



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 16 December 2014

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird Manly Council

Other Representatives

Ms Elizabeth Graham	Manly Wesley Heights Aged Care
Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer
Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 16 December 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 2.05 pm	
ITEM 1	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Ms Beverley Mathieson and Ms Verity Shervington	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 October 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2014 were confirmed.	
ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report December 2014 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.	

4.1	Accessible Beach Ramp Following on from the last meeting, the Committee discussed again the provision of an accessible beach ramp. It was suggested to include the idea into the Council's open space management plans, e.g., coastal management plans/ parks & reserves master plans, etc. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council explores the possibility for provision of accessible facilities, such as disability access beach ramp, in the currently developed Marine Parade Master Plan and other plans as appropriate.	ACTION
4.2	Accessibility on North Head Mr Daniel Sealey, Senior Planner from the Sydney Harbour Trust has agreed for a site meeting at North Fort Café. CDO to arrange a time in February 2015. Recommendation That this information be received and noted.	CDO
4.3	Accessible Parking in the proposed redevelopment Manly 2015 The Committee has requested clarification where the 16 accessible car spaces currently provided at Whistler Street car park (6 spaces) and forecourt (10 spaces) will be relocated or compensated for. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the accessible spaces at the Whistler St Car Park & forecourt remain on site under the new development and/or be compensated for in the Wentworth Street Car Park/ Pacific Waves Car Park.	Exec Mgr Major Projects
4.4	Accessible Taxi Rank at Stockland Shopping Centre, Balgowlah Following previous discussion Council has written to Stockland Village Centre Management to consider converting one of the accessible parking bays near the car park internal entry for accessible taxi drop off/ pick up zone. Advice from DA team indicates that this would require a DA and loss of 2 car spaces to be converted to drive-through Taxi rank. In view that there is poor mobile phone coverage in the car park, the Committee discussed the possibility Council to implement instead a 5 min Taxi Drop Off/ Pick Up zone on Totem Lane in front of the accessible space that is already provided there. Recommendation That this information be received and noted.	CDO/ Manager Traffic
4.5	Access to Centrelink/ Medicare Office, Brookvale Following previous discussion, Council has written to Warringah Council and suggested upgrading of the kerb ramps to improve accessibility to Centrelink/Medicare offices. A response received that that two kerb ramps will be included in Warringah Council 2015 Footpaths Works schedule. The ramps at the traffic lights on Pittwater Road are a responsibility of RMS.	CDO

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

- 1) Council writes to Warringah Council again and suggests that upgrading all kerb ramps connecting the Centrelink/ Medicare office with nearby car park and public transport stops is a high priority and needs to be addressed urgently.
- 2) Council writes to the Hon. Mike Baird, MP and the Prime Minister Hon. Tony Abbott expressing concern and highlighting the need for improved access for people with disability to the Northern Beaches Centrelink & Medicare Office, Brookvale. In particular, reviewing and addressing the availability of accessible parking, public transport, pedestrian crossings, and ramp access to the offices is needed urgently.

4.6

Access to Clifford Avenue, Fairlight

Following previous discussion of a request for disability access at Clifford Avenue, Fairlight, the CDO has arranged a site visit with a CUS engineer and sought advice from the Traffic team. Due to steps along the steep footpath, a construction of kerb ramp to the road next to No Parking area could be an option.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council implement the kerb ramp to provide access for motorised scooter by the 85-year old resident at this address.

Manager CUS

4.7

Balgowlah Road & Pittwater Road area Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)

Discussion occurred around pedestrian access to Kenneth Road bus stop. The above PAMP study had provided recommendations how to address issues in the area. The Committee is concerned that the PAMP report is not yet tabled to Council for discussion.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the PAMP study is submitted to Council for adoption and ask Council to consider how the report recommendations could be funded.

In light of the proposed swim centre redevelopment and resulting intensification of use of the roads, the Committee recommends that Option 3 for traffic lights at Pittwater Road & Balgowlah Road roundabout be adopted and appropriate funding sourced.

IFBM

4.8

Lobbying for improved accessibility to Sea Life Sanctuary

CDO to follow up the recommendations of the access audit undertaken at Sanctuary in August 2013.

Recommendation

That this information be received and noted.

CDO

ITEM 5 General Business

5.1 2014 Access & Mobility Committee Achievements

CDO provided a summary of the Committee achievements in 2014 (attached). Staff thanked the Committee for their ongoing assistance and input in the Council's programs for people with disabilities.

Recommendation

That this information be received and noted.

5.2 Dangerous parking conditions on Kenneth Road, Balgowlah

The Committee does not recommend parking on the north side of Kenneth Road. The Committee believes that there should be no parking on the north side of Kenneth road for safety reasons.

Recommendation

That this information be received and noted.

Meeting closed at 3:30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 17 February 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

**Manager
Traffic**