

Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Committee Room 1, WCC Building, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

Tuesday 24 April 2018, 5:30pm – 7.30

Co-Chairs

Michael Bealing (Chair for March meeting), Nick Ruane

Members present Allan Royal, Stuart Mills, Tristram Ingham, Rachel Noble, Rosie MacLeod, Erikka Helliwell.

Staff present Caleb Bridgeman Senior Democracy Advisor
+ Cr David Lee

1. Opening, Apologies and Minutes

5.30pm

Apologies from Solmaz Nazari Orakani

The group noted her apologies.

Discussion RE minutes – moved Alan Royal, Seconded Erika Helliwell.

2. Alice Bates, Accessibility Action plan

5.40pm

Alice attended the meeting to get final feedback on the plan. Alice also provided a general rundown of the process from this point – e.g. sending the plan to strategy committee, and then for public consultation. Followed by considering feedback from the public.

Feedback: General

- Spell out abbreviations / acronyms.
- Stats – Cognitive and learning disabilities make up a large proportion of those with disabilities.

- However, Stats NZ doesn't seem to take that into account.
- Make sure the docs themselves are accessible.
 - Suggest referencing the standard on the DOI website – RE the international 508 standard. (“ODI document”)
 - Be aware of doc.x
- Reference to intro to disability strategy
 - Note it was in fact created in 2001 – but later ‘refreshed’
- Percentages – 24% of the population living with a disability. Stats NZ have further helpful stats to use. Could also be Wellington specific.
- Section on the stats – could perhaps expand that.
 - Important because sets context for the Council’s thinking going forward.
- Accessible journey is not really something that was created around the world. Developed generally around the world.
- Building compliance – pg 4 – 6
 - Doesn’t cover off private living – like apartments.
 - This matters because we want to encourage city living - ?
- Deaf people – doesn’t appear to have a lot of thought from the deaf community.
- Is a little dry – can it be more lively.
- Emergency – what happens? Is there a place for that thinking within the plan?
- Is there a connection between this plan & the ‘Wellington centre for excellence’?
 - If not, may consider omitting the reference?

Note: what is WCC’s role in the Wellington Centre of Excellence? – and who in WCC is involved – knows about it?

- Feedback no language – is a little passive in places.
- Try to be more specific? – or more “straight up’
- How can this plan deal with problems such as a building that has a disabled toilet, but for whatever reason the toilet can’t be used by patrons – e.g. some cafes store their outdoor furniture in the toilet.
 - Could that be considered?
- The goal here is – for Wellington to be inclusive

- Is there anything stopping WCC from achieving that aspirational goal.

Survey: Alice also explained the survey – results etc. Alice is thinking of including some of that information in the plan.

3. General Business – Michael Bealing / Caleb Bridgeman 7.25

a. April was Caleb's last meeting. Crispian Franklin will be the point of contact.

b. Cr David Lee gave an update on the stadium.

Meeting closed 7.30pm