

AGENDA: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting of 25 October 2011, Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street, 5.30 to 7.30 pm

1. Present
2. Welcome from the Chair
3. Adoption of Minutes
4. Accessible Wellington Action Plan – consultation on draft plan Jaime Dyhrberg
5. Accessible Wellington Forum – Janette Wallace Gedge
6. Report from the Chair
7. Officer's report
8. AAG Sub-group updates
9. Other business
 - Text and Twitter messaging for service delivery outages

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- Members: Thomas Bryan (Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, Kendal Akhurst, Jason Strawbridge, Lachlan MacKay, Lisette Wesseling
- Council Officers: Janette Wallace Gedge, Lisa Matthews, Jaime Dyhrberg, Jenny Rains
- Councillors: Iona Pannett
- Guests:
- Interpreters: None
- Minutes:

2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies:

3. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes of the 30 August 2011 meeting were adopted.
(Rosemary/Kendal)

4. Accessible Wellington Action Plan – Jaime Dyhrberg

a) Consultation on draft plan

The consultation plan for the Accessible Wellington Action Plan will be an exemplar of consultation in terms of accessibility. See attached plan.

Discussion

- Concern regarding the proposed end date – it might not give enough time for committees to sign off their submissions due to the Christmas break.
- Accessible formatting – Alan has already given feedback but it could also be put in Braille.

Action

- Jaime to check whether the date can be moved to the end of February.
- Look at the Braille option for the document.

b) Draft document

Shift in language to ensure that it sounds like an ‘action plan’.

Discussion

- Concern that the essential context setting information has been left out. This has taken away some of the strengths of the document. Detail need around what is accessibility.

- Use of abbreviations – not to be used.
- Should look at the concept of safety also.

Action

- Feedback from the group by the end of the week.

4. Accessible Wellington Forum – Janette Wallace Gedge

Outline of forum and agenda

Discussion

- Need for interpreters for the group settings also.
- Will the AAG be reporting back?

Action

- Clarify AAG's role.

5. Report from the Chair (Thomas)

Forwarded email regarding GWRC's transport survey.

Action

- Lisa to forward to other advisory groups

6. Officer's Report (Janette/Lisa)

Janette was thanked by the group for her work during Lisa's absence

a) Using Twitter to report water outages. Contact Centre will tweet ONLY unexpected outages – not planned ones as per Lisette's situation.

Discussion

- Twitter a great way to get information and you just ignore the ones that you don't need.
- Needs to be change in attitude

Action

- Lisa to follow up.

b) ASB visit. Two dates will be sent out for people to choose from.

c) Logo

Now available for use by AAG

d) Recruitment

Need to recruit three new members

Discussion

- One option is to invite previous applicants to apply and not advertise?

Action

- Lisa to send brief synopsis of each applicant.

e) Congratulations to Lachlan who was recently appointed a member of the National Board of Autism New Zealand.

7. Questions to AAG Sub-group reports (See Appendix 1)

Economy and Cultural Wellbeing

- Made a submission on Draft Arts Strategy

Action

- Lisa to follow up on whether there is a oral submissions

8. Other business

Discussion

- Adult Dyslexia Group is running out of funding.
- Council's submission on Canterbury Earthquake. There is a concern from Iona that the wording might imply that there is a trade-off between earthquake strengthening and accessibility.
- Long-Term Plan (LTP). The environment is looking grim. There is a need to improve measures in the LTP. Iona would like the groups support and advice on this.
- Iona would like the group to work on the older persons policy
- Babystar ramp on Adelaide Road. It has now become a café but the ramp is very steep. Is there a possibility that it could be relooked at?
- Example of Turnbull house having no accessibility after hours (even when in use). It was investigated by the Council but because it was a heritage building it was permitted. This could be something that could be addressed by the Action plan.

Action

- Lisa to follow up Babystar ramp

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Next Meeting

29 November 2011

In Committee Room 1

APPENDIX 1

SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

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

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, Lachlan**

Economy and Cultural Wellbeing [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

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

Angela, Rosemary, Jason

APPENDIX 2

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

From 25 October

- Follow up with the Contact Centre regarding Twitter and water outages Lisa
- Recruitment of new members Lisa
- BabyStar ramp considered too high and the building has had a change of purpose so there may be an opportunity to change Lisa

From 27 September

- Distribute information on Long Term Plan submission and seek comments from AAG members by October 14 Kendall, Lachlan, Rosemary and Jason
- Report back on various meetings attended by sub group members
- Stadium visit to be re-organised Janette
- AAG Disclaimer to be discussed. Guidance required from Council Janette

FROM 30 August

- Subgroup to support Communications staff member to develop guidelines in November. Lisa to liaise. Lisa, Angela, Jason, Rosemary and Alan
- Lisa will forward a mid month reminder email to members which will service as a reminder to subgroups, call for agenda items and include

- a copy of the draft minutes. Lisa – ongoing
- Next meeting – consider which members will be standing down and election of chair. All

FROM EARLIER

- AAG to encourage the public to log issues with the contact centre and can also log issues they become aware of or if they are concerned at the timeliness of response. Any AAG contact with Jon should go through Jason as Contact Person for the Transport etc. sub-group.

All

APPENDIX 3

AAG MEETINGS PROGRAMME

(The last Tuesday of each month)

27 September [Committee Room 1]

- Long - term plan
- Forum planning

25 October [Committee Room 1]

- Preparation for annual AAG report to SPC
- Planning for 2012
- Regional Council Bus Review– Tass Larsen (WCC)

29 November [Committee Room 1]

- Annual forum – Dec 5

20 December [Committee Room 2]