

A4A Forum Accessibility for All

Friday 23 May 2014 – 10.00am
Council Chambers, Tasman District Council

Present

Cr Judene Edgar (Chair), Sarah Downs, Bettina Koessler, (Tasman District Council), John Harwood (Hearing Association) Mike Stevens, Brian Say, Kaye Halkett, Gill Clayton (Association of Blind Citizens), Ruby Aberhart (Independent), Donna Smith (Independent), Marg Parfitt, Cr Eric Davy (Nelson City Council)

Apologies

Krista Hobday, Trevor Norriss, Marion Edwin, Wendy Wadsworth, Simon Horrocks, Gail Collingwood

1. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 21 February 2014

MOVED Brian Say
SECONDED John Harwood
CARRIED

2. Matters Arising – Action List

- a. 111 Txtng Service - information has been distributed and Sarah has asked for Council's communications staff to add this information to relevant Council publications (Council website). Judene has asked that Sarah contact Chris Choat to share the information with the NCC counterpart, so information can also be added to their publications.
- b. Request for better signage in Mapua – Sarah has spoken with Council's Reserves & Facilities Manager, Beryl Wilkes. Beryl is going to look into the situation.
- c. Subsidised Nbus Rates – Brian advised this will be ongoing and will be quite a lengthy process. Cr Davy advised that Nelson City Council are about to undertake a complete review of the bus service in Nelson. Cr Davy's suggests writing an email or letter addressed to himself, outlining the concerns, and he will raise these at the upcoming Regional Transport Committee Meeting to be held on the 6th of June 2014. Judene will email Cr Davy with comments.

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Bouquet – Total Mobility Submission

Sarah, on behalf of A4A, expressed her thanks to Brian Say for his very detailed and thorough submission to the Draft Annual Plan for both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council on Total Mobility.

5. NCC Stoke Survey

Sarah advised the group of a survey being administered by Nelson City Council, which is currently available for the general public to take part in with regards to the Stoke area i.e.

what is happening now and future developments. Cr Davy added the NCC are looking to do a complete review of the Stoke area, where it is heading as a community. A link to the survey has been shared with A4A via an email which was forwarded by Sarah on 09 May 2014.

The survey runs from Wednesday 7 May 2014 to Wednesday 28 May 2014

6. Making a Difference Fund

Notification of this was sent via an email to A4A on Monday 19 May 2014 by Sarah. This was basically just to get the word out there.

For more information visit <http://thinkdifferently.org.nz/getting-funded>

7. Preparing a Plan for an Aging Population in the Nelson Region – Forum Outcomes

This was a forum which was organised by Greypower which Judene attended on Tuesday 6 May 2014.

The discussion topic was regarding a regional plan that encompassed everything to do with an aging population.

This forum led Judene to read the Tauranga Age Friendly City Strategy which is a report put together by the Tauranga City Council. The purpose of the report was to ensure that the city is as age-friendly as possible. The report includes goals, actions and a timeframe which Judene thought was excellent, and it would be good to see other Councils adopt such ideas.

Judene will further investigate the findings of the report.

8. No Car? No Problem!

Ruby presented a pamphlet which has been put together by the Office for Senior Citizens called 'No Car? No Problem'. This pamphlet was created in close collaboration with NZTA and contains some excellent information on how to get around the community which is not just aimed at the aged or those living with a disability, but also for the population in general.

9. Three Brothers Corner – Update

Judene presented a plan of a proposed stock effluent disposal site at the last meeting. Feedback received by the A4A members at that meeting was taken back to the Regional Transport Committee to consider. NZTA were very open to the feedback received. Judene was unsure of the timeframe for the project going forward.

Cr Davy added that this project has actually been put on hold to work through the issue of land purchase. Update to be provided at next meeting.

10. Nelson City Council Update

Marg provided the group with an update from Nelson City Council.

a. Parking Engagement

This has now been completed.

b. Rocks Road Project – Update

This is in investigation stage with OPUS as the consultant. s. Two councilor workshops have been held to discuss the project. Marg will provide a further update once Council has decided on the next step with regard to public engagement.

c. Total Mobility

Brian Say's submission highlighted some shortcomings in the administration of the current scheme and identified that Councils need to do more work on identifying and monitoring of use patterns. The scheme is primarily administered by NCC but it was suggested that A4A write to TDC to see who the key staff contact is within Tasman. Sarah suggested the Transportation Department would be where it would most likely sit. Judene would write the letter.

d. Planning a Council Workshop from CCS Disability Action Group

The workshop run by Tasman District Council last year was excellent. Marg would like to organise something similar for this year.

Marg has a budget and people keen to do it, but has been unsuccessful in her attempts to get in touch with CCS Disability to get a workshop organised. Donna will contact Ruth Tisdale at CCS Disability Action Group to see whether they are able to facilitate a workshop in Nelson.

Once Marg has received a proposal for a workshop and timeline, she will advise the A4A forum.

