

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 28 February 2019 at 6.00pm in Sanders Room, Council Administration Building, Auburn.

1. Open of Meeting

Clr Campbell welcomed all members to the Access Committee of Cumberland Council.

2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies

Attendance List:

Clr George Campbell	Councillor and Committee Member
Clr Lisa Lake	Councillor and Committee Member
Pam Colman	Committee Member
Peter Simpson	Committee Member
Ron Gibson	Committee Member

Council Staff in Attendance:

Merryn Howell	Acting Group Manager, Community and Culture
Nadine El-Hassan	Access and Inclusion Officer
Phil Sorbello	Manager, Facilities
Siva Sivakumar	Manager, Engineering and Traffic

Apologies:

Kylie Marsden	Manager, Aged and Disability Services
Zhila Hasanloo	Committee Member

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 October 2018, were passed and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

ITEMS DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE:

5. Business Arising

Duck River Playground

An update was provided from the consultation with Access and ATSIC Committee members held on 20 December 2018. Stage 1 of the upgrade will see the installation of a new playground including water play elements and accessible play equipment. The new park will also feature the installation of new park infrastructure including accessible picnic tables, lawn irrigation (for a year round green ground covering) and new BBQ facilities.

A number of action items were identified, some which relate to the project and some which will be addressed by the Plan of Management:

- Additional Mobility Parking access as there are not enough allocated spaces (this will be addressed by the Plan of Management).
- Pathways, wheel chair access and movement around the entire playground to be made available and ensure access to the different areas of the playground.
- Information requested on what waterplay types are being installed and if they are assessable for people with disabilities.
- Possible surface issues such as soft surfaces and mulch may present access issues.
- Signage (this will be addressed by the Plan of Management).
- Additional seating and bins for people with disabilities.
- Impairment access to playground from grassed areas due to markers.
- Separation of children from different equipment pieces for example, carousel is suitable however other equipment is not. Require more for broader play.
- Concerns relating to access to the river especially during high rainfall and flooding from the playground ie Flying Fox. Consideration of fencing maybe required.
- Toilet and amenities upgrade and an appropriate location. (This will be assessed in Stage 2 & 3 of the project).

All the relevant items and access issues identified will be assessed and taken into consideration for adding or modifying the playground design with Council's landscape consultant.

Feedback from Committee:

- Clarification was sought on the width of the pathway around the playground.

Central Gardens All Abilities Playground

A report to seek approval to engage a recommended contractor to construct the playground is estimated to be reported to Council in April 2019.

Feedback from Committee:

- Need for regular cleaning of the toilets in Central Gardens.

Actions and Recommendations Arising:

- 5.1 Council to provide an update at the next meeting on the design, facilities and specific equipment proposed for the Central Gardens (following the list provided in previous meeting) as well as the need for additional parking in the Gardens.
- 5.2 Council to follow up regular cleaning of toilets in the Central Gardens.

6. Updates: Access Requests/Works

Updates were provided on previous access concerns raised by the Committee, including:

- Wentworthville - unusable Kerb ramp at Pritchard Street still to be assessed.
- Wentworthville - the 'Keep Right' sign at the bottom of Veron Street, Wentworthville was reported to have been knocked off at last Committee meeting – this has been addressed.
- Merrylands - no kerb ramps near the bus stop at Duffy Street, Merrylands still to be assessed.
- Lidcombe - a design has been created for an access ramp and pathway link at Botanica Estate (Sussex Street and Magnolia Street) and a new contractor has been engaged to undertake the work.
- Granville - issues with South Street, Granville. The road is too narrow due to median strip, makes parking, getting out of cars and driving difficult. This has gone to the Traffic Committee.
- Granville - a kerb ramp is being created near the accessible parking spot on Diamond Avenue near (South Parade) to increase safety for people utilising the space. Suggestions were made to install a barrier, signage or device to stop traffic turning too close to the corner.
- Granville Access Audit Issues - proposal to level out the kerb ramp at the end of the pedestrian crossing on William Street, opposite Awafi Café. Council has investigated the pedestrian crossing and determined that it cannot be re-located on South Street opposite the Church near the corner of William Street.

Actions and Recommendations Arising:

- 6.1 Council to send the Lidcombe design plans to Committee Members for feedback and consultation with Ferguson Lodge residents.

7. Pool Update

An update was provided on the Wentworthville and Guildford Pool redevelopment projects.

Council and Committee members undertook a visit to Wollongong to assess the pool access equipment.

The design of the Wentworthville Pool is currently in progress. The pool will close in April and the wheelchair lift will be installed as part of the modernisation plan. Guildford Pool will have a lift installed to ensure access.

8. Access Requests

- Wentworthville - new Telstra pit has been installed at Smith Street, Wentworthville (outside Leagues Club, down from bus stop, south street) which makes the footpath uneven.
- Wentworthville - uneven footpaths along Lane Street, Station Street and Fullagar Road pose significant trip hazards.
- Wentworthville - a review of the timing on the lights at intersection on Great Western Highway (Wentworthville) to be reviewed.
- Auburn - kerb ramps and locations of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSi) on Kerr Parade, Auburn need to be checked.

9. Auburn South Community and Recreation Centre

Council is developing a new multi-purpose community facility at 179 Chisholm Road, Auburn (the former Auburn RSL Bowling Club site) called the 'Auburn South Community and Recreation Centre'. The new facility will deliver much needed additional meeting, event and activity spaces for residents and community groups and provide five outdoor synthetic multi-purpose sport courts.

10. Access Audit

The next Safety and Access Audit will be undertake in Toongabbie Town Centre on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 from 7 to 9pm. Participants will meet at the Toongabbie Community Centre for a short briefing before going out to the audit area.

11. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 7:27pm

Next Meeting: 23 May 2019 in Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.