

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday 26 March 2019

Time: 5:30pm–7:30pm

Venue: Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council,
101 Wakefield St, Wellington

PRESENT

Co-Chairpersons

Rachel Noble

Members

Alan Royal, Stuart Mills, Rosie MacLeod, Solmaz Nazari Orakani,
Erikka Helliwell and Ali Bradshaw

Councillor

David Lee

In Attendance

Jenny Rains - Community Services Manager

Russell Allen – Project Manager

Nicole Thompson

Danny McComb – Manager Economic and Commercial

Geoff Lawson – Principal Advisor

Fiona Lewis – Engagement Advisor

Paul Barker – Network Improvements Manager

Prebashni Naidoo – Senior Democracy Advisor

1. MEETING PROCEDURES

1.1 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all present.

The AAG welcomed new member, Ali Bradshaw.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Tristram Ingham, Nick Ruane and Barbara McKerrow.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest received.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes – Minutes of 26 February 2019

That the minutes of 26 February 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

(Alan Royal/Solmaz Nazari Orakani): Carried

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Frank Kitts Park Children's Playground Upgrade

Russell Allen and Nicole Thompson were in attendance for this item and sought the AAG's feedback on the Frank Kitts Park Children's Playground upgrade.

The Project involved an upgrade of the existing Children's Playground including new play equipment within an increased footprint.

Action: Members to email feedback to Prebashi which will be forwarded to Russell and Nicole.

2.2 The Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre and the Basin Reserve Museum Stand

Danny McComb was in attendance for this item.

The Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre is a new build project to develop a building adjacent to Te Papa to provide large scale city convention facilities and also an exhibition hall for hosting touring exhibitions.

The Basin Reserve Museum Stand is about earthquake strengthening the Museum Stand at the Basin Reserve. As part of the strengthening project the stand will undergo a large scale restoration and the amenity aspects of the stand will be restored and enhanced providing a new home for the Cricket Museum and offices for Cricket Wellington.

The AAG raised the issue around accessibility to the Basin Reserve and in particular in relation to the two stand areas.

Action: Danny agreed to follow up with Cricket Wellington on the issues raised by the AAG.

2.3 Annual Plan

Fiona Lewis provided an update on the Draft Annual Plan 2019/20.

Key information to note:

- Consultation document and feedback can be found on the council website: letstalk.wellington.govt.nz
- Consultation 8 April – 6 May
- Virtual forum 30 April on Facebook

The AAG advised that they would like to work with Council to better target the accessibility community to empower them to have their say on future consultations.

2.4 Accessibility Action Plan

Geoff Lawson provided an update on the Accessibility Action Plan.

The AAG's feedback was sought on the Accessibility Action Plan.

Feedback to be provided on or before Friday 5 April in order to complete the final Action Plan which will be submitted to Council for sign off.

Action:

- Co-chairs to provide information to Geoff for the AAG Chairs Foreword.***
- AAG members to email feedback on the document to Prebashi which will be forwarded to Geoff.***

2.5 AAG Forward Programme

Jenny Rains provided an update on the AAG Forward Programme following her meeting with the Co-Chairs.

The aim was to hold strategic workshops, 30 minutes set aside for strategic workshops to be held at each meeting.

Action: Members to provide feedback on important issues to the Co-Chairs which could be workshopped with officers.

2.6 Update on E-Scooters

Paul Barker provided an update on the e-scooter trial.

3. General Business

The AAG requested an opportunity to farewell Michael Bealing who was unable to attend the last meeting. Prebashni to contact Michael to find out if he was able to attend the April AAG meeting and members could farewell him at the start or end of the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm.

The next AAG meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 5.30pm.