11. General Business

a. A Productive Aging Workforce – Are We Ready?

This is a workshop to be held on Thursday 04 September 2014. Organisers are endeavoring for this to be a useful local event to help prepare us for our inevitably very grey workforce. Keynote speakers include Phil O'Reilly from Business NZ, and Prof Tim Bentley from the NZ Work Research Institute (AUT), and a number of local speakers.

Marion Edwin will distribute more information directly to the A4A group via email as it comes to hand.

b. Disability Access Review

The Disability Access review is a joint undertaking between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the Office for Disability Issues (ODI). The review will look at whether the current building regulatory system meets the needs of people with disabilities.

The review aims to gain a better understanding of how building access requirements are being implemented in new and older buildings and the extent to which the requirements provide for access to buildings for people with disabilities.

Recommendations from the review are due mid 2014.

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.dbh.govt.nz/disability-access-review-terms-of-reference>

c. Feedback for Speed Limit Bylaw

This relates to an email which Krista Hobday sent out to the A4A forum earlier in the month. It invites those living in Tasman communities to send feedback on any of the speed limits covered by the Speed Limit Bylaw. This feedback is the first part of the community engagement process for a full Speed Limit Bylaw review later in the year.

Feedback can include suggestions of where you feel the current speed limits should be reviewed because they are either too high or too low.

Responses need to be sent to Council by 30 May 2014.

d. Age to Be Expo

Mike commented on his appreciation for the Age to Be Expo as an excellent forum providing awareness for positive aging out in the community.

e. Tactile Pavers

Kaye thanked the Tasman District Council for installing tactile pavers at the new roundabout by Kmart in Richmond. Sarah would pass this on to the appropriate staff member.

Marg cautioned that these pavers are not exactly installed at the safest place to cross a road, but are placed to indicate pedestrians are entering a hazard. She has received this information from Carina Duke from the Foundation of the Blind.

Judene to do some further research into these and provide an update at the next A4A meeting.

f. Accessible Voting

Brian Say provided an update on accessible voting, which has been discussed at previous meetings. The electoral office are looking to provide telephone voting at this year's election. John added that information is yet to be provided from the electoral office regarding voting options for those living with a hearing impairment.

g. Traffic Signal Pedestrian Crossings

Sarah shared information on a new initiative which is currently being worked on in the Invercargill District Council for pedestrian crossings at traffic lights. The initiative is investigating a new system for the pedestrian signals which will see the light for pedestrians staying green for longer, giving them more time to cross an intersection. This will be especially useful for the aged or disabled population as they will be allowed a greater length of time to cross busy signalized intersections.

h. Richmond Mall

Kaye asked for an update as to the outcomes of the tour of the mall. Sarah to contact Belinda, to follow-up with the changes.

12. Protected Intersections – Video Presentation

A video was presented showing ideas for a way to construct better intersections that provide more protection for bike riders. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<http://99percentinvisible.tumblr.com/post/78782918451/if-we-had-dutch-style-intersections-wed-ride-our>

Marg asked for the link to be sent to her so that she can share the video with her team at Nelson City Council to consider.

Meeting closed: 12:05pm

Next meeting: 08 August 2014

Action List

Action	Who	Timing
111 Txting Service information – Sarah to ask Chris Choat to share information with Nelson City Council counterpart	Sarah Downs	ASAP
Better Signage in Mapua – Sarah to discuss with Council's Reserves & Facilities Manager, Beryl Wilkes	Sarah Downs	DONE
Subsidised Nbus Rates – Judene to email Cr Davy regarding subsidized rates for the Nbus service, so information can be passed onto RTC meeting to be held on 6 th June 2014	Judene Edgar	ASAP
Tauranga Age Friendly City Strategy – Judene to further investigate the findings of the report and perhaps how it could benefit the Tasman region.	Judene Edgar	ASAP
Three Brothers Corner Stock Effluent Site – update to be provided at next meeting.	Cr Eric Davy	Next Meeting
Rocks Road Project – Marg to provide an update following the Councilor workshops	Marg Parfitt	Next Meeting
CCS Workshop – Donna to contact Ruth Tisdale at CCS Disability Action Group to ascertain whether they would be able to facilitate a workshop in Nelson.	Donna Smith	ASAP
Keep A4A informed of the progress of the proposed Council Workshop to be run by CCS Disability Action Group.	Marg Parfitt	Next Meeting
Tactile Pavers – do some further research into their use and provide A4A members with an update at the next meeting.	Judene Edgar	Next Meeting
Richmond Mall Tour – update as to how the mall is getting on with the changes following the walk of the mall with Belinda.	Sarah Downs	Next Meeting
Protected Intersections Video – link to the video to be sent to Marg to share with her team at Nelson City Council.	Bettina Koessler	DONE
Total Mobility – Judene to write letter to Tasman District Council asking who the key contact person for the scheme is from TDC.	Judene Edgar	ASAP