

**MINUTES OF ACCESS & MOBILITY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023, 3.15PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cr Pip Friedrich

Resident Members

Rebecca Baines

Nell Rickard

Staff

Andrew Smith, Manager Community Services

Kent Tanaka, Acting Senior Civil Engineer

Steve Smith, Manager Environment & Open Space

APOLOGIES: Anne Masi, Cr Sarah Hughes & Chandra Chandrawansa

MINUTES: Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

| | MATTERS DISCUSSED | ACTION |
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| 1. | WELCOME Cr Friedrich welcomed members of the committee. Acknowledgment of Country | |
| 2. | APOLOGIES Anne Masi, Cr Hughes and Chandra Chandrawansa | |
| 3. | DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST None. | |
| 4. | MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 22FEB2023 Moved to adopt First: Nell Rickard Second: Andrew Smith Agreed unanimously. Actions from previous minutes - none | |
| 5. | MOSPLAN Quarterly report (attached) The Committee noted the report | Andrew Smith |
| 6. | Key achievements of NSW local government disability inclusion Action Plans in the era of inclusion policy and planning: A policy content analysis (document distributed) and discussed. Andrew presented the document to the committee. The report noted achievements around the accessibility of the built environment and more accessible events and programs but it also highlighted challenges relating to meaningful employment outcomes in NSW Councils. Committee discussed challenges for councils and gaining responses from community as a whole. | |
| 7. | Balmoral Ramp correspondence Andrew highlighted correspondence from a local resident around greater accessibility needed at Balmoral Beach. Several years ago, a feasibility report was submitted to the Access and Mobility Community Consultative Committee around improving beach access. The report discussed the pros & cons of beach access for swimming of few beaches including Balmoral & Chinamans. The report | |

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| | <p>noted that Clifton Gardens was the most appropriate location for a permanent beach access ramp as that area is fully accessible and safe.</p> <p>Andrew shared an initiative funded by the Greek Government to fund solar powered beach access across Greek beaches.</p> <p>Part of the challenges at Balmoral (and other Mosman beaches) are the lack of lifesavers to support the use of beach matting or beach wheelchairs.</p> <p>Sand erosion and constant sand movement also poses challenges to the instillation of something permanent.</p> <p>The Committee thought that it might be an option to work with local business to help support a beach mat/carpet being used by the public.</p> <p>The Balmoral Plan of Management will soon be released for public consultation and may provide opportunities for increased access in the Balmoral area.</p> <p>Mosman Council has plans to concrete a path from Balmoral play area to Balmoral sailing club, allowing better access for prams and all mobility chairs.</p> | |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>DIAP 6- monthly report (distributed to committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee read the report <p>General discussion around the table all offering information of what Council can do to better assist the disabled community.</p> <p>Andrew raised lack of disabled volunteers despite an internal audit and training for Council staff.</p> <p>Bec discussed community spaces includes religious places, Australian Government legislation requires accessible entry and toilets to meet the legislation.</p> <p>Mosman Council website provides a link to accessible toilets in Mosman. Steve S, advised Council is about to release new maps with indicators of areas with disabled access including toilets.</p> <p>Kent advised we have jurisdiction over public spaces not private, to best benefit disabled community a holistic approach is needed.</p> <p>In the past, the Access Committee conducted a walk to audit public spaces around Mosman. It identified access issues around space on pathways and entry access to shops.</p> <p>Andrew will speak to Manager Compliance regarding a further audit.</p> <p>Pip advised recently a local resident raised an issue with Council and requested a handrail near their property, congratulations to Council on prompt action, within 3 weeks rail was installed.</p> <p>Nell said she noticed many private rails installed around Mosman and not council property however widely used. Street cleaners can clean around the rails when required.</p> <p>Staff education on disability issues ongoing, more training planned.</p> <p>Clr Friedrich discussed low rates of disabled persons employed at Councils. Staff and volunteer positions available to disabled community.</p> <p>Nell congratulated Council's Volunteer Officer who recently worked with a disabled person matching them to a job that suited their interest and ability.</p> | <p>Andrew Smith</p> |

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| | <p>House With No Steps take clients to work experience opportunities with option of employment. Unfortunately the majority of workplaces do not provide opportunities after the work experience is completed.</p> <p>Head High, a new initiative, approach local Mosman business for use of their shop out of hours for disabled persons to host a retail event.</p> <p>Steve provided update on Hunter Park outdoor space refurbishment, waiting on sandstone blocks for sand table, trampoline installed, bench seating finished, parking and ramp to be finalised.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the attitude of Councillors on disability, Clr Friedrich advised it is front and centre for Councillors for all decisions across Council areas. Driven by staff and supported by Councillors.</p> | Andrew |
| 9. | <p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>A) Employment of people with disability – Cr Friedrich – not discussed.</p> <p>B) Clear access on the roads with outside seating – Nell. Request for clearer identified walking areas, discussion regarding seats and planting encroaching footpaths along Military Road, Mosman Junction, and request to audit footpath occupation leases, shops to adhere to 2m space for access. Andrew to follow up with Governance team and enquire what is in shop leases.</p> <p>Next meeting - proposed that the Committee visit Hunter Park and Balmoral Beach. Andrew to arrange.</p> <p>Clr Hughes will be on Parental Leave soon.</p> | Andrew Smith Andrew Smith |
| | CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES: 23 Aug 2023 & 22 Nov 2023 | |
| | Meeting closed at 4.15pm. | |