

MINUTES OF THE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE TECHNICAL SERVICE MEETING ROOM - CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

The meeting opened at 1:00pm with a quorum.

1. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Matt Paterson (*Chair*)
Councillor Kim Hopper
Cheryl Knight
Adrian Scholtes
Carol Muir
Karen Stewart
Chay Garde - Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Baloban - Manager Infrastructure
Hara Carragher - Community Development Officer
Kate Walsh – Manager Community & Cultural Development

APOLOGIES

Sandy Robinson
Roman Khitiaeov – Volunteer Coordinator
Mark Goode - Acting Director Technical Services
Sabine Taylor - Director Corporate Services, Acting Director Community Development

14th Alice Springs Town Council Access Advisory Committee Attendance List 2022	
	Feb-23
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓
Councillor Kim Hopper	✓
Annemarie Drummond	--
Cheryl Knight	✓
Carol Muir	✓
Sandy Robinson	A
Adrian Scholtes	✓
Chay Garde	✓
Brigida Stewart	--
Karen Stewart	✓

✓

Attended

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Apology Received

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No attendance and no apology
tendered



Not on the committee at this time

The Chair welcomed new member Chay Garge from Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics to their first meeting of the Access Advisory Committee.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

In accordance with Council policy, Mayor Paterson declared the position of Chair vacant.

As Councillor Kim Hopper was attending via Zoom nominations will be called for chairperson at the next meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Access Advisory Committee meeting held 25 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Moved: Karen Stewart

Seconded: Mayor Matt Paterson

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Council Infrastructure and Accessibility Update

Manager Infrastructure updated the committee and advised that Council's CBD ramp upgrade program is in progress. Non-compliant ramps within the CBD are being assessed with 50% completed. Manager of Infrastructure advised that all the major ramps have been completed. The concrete crew will work towards replacing the other ramps that are within the CBD.

Manager Infrastructure advised that access across Gregory Terrace has been investigated and is compliant.

Manager Infrastructure advised that he has spoken to engineers of the suitability to introduce tactile indicators in the main streets near driveways in the CBD. It was advised that the tactile indicators would become too cluttered and be a trip hazard and only needed at intersections where the ramps are.

4.2 Accessibility Map Update

Community Development Officer advised that the online accessibility map is now up on the Council website and will be continually updated. Community Development Officer also advised that Council's media team will promote the online map to the public.

Discussion ensued as to whether the online accessibility map would reach further than the CBD. Community Development Officer advised that other key services that are outside of the CBD may be added to the map in future.

Discussion ensued as to whether a hard copy map accessibility map is needed. Community Development Officer advised that Council currently has a hard copy Accessibility Map available, but that this will need to be updated in due course to reflect the online map.

4.3 Terms of Reference and Membership

Community Development Officer announced the resignation of Zoe Franey and Jacinta Cordener and acknowledged their contribution to the committee.

Community Development Officer advised that Sandy Robinson and Chay Garde are the only current members on the committee and that an expression of interest for new committee members will go out once the draft terms of reference has been endorsed by Council.

Community Development Officer advised that the new terms of reference will sit within the Community Development Directorate. A member from the technical services will still be present at each committee meeting for input.

The Chair Matt Paterson noted that the current Access Policy and Action Plan is dated and suggested an Access and Inclusion Strategy is created with input from this committee to Council.

Discussion ensued about membership structure and it was agreed that the committee should be made up of eight (8) general members with lived experience of disability. This membership structure for a new draft terms of reference was approved by the committee.

Councillor Kim Hopper suggested that deputations be held at the start of the committee meetings to ensure guests are not waiting too long.

5. DEPUTATION

Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Update Manager Community and Cultural Development

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that a new Volunteer Coordinator has started at Council. Volunteering SA/NT have released guidelines for funding for the next five years and one of the three focus cohorts is people with disability. Volunteer Coordinator Roman Khitiaevev will be invited to the next committee meeting to discuss this further.

7.2 Update from Community Development Officer, ASTC

Community Development Officer provided an update on the success of the Alice Springs Mayoral Awards held 1 December 2021. The guest speaker Angela Teasdale was acknowledged and a performance by King Marong and the Life Without Barriers drumming group. There were nine (9) nominations for the Mayoral Awards, with the Champion Award going to Tommy Dutton and the Noteworthy Award to Justin Williams. The Michelle Castagna award went to Michelle Pettit.

7.3 Adrian Scholtes – Disability Advisory Committee

Adrian raised that there are members of the public with disability who can't access a discount for pet membership registration because they aren't pensioners.

Manager of Infrastructure advised that a person with a disability in need of a pet membership discount can discuss with the Ranger unit.

Action

Hara to investigate this further with Manager Rangers and follow up with Adrian.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

25 May 2022 at 1:00pm in the Andy McNeill Meeting Room

The meeting closed at 2:00pm.

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