

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2024-2

Wednesday 10 April 2024



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Wade		✓
	David McQuillan		✓
	Heather Anderson		✓
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Laura Della Pasqua	✓	
	Kevin Clayton	✓	
	Dr Christine Materia	✓	
	Mary Cook		✓
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Scott Basham (Manager Legal and Property)	✓	
	Jean-Paul Ibbott (Facility Management Officer)	✓	
	Vanessa Weldon (Community Engagement Officer)	✓	
Guests	Mary Mallett Interim Disability Commissioner	✓	
	Alaric Hellawell (REALM studios)	✓	

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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Two sets of minutes were confirmed.

MOVED: Di Carter
SECONDED: David Vickery

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on October 11 2023 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

MOVED: Fran Thompson
SECONDED: Don Hempton

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on February 14 2024 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Interim Disability Commissioner

Mary Mallet, Tasmania's Interim Disability Commissioner provided an overview of the role of the Commissioner and the Disability Inclusion Bill. The Commissioner will be an independent person noting that there is a clear intention. The Disability Inclusion Bill provides a framework for the funding and regulation of programs for the benefit of people with disability, and their families and carers.

It was noted that whilst the framework is for a whole-of-government approach to accountability and transparency in relation to disability inclusion, the current bill does not cover local government/councils.

It was agreed that when the Bill is tabled, Cr Wriedt will write to the appropriate office to encourage the inclusion of local councils in the Bill.

Margate Master Plan

Alaric Hellowell from REALM studios provided an overview of the Margate Master Plan including planned improvements to the bus stop/shelter, improved amenity on the main street including tree plantings and the development of a pocket park. Improvements to signage and wayfinding paths and links are planned, as well as the inclusion of a unique design themes linking to the industries present in the local area.

Feedback was invited from the Committee.

The following concerns were raised:

Issues	Response
Pedestrian safety	Inclusion of several pedestrian refuges, inclusion of traffic calming streetscaping, Traffic lights may be an option at busy intersections.
Lack of flat paths for those with mobility aids or walking difficulties	No ability to create flatter pathways due to the topography of the township.
Difficulties associated with entry/exit to and from the roundabout and the BP service station.	The issue has been noted via community consultation, however, there is no immediate fix.

Mr Hellowell left the meeting at 3.05pm

Civic Centre Customer Service Area Refurbishment

Draft drawings of the proposed internal development of the Civic Centre were shared with the group. It was pointed out that the area, while the main location for public interactions with Council, is equally a place of work and must comply with relevant work safety regulations.

Discussion took place and the following suggestions were put forward for consideration in relation to accessibility and amenity:

- Ensure seating includes arm rests
- Consider positioning one seat facing staff and one seat facing the noticeboard/JP office
- Consider location of the lower desk to ensure thoroughfare is kept as clear as possible
- Consider entire service desk be at seating height
- Consider plants/ contrasting and welcoming colours
- Consider repositioning of desk islands to be perpendicular to the service counter
- Consider dimensions of motorised wheelchairs in final height of the service desk

The Committee was thanked for their suggestions.

Scott Basham and Jean-Paul Ibbott left the meeting at 3.25 pm.

Snug Beach Foreshore

'Priority Parking' signage is to be installed at the north-eastern end of the beach to ensure people who are unable to alight from their vehicles are able to enjoy the view from a seated position,. Currently there is a view over the water and plantings will be adapted to ensure the view remains in the longer term.

Sample 'Priority Parking' sign provided.



Coningham Accessible Parking Bay

Assessments are being carried out to determine if the parking area adjacent to the Coningham toilet block provides the required gradient and dimensions for a compliant accessible parking bay.

Personal Mobility Devices

Currently there is lack of clarity in the law relating to the use of mobility devices. The responsibility appears to require Council to specify/approve which roads PMD's can be used on. A question is to be asked of Tasmania Police to clarify where legal responsibility lies.

Subminimum Wages

Correspondence was received seeking support for changes to regulations which allow for sub-minimum wages to be paid to people with disability, particularly when employed in a 'Disability Enterprise'.

Discussion took place regarding whether it is appropriate for the Committee to support the campaign.

It was also suggested that individuals had the option to sign the petition independently and not as a group.

The proposal was put to a vote and the Committee voted six (6) in favour and two (2) against Mayor Cr. Wriedt will write in support of the campaign on behalf of the Committee.

Cr. Wriedt to follow up.

OTHER BUSINESS

International Women's Day

Mayor Cr Paula Wriedt reported that her presentation at the International Women's Day event hosted by the Kingborough and Huon Enterprise Centre on 6 March was a success. The theme was 'Inspire Inclusion' and attention was able to be brought to disability and inclusion.

Draft Access Plan

The draft updated plan is to be circulated to the group.

Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy

A major campaign will be running from 3 – 9 June 2024. The 'Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy' campaign will be raising funds and awareness to support people with MD. The Kingborough Community Hub, the Tasman Bridge and Wrest Point Casino will be lit orange for the week in recognition of the campaign.

65 Roses Day

Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania will be conducting the 65 Roses Day in May 2024 to raise community awareness and undertake fundraising activities in addition to the City to Casino major charity fun run/walk.

Wells Parade Footpath

A question was asked as to whether an insurer would pay if a pedestrian fell on the Wells Parade footpath as it is on steep sideways incline.

The Mayor provided feedback indicating that if the footpath meets standards that were applicable at the time of installation then there would be no need for an insurer to be involved. It was further noted that if Council is made aware of a particular danger and had not attempted to rectify or alter conditions to maintain safety, there may be a level of liability.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming – Minimum wage petition.

Outgoing – Request for update on Wheelchair Accessible Taxi reforms.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 June 2024 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.