

MIN NO **MINUTES OF THE ASHFIELD ACCESS COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD IN HABERFIELD LIBRARY, 78 DALHOUSIE STREET, HABERFIELD ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2011, COMMENCING AT 12PM.**

PRESENT Councillors Stott (Chair)
Meaghan Devane – CRCC
Donna Economidis
Reg Holdsworth
Ruth Paillas – Community Development Worker

APOLOGIES

Matt Spanko – FRANS
Shelley Sha - SF

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Economidis/Devane

The minutes of the Ashfield Access Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 March 2011 were confirmed.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Business Use of Public Footpaths
Council Working Group meeting deferred.

Access Committee Future Directions
When reintroduced at Council the Committee will encourage wider representation from people with disabilities/disability organisations. The Committee believes that this is an opportunity for Council to take a leading role in disability access issues.

Carnival of Cultures
The Carnival was cancelled due to bad weather and no rescheduling is planned.

RECOMMENDATION: Economidis/Devane

1/1 That Council distribute the leftover plants to local schools and organisations.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Committee Review

The Committee has decided to use it allocated budget (total 2011/2012 budget committed) to employ an Access Consultant to be a standing member. Ruth to collect quotes.

The Committee Terms of Reference need to be updated.
Membership is an ongoing issue. Ruth to follow up with Vision Australia. Councillor Stott to follow up with Cardinal Freeman Village.

Standing agenda items to be created for the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: Holdsworth/Devane

- 1/2 That Council engage an independent Access Consultant (such as Access Australia) to examine the access issues in the Wests Leagues Club DA.
- 2/2 That the appropriate Council officer from the Directorate of Planning and Environment attend the next Committee.

2. Disability Recreation Consultant

The Committee discussed all-inclusive playground models including 'Boundless Playgrounds' in the US and the 'Liberty Swing' program supported by Rotary.

RECOMMENDATION: Economidis/Devane

- 1/1 That the Access Committee engage a Consultant using the 2010/2011 budget to work with Council's Recreation Working Group to facilitate the instalment of all-inclusive playgrounds in the Ashfield LGA.

3. Update on Ashfield's Disability Employment Program

Discussion addressed organisational difficulties of providing paid work/work experience for people with disabilities. Opportunities in the new Library will continue to be explored.

Other Business

Inner West Councils are organising a 1-day training on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to happen on Thursday 02 June. Committee members attending include Councillor Stott, Meaghan Devane, Donna Economidis and Ruth Paillas.

Next Meeting:

Monday 06 June, 12.00pm, Venue - TBA

PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 2.00PM

Chairperson of the meeting of Ashfield Access Committee
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date