

Accessibility Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 26 January 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wellington City Council, 1010 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Lee Rutene

Present: Tim Pate, Julia Aguilar, Lee Rutene, Tristram Ingham, Christine Richardson, Alan Royal, Amanda Cameron, Christine O’Sullivan (via teleconference), Cr Lee

Councillor: Cr Lee, Cr Sparrow

Staff: James Mather, Crispian Franklin, Joel De Boer, Bec Ramsay

1. Welcome from the chair

2. Apologies:

- Michael gave his apologies as his flight into Wellington was delayed.

3. Minutes:

- The previous meetings minutes were not adopted. To be reviewed at next meeting.

4. Joel De Boer – Seeking feedback on the “Minor review of the Open Space Access plan”

- Joel gave an overview of the review, aimed at consistency in the plan
- Looking at scope of plan over next 3.5 years
- Looking at E-Bikes – they are currently restricted under the plan
- View to undertake ratings of open space tracks accessibility (gradient, terrain)

5. Bec Ramsay – Seeking feedback on the “Playgrounds Policy review”

- Undertaking a review of the 2002 playgrounds policy
- Accessibility isn't currently addressed adequately in the policy
- Draft plan will be written in March, public consultation in May
- Best practice seems to be incorporating multi-purpose equipment (i.e. not the liberty swing)
- Internal audit of playgrounds is taking place
- Members noted issues with access to parks, concern that the current timeframe for review (25 years) is too long
- The strategy determining which playgrounds are looked at to be retrofitted or upgraded is being reviewed

- Some playgrounds are no longer in the same demand they used to be, demographics have changed since being built
- Members noted that sensory and intellectual accessibility issues should also be considered in the design principals

6. David Lee – Island Bay cycleway discussion

- Request from Island Bay residents association for AAG to undertake a review of the cycleway. James to facilitate a site visit.

7. Matters Arising

- James to review and action older meeting items
- AAG Member list to be updated
- James and Alan to develop an “accessible documents and presenters” guideline document

The meeting adjourned at 7.30pm