

RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting of 26 April 2011, Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street, 5.30 to 7.30 pm

1. Present

- Members: Thomas Bryan (Chair), Lisette Wesseling, Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, Kendal Akhurst, Jason Strawbridge,
- Council Officers: Ken Bowater,
- Councillors: Nil
- Guests: Robyn Steel, Baz Kaufman,
- Interpreters: None
- Minutes: Lorraine Guthrie

2. Welcome from the Chair (2 min)

- Apologies: Iona Pannett, Jenny Rains, Stephanie Cooke
- Absent: Errolyn Jones

3. How we are addressing accessibility for the RWC [Robyn Steel, Manager CBD and Rugby World Cup 2011] (30 min)

- Overview of plans for the RWC 2011
- Fan Zones
- Stadium accessibility
- Accessible walking routes to the stadium (working with Jenny Rains on this)

Action and Discussion

- Action - If any signage around Wellington needs re-work let Robyn know. If anyone has further questions, let Ken know.
- Question – Is signage and catering for people with visual impairment an aspect of training of volunteers? Robyn will let Ken know.
- Question – With the changes sometimes normally accessible sites become inaccessible. What checks are Council doing to ensure this doesn't happen? Expressions of interest are currently being sought from businesses and venues to assist planning. Discussion is currently underway to ensure this is considered.
- Question – Who is preparing the volunteer training material? Rugby NZ. Will there be a module on accessibility? The module on accessibility will be available in June. Robyn will attempt to give a copy to the group.
- Question – Is the accessibility document/information likely to be sent out in an accessible format?
- Question – How many hotels have declined the option of having an audit for accessibility? NZ Hotel Council would be able to answer the question.

4. Draft Annual Plan [Cr Pannett / Baz Kaufman] (30 min)

Actions and Discussion

- Question – Upgrade to Town Hall etc - is it going to consider accessibility as part of the upgrade? Priority is earthquake strengthening, but could consider accessibility.
- Question – In the long term plan there is no mention of ‘access’, as an example the draft plan summary and full report are not accessible documents. Answer – submission questionnaire is a pull out version. An accessible version on line was to be prepared. Baz will research and report back to Ken.
- Question – High cost of the feasibility study for the pool? Answer – scope of the study is very comprehensive, ground conditions, traffic, detailed plans to obtain resource consent, demand, technology etc, hence the high cost. Felt it was necessary to gain information on detailed cost for when it goes ahead.
- Action – Kendal and Alan will make a presentation by AAG on the project. Questions to Ken, Ken to forward to Rosemary, Alan and Kendal to prepare the submission by 5 May, due 12 May. Individuals encouraged to make their own submissions and to ensure their networks are aware of the opportunity to submit. Oral hearings are on 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 MAY.

5. AAG Forward Programme - prioritisation (30 min)

Actions and Discussion

- Comment – older persons policy and the recreation strategy are to be reviewed by Council this year – How can the AAG be more proactive and useful to Council?
- Action – Ken will send out a cut-down version with some of the terms explained. Sub groups to consider their priorities, and forward comments and questions to Ken.
- Action – Ken will work to ensure future presentations by officers incorporate e.g. What are the issues around accessibility. What is being done to make the project area accessible? What was learnt from past experience? What input is sought from AAG members?
- Action - AAG will provide a brief to the Council officers 3 weeks prior to their presentation. Questions and suggestions should be forwarded to Ken by Thursday 28/4 for the presenters at the 3 May meeting (Transport and Wellington 2040 Strategy), and by 5 May for the 31 May meeting (per agenda to be confirmed on 3 May).
- Action – all AAG members should read the Older Person Policy, in preparation for when it is reviewed later this year.
<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/plans/policies/olderpersons/index.html>

6. Report from the Chair (Thomas) (5 min)

Discussion

- Nil actions to report

7. Adoption of Minutes (2 min)

- Minutes of the 29 March 2011 meeting were adopted. (Alan/Rosemary)

8. Officer’s Report (Jenny) (5 min)

- Jenny was not present

9. Questions to AAG follow-up actions (See Appendix 2) (5 min)

- Ken has forwarded the names and contacts for the AAG subgroups

10. Other business (5 min)

Discussion

- Be Accessible, releasing branding 6 May, training commenced for assessors.
- If AAG members want to add any items to the agenda – forward to Thomas. Each month AAG members will decide items for the agenda for future meetings (once the induction has been completed).

