

Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at Council's next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 29 June 2021

**Minutes of the Disability Access
and Inclusion Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting
Held in the Ground Floor Training Room, Shellharbour Civic Centre
Wednesday 16 June 2021 commencing at 10:01am**

Present:

Councillor Marianne Saliba(Chair)	Mayor, Shellharbour City Council
Councillor Peter Moran	Shellharbour City Council
Mr Eric Klein	Community Representative (online Teams)
Mr Mario Russo	Community Representative
Ms Ilinka Brankovic	Community Representative
Ms Simonne Elise	Community Representative
Ms Carol Gibbs	Community Representative
Ms Alyssa Quintal	Community Representative (online Teams)

In Attendance:

Ms Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community & Cultural Life
Ms Narelle Williams	Community Development Officer
Mr Kevin James (part)	Manager Shell Cove
Mr Wayde Peterson (part)	Shell Cove Executive Manager
Ms Christine Matesic	Corporate Meetings Officer
Ms Christie Bryan	Corporate Meetings Officer

1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Moira Hamilton, Community Representatives Sandra Pearson and Todd Cook.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Elise / Russo

That the apologies tendered be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Disabilities Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting 10 March 2021

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Russo / Gibbs

That the Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Shell Cove Development Project

Presenters – Kevin James, Manager – Shell Cove
Wayde Peterson, Executive Manager Shell Cove
Shellharbour City Council

Mr James provided an informative presentation on Council's largest economical development project the Shell Cove Development Project.

The presentation included aerial views and snapshots of the precinct. The development has secured over 85% of local employment and is over 60 hectares of parklands with completion expected to be by 2026.

Access around the boardwalk was discussed and will be accessible to accommodate pedestrians, prams and those with a disability. Car parking on and around the precinct have been designed to meet Australian Standards.

All new facilities will include accessible amenities and signage will include braille text and direction and distance indicated in minutes in tactile letters.

Mr James and Mr Peterson left the meeting at 10:51am.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 DeBug All Terrain Walker

The Community Development Officer informed the committee that an event will be held to launch the new walkers in the new season.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Gibbs / Russo

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

6.2 Accessible facilities at sporting clubs

The committee were given the opportunity to provide recommendations on how to improve access to these facilities, these included:

- reviewing the procedures available for sporting groups that lease Council facilities around the locking and unlocking of accessible toilets.
- providing sporting groups with a MLAK and information on how to obtain a key.
- determining what options are available for providing disability awareness training to staff and volunteers of local sporting groups.
- conducting an audit of existing accessible toilets to determine:
 - what locking mechanisms are used on the facilities and changing these if required.
 - whether the opening of accessible toilets are in line with other facilities
- understand that disabilities are not always visible and more education to sporting clubs would be advisable.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Klein / Russo

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. accepts the recommendations on how to improve access to these facilities.

CARRIED

7. General Business

7.1 Website Launch – Fashion for Ability not Disability Ilinka Brankovic

Ms Brankovic informed the committee of the launch of her new, not for profit website 'Fashion for Ability not Disability'. The website focus is using the art of fashion to build confidence in women with a Disability in the Illawarra.

An event launch will be held 11 September 2021 at the Civic Centre and the committee were invited to attend.

The Mayor congratulated Ms Brankovic on her achievement.

7.2 Accessibility in Oak Flats Eric Klein

Mr Klein commented on improvements made to Oak Flats as a result of recommended actions from this committee.

He was pleased that areas of improvements included more parking and enhancements to footpaths.

Mr Klein was requested to provide written feedback about what has been completed.

8. Next Meeting

25 August 2021

Please note the change of date above from 15 September 2021.

Meeting closed 11:13 am