

Access Advisory Committee

15 December 2014



Minutes

HELD AT BVSC Chambers

Present

Cr. Tapscott	Rosemary Oates	Simon Schweitzer (BVSC)
Ronald Finneran (Chairman)	Nathan Johnston	John Grady (BVSC)
Graham Carmody	Lyndon Lewis	Keith Tull (BVSC)
Jennifer Dessens	Cara Hay	Gary Louie (BVSC)
Chris Sparks	Anthony Basford (BVSC)	Katrina Wright (BVSC)
Sue Thomas	Jeff Tipping (BVSC)	

1. Apologies

Colin Dunn	Leah Ogden	Graeme Williams
Paul Lunniss		

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved on the motion of Cr. Tapscott & Ron Finneran.

That the minutes of the previous Access Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting held on 8 September 2014, be taken as read. It was noted by Cr. Tapscott that she is not the convenor as stated on the Meeting Notice & Agenda and that Ronald Finneran should be noted as Chairman.

3. Business arising from last meeting

3.1 & 3.2 Bruce Steer Pool & Pambula River Mouth.

John Grady advised the Committee that a more complete planning process will be completed in the New Year for sites that are suitable for access improvements across the shire including Bruce Steer Pool, Pambula River Mouth and Bar Beach. The Community, stakeholders of the facility and the Committee will then be consulted.

Chris Sparks wanted his objection to the new design at Pambula River Mouth be noted.

Cr. Tapscott believed that the original Pambula River Mouth development design that was presented to the AAC was modified and the Committee was not consulted.

Anthony Basford apologised for the frustration that this project has caused and advised that the timeframe for Pambula River Mouth stage 2 will be delivered after Easter 2015.

Action: John Grady to present at 9 March 2015 meeting on current beach sites projects including Bruce Steer Pool, Pambula River Mouth and Bar Beach, Merimbula that are suitable for access improvements.

3.3 & 3.4 Barriers Register & Inclusion Action Plan

Simon Schweitzer proposed to form a small working group to complete the draft Barriers Register. Rosemary Oates nominated herself to be on the working group.

Action: Ron Finneran and Anthony Basford will meet to discuss the Barriers Register and Inclusion Action Plan as well as discussing the framework for sub-committee working groups to progress projects.

3.5 Bega Clock Tower

Presentation by Nathan Johnston – refer New Business Item 4.1

3.6 Bus Shelters

Simon Schweitzer advised that any bus shelters that are nominated by the general public should be submitted to Council to then consult with other stakeholders such as the bus companies. Funding via grants is then considered once priority is assessed.

3.7 Merimbula Telephone Pole

Gary Louie advised that there is a possibility of creating an easement. This is a more cost effective option and will also speed up the process for a resolution.

Ron Finneran wanted to object to the dealings with Council thus far regarding this issue.

Action: Manager Civil Assets & Development to present at the 9 March 2015 meeting progress update on the pathway access around the Merimbula telephone pole.

3.8 Council Works Programs & Works on Council Land

Action: The Project proposal form for community groups/service clubs to be reviewed by John Grady.

3.9 Reimbursement Policy

Refer to New Business Item 4.3

3.10 Access Committee

Sue Thomas nominated herself to be the Bermagui representative for the Bruce Steer Pool project

Chris Sparks left the meeting.

4. New Business

4.1 Presentation of Access Issue – Clock Tower intersection in Bega

Nathan Johnston presented his video highlighting the difficulty in crossing the road safely at the Gipps & Carp Street intersection, Bega.

Cr. Tapscott advised that up until recently the road was an RMS managed road due the Bega Bypass. It was suggested that the new blister crossing on Gipps Street near Target and would be a safer option to cross the road.

Rosemary Oates suggested installing a zebra crossing.

Gary Louie advised that from a traffic safety point that this item should be submitted to the traffic committee where a member from the RMS and Police form this committee to assess.

Nathan Johnston moved to have his presentation submitted to the Traffic Committee to review and determine an approach to improve the safety of the intersection. Graham Carmondy seconded the motion and the AAC all agreed.

Action: Katrina Wright on behalf of the AAC request the Traffic Committee to review the presentation and request to improve the safety of the intersection on the corner of Gipps & Carp Streets, Bega and advise the AAC of the outcome.

Ron Finneran wanted to thank Nathan Johnston and Cara Hay for their efforts.

4.2 Review of the 2014 Access Advisory Committee

Sue Thomas raised a motion to change the approach of the Committee to setting objectives on projects with a view to achievable outcomes and timeframes. Graham Carmody seconded the motion and the AAC all agreed.

Rosemary Oates wanted an amendment to the motion to encourage Council staff to work together with the Committee to review the objectives and set the timeframes.

Lyndon Lewis enquired how to present these projects to Council so that they can be considered and funds allocated in Council budgets. It was agreed that The Barriers Register is where the priority list of projects should be established and then presented to Council so that they can be considered to form part of the Asset Management budgets.

Anthony Basford congratulated Sue Thomas for raising the motion.

Ron Finneran requested to be a stakeholder of the new Eden Marina Project which is a state/federally funded project.

Action: Katrina Wright will forward Ron Finneran the application form to request to be a stakeholder of the new Eden Marina Project.

4.3 Formal Committee Activities & Reimbursements

All committee members will be compensated with petrol vouchers for the cost of attending the 4 formal meetings per year.

It was requested that all committee members present at these formal meetings what organisations they would like to meet or present to on behalf of the committee so that it is minuted and supported by the AAC.

4.4 Volunteer Inductions/Registration Forms

Action: Nathan Marshall will contact Lyndon Lewis and Leah Ogden to complete volunteer inductions.

4.5 Grant Availability

Council do not have a Grants officer. Grants are considered by each department taking into account eligible criteria. Committee members can nominate a grant opportunity to Council if they can check within their sources.

Action: Graham Carmody to distribute grant opportunity resources with the committee.

Action: Katrina Wright to re-issue the committee's contact details.

4.6 Capital Works – Major Works & Planning Updates

It was agreed by the committee to add a standard agenda item so that the committee can raise items for current major projects/developments.

4.7 Pambula Beach Disabled Toilet

Ron Finneran has requested the Pambula Beach disabled toilet to be reinstalled for the Summer season. It is currently marked for demolition and to be replaced by another facility.

Action: Gary Louie has taken on notice to investigate the possibility of the toilet being reinstated for the summer season.

4.8 Sapphire Coast Tourism Association (SCT)

Ron Finneran would like the AAC to be more closely aligned to SCT to promote a more positive aspect rather than disability.

SCT have agreed to meet with Ron Finneran and Chris Sparks in early February 2015 to include some access segments into their website to promote accessible accommodation and attractions.

5. Questions

Ron Finneran raised the legal responsibility of parking in disabled zones.

Jeff Tipping advised that if there are some concerns about monitoring, the Council rangers can do targeted patrols if required. From February 2015 the rangers will begin to undertake patrols in the undercover car park at Sapphire Marketplace Bega.

6. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 1.30pm.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 9 March 2015 and venue to be confirmed.