Action

- Ken will forward information to members about Be Accessible
- Ken to include question about (Go Bus) bus drivers use of accessible buses

Sub-group reports

[Sub-group contact people are asked to email in an update on sub-group activity since the previous meeting, a week in advance for inclusion with the 'agenda'.]

NEW SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

Environment, Transport and Urban Development [Including: parking, roads, bus lanes, public transport, natural environment, parks, waste, building, planning, parks and transport] **Jason, Thomas, Kendall, Angela**

- Transport – met last week, discussed delegations, Jason delegated the role to review the accessibility plan.
- Regional Councils Accessibility Advisory Group – will meet in May, Thomas will report back.
- Jason sent out the article for the Restaurant Association newsletter, as per last meeting.
- Rugby World Cup issues – AAG must stress the need for ensuring accessible transport remains available for genuine users.
- Accessible accommodation – Barrier Free NZ Trust, working with AA Tourism on accessibility of venues

Economy and Arts/Culture [Including: arts, access, employment, events, economy, museums, employment, (Rosemary – DAP, Kendall – Wellington 2040, Jason – Restaurant article, Lisette and Kendall - RWC)]

Rosemary, Lisette, Kendall, Linda, Jason

- Arts Access Aotearoa, 9 – 12 – all AAG members are invited to attend

Social Services and Recreation [Including: Jason – employment and recreation, Rosemary - emergency preparedness and access to services, Angela – housing and homelessness]

Angela, Rosemary, Jason

- Delegations now decided

Governance and Engagement [Including: participation, communication, annual forum, information technology] **Lisette, Alan, Linda**

Meeting Closed at 7.25 pm

Next Meeting

3 May 2011

Committee Room 1

APPENDIX 1

AAG FORWARD PROGRAMME [*DRAFT*]

(the last Tuesday of each month)

3 May [venue - TBC] -Additional meeting

- Induction - Transport and Parking [Steve Spence]
- Consultation - Wellington 2040 Strategy [Vivian Blake]
- Draft article for Restaurant Association Newsletter

31 May [Committee Room 1]

- City Housing tenants and inclusive community building [Rosie Gallen] TBC
- Draft Action Plan, including discussion on terms (e.g. inclusion or accessibility)
- Discussion on AAG membership balance

28 June [Council Chambers]

- City Arts - Martin Rogers TBC
- Sharing views and issues with the Restaurant Association - Mike Egan (National President) TBC
- Safety around roadworks – Project Management Office (TonyLloyd) [and Infrastructure Performance (Jon Visser)?]

26 July [Committee Room 1]

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30 August [Committee Room 1]

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27 September [Committee Room 1]

- Planning for annual forum/workshops

25 October [Committee Room 1]

- Preparation for annual AAG report to SPC
- Planning for 2012

29 November [Committee Room 1]

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20 December [Committee Room 2]

- Annual forum/workshops

APPENDIX 2

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS PENDING FROM 29 March 2011

- [From Feb 22 meeting - Can the UD etc. subgroup compile concerns about access (with evidence) for forwarding to Clay for consideration?]
- Letter of appreciation to Isobel. [This has been sent.]
- Meeting arranged for early May with a focus on the Annual Plan. [Done - 3 May]
- Arrange site visit to Kilbirnie Indoor Community Sports Centre. [Julian now understands the past AAG input. He is collating a list of the accessibility features which have been achieved. He will invite the group once it is safe to visit the site. He also agreed that the free pool entry for carers could be an early step towards development of a companion card.]
- Provide comment on the McMillan Court concept plan [done]
- Indicate priorities on updated spreadsheet of projects [Sub-groups to Ken by 3 May]
- Provide feedback on the draft Action Plan and draft companion document [All - to Ken by the end of April - no responses yet]
- Draft article for the Restaurant Association Culture and Economy Sub-group [draft in progress]
- Check Council website Advisory Group page for currency [done - Andrew Parnell]
- Pass on appreciation to the Web Centre for providing fully accessible documents with the Annual Plan [done]