Nelson City Council), Brian Say, Mike Stevens, Kaye Halkett, Gill Clayton (Association of Blind Citizens – Nelson Branch), Ruby Aberhart (Independent), Simon Horrocks (Independent), Annette Nistor (Independent) Gail Collingwood (Nelson/Tasman Positive Aging), John Harwood (Hearing Association).

### Apologies

Krista Hobday, Chris Allison, Colleen Plank, Marg Parfitt.

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#### 1. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 15 May 2015

MOVED Brian Say  
SECONDED Mike Stevens  
**CARRIED**

#### 2. Matters Arising – Action List

- a. Sarah has contacted Suzanne Wesley (TDC) and Cam Fraei (NCC) in relation to a list of organisations that have wheelchairs available for public use. Cam Fraei from Nelson City Council has confirmed that they do not hold any records of this. Sarah to collate this information. Gill asked if this could be forwarded onto Citizens Advice once completed.
- b. Judene has provided a link ([www.osc.govt.nz](http://www.osc.govt.nz)) to all Councilors so they can access an online copy of the NZ Positive Aging Report 2014.
- c. Sarah has passed concerns regarding the Richmond Library stairs onto the Council's property team for action. Brian advised that the issue is yet to be rectified and suggested that the stairs required a reflective strip. Sarah to follow up with the property team.

#### 3. Correspondence

The A4A was invited to attend the Active Transport Workshops being run by Nelson City Council. Sarah, John and Brian attended these meetings, and will provide a brief overview during this meeting.

#### 4. Review of Engineering Standards

Dugald Ley, a Development Engineer from the Tasman District Council gave an overview of the Engineering Standards Review. He advised that the standards are reviewed every three years and then go out to key stakeholders for feedback. It has been suggested that the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council better align their standards. Dugald advised that the two Council's are currently going through a process of aligning the standards between the two Council's.

There are twelve sections in the standards, of which Dugald suggested that, Chapter 6 - Rooding Network would be of most relevance to the A4A group. It is hoped that the draft document will be completed in December 2015 and be available for feedback from stakeholders in early 2016. The standards can be accessed on the Council's website at the following link: <http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/standards/engineering-standards-policies/>

It was suggested that this link be passed along to Mike Tasman Jones to share with the Positive Aging group at their next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

Members of the forum were encouraged to contact Dugald with any questions or ideas relating to the review. Judene advised that feedback should be sent to Bettina to collate and pass onto Dugald collectively. John, Simon and Ruby to meet with Dugald to discuss the main issues.

## **5. Sandwich Boards**

Rose Biss, a Policy Planner from Tasman District Council attended the meeting to discuss the Tasman District Council's stance on sandwich boards. It was noted that a letter sent to Kaye Halkett in relation to the sandwich board bylaw was incorrect in that the Tasman District Council does not have a current bylaw. It was noted that the current policy permits one board per premises which must be flexible and adhere to certain size limits. Rose suggested that any issues should be phoned through to the Council so that they could be followed up on by the compliance staff.

The policy is currently up for review and it is suggested that it be taken out of the Tasman Resource Management Plan and separated out into its own bylaw.

## **6. Tasman District Council Updates**

### **a. Public Transport Plan**

Sarah advised that the report on the public transport plan will be presented at the upcoming Council meeting on Thursday 21 September. It was noted that the Tasman District Council only makes a financial contribution to this Plan, Nelson City Council oversees the contract. Sarah invited forum members to contact her before the end of the week ending 28 August if they would like to see the draft version of the plan.

### **b. Speed Limit Bylaw Review**

The first opportunity for the public to give their feedback resulted in 160 requests for changes in speed limits around the Tasman District. A workshop has been organised with the councillors to discuss the changes. Following the workshop, the changes will be made available for public feedback, between 14 September and 15 October 2015. The process should be complete by April 2016.

### **c. Town Centre Upgrade**

Sarah advised that the vision document for the Richmond town centre will be going to a Council workshop being held on 10 September 2015. It was noted that public consultation will be sought as part of this process and it is hoped that the works will commence mid 2016. Sarah is hoping to provide the A4A forum with a copy of the above ground plans for the new town centre at the next A4A forum meeting in November.

## **7. Nelson City Council Updates**

Cr Davy provided the update in Margs absence.

### **a. Trafinz Award**

It was noted that the Nelson City Council has recently won the national Trafinz award for its efforts in improving safety around getting to and from school. The Nelson City Council's road maintenance contractor, Downer has also recently won an award in its category at the National Civil Contractors NZ Awards for 'excellence in routine maintenance.'

### **b. Trafalgar Centre**

The Council has begun works to reopen the Trafalgar Centre. The design phase will begin next week and they are looking to have the centre opened by March 2016.

### **c. Shared Paths**

Nelson City Council has received funding from the government for the shared walking/cycling path in the Maitai area as well as a shared path to be constructed connecting Tahunanui to Rocks Road.

### **d. NBus Funding**

The funding for extending the NBus service has been confirmed.

## **8. Active Transport Workshop Feedback**

John Harwood attended the workshop which focused on active recreation. He advised that most people at the workshop were in favor of separate paths as opposed to shared paths.

Sarah Downs attended the workshop which focused on active transport and noted that it was good to see cyclists and pedestrians working together to find solutions. She congratulated the Nelson City Council staff involved in the organising and running of the workshop. She found the workshop to be very useful and well constructed.

## **9. General Business**

Nil

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed for Friday 13 November 2015.

**Meeting closed:** 12:10pm

## Action List

Action	Who	When
Accessibility Parking in Trafalger Street - Marg to discuss in more detail with Donna, Simon and CCS Disability Action.	Marg Parfitt	Next meeting
Accessibility Parking Cards – Donna to contact CCS Disability Action to ascertain how many people in the Nelson/Tasman region have one of these cards.	Donna Smith	Next meeting
List of Wheelchairs available for public use – Sarah to collate information and put together a list of wheelchairs available for public use.	Sarah Downs	Ongoing, likely 2016
Richmond Library Steps – the stairs require a further reflective strip to be added. Sarah to forward onto the Councils property team.	Sarah Downs	ASAP
Review of Engineering Standards – any feedback, ideas, suggestions to be sent to Bettina to collate and pass onto Dugald Ley.	All A4A members	Before Next meeting
Copy of link to standards to be sent to Mike Tasman Jones to forward onto Positive Aging Forum	Bettina Koessler	Before 21 September 2015