

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

5.30 P.M. – Tuesday 29th June 2010, Committee Room 1

Present

Thomas Bryan (acting Chair)
Errolyn Jones
Alan Royal
Isobel King
Linda Hobman
Lisette Wesseling

Rosemary Cole
Jenny Rains, (WCC)
Stewart Sexton (WCC)
Councillor Pannett
Aroha Rangi

Apologies: Sara Pivac-Alexander (Co-Chair), Philippa McDonald (Co-Chair)

AGENDA ITEM	Actions/Questions	Update
1. Confirmation of the Minutes Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to the next meeting		
2. AAG (formerly DRG) Terms of Reference Update – Aroha Rangi The new terms of reference (ToR) was confirmed. This included renaming the group 'Accessibility Advisory Group' (AAG replacing DRG). The new ToR reflects discussions held with the AAG on 23 March. It was noted that all reference groups will be reviewed after the Council elections in November. The change of name and updating the terms of reference reflect the focus on accessibility rather than disability	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The web- site is to be updated and the terminology changed from DRG to AAG. However, it was agreed that "Formerly DRG" will be noted alongside AAG and all previous links will be connected.2. AAG members to send out notification of the name change to their networks	
3. Engaging Māori with Disabilities This item was deferred to the next meeting when Philippa McDonald will be in attendance.		
4. Update on the Accessibility Action Plan – Jenny Rains Development of an Accessibility Action Plan will be proposed in November for inclusion on the Forward Plan in the new triennium. In the interim the Council will pull together a framework from the work that has been completed, as well as a snapshot of work under progress. There will be some pre-engagement with key stakeholders in the development phase of the draft Action Plan. Input from the AAG will be sought to determine who these should be but they would likely include the DHB, some disability groups and senior groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AAG to supply names of organisations that the Council may not have engaged with previously and to provide ideas of the best way of engaging with the community2. Council officers to organise with the AAG a workshop for ideas on who are the key stakeholders	

It was noted that this initiative would be lead by the Citizens Engagement Directorate.

5. How to Encourage People with Disabilities to Vote

The Group discussed opportunities and strategies for getting people with disabilities to vote.

6. AAG Subgroup Reports

Governance & ICT – The group has discussed the Elections Website and made a submission to Sandra Cowley

Arts & Culture – The group have defined their four goals for the year including promoting audio descriptions to Wellington City arts and events stakeholders; providing New Zealand sign language interpreters at cultural events and activities; providing feedback on any submissions that there may be coming up; providing advice to relevant people on accessible events around the Rugby World Cup.

Housing – The group have not had a meeting yet.

Transport – The group have not had a meeting yet. One of the main issues they will be looking at is organising a meeting regarding Manners Street vs Manners Mall to ensure what is going in place will be useable by different communities. Greater Wellington is rolling out 500 bus stops with improved signage and Braille numbers and in the next financial year they will be providing another 500 stops. Improvements are being made to bus stops at Kapiti with concrete pads being provided. Greater Wellington has audio, real time, portable bus stops.

1. Ensure the review of the Council's Events Policy is on the forward programme for the AAG
2. Andy Scotland, Manager City Events, will be added to the forward programme to present to the AAG
3. Thomas will look at providing a demonstration of the bus stop changes at the next meeting.

7. Council Officer's Report

Work programme includes

- Accessible car parks.
- Arts Access Aotearoa – running workshops around how venues can be more accessible – physical access and having audio cues or hearing loops provided.
- The Action Plan is a key piece of work going forward and someone will be starting shortly to bring together the initial information. This will include work on the Rugby World Cup
- Mobility parks in Manners and Cuba Malls – three of the current parks will have to be moved because of changes in Manners Mall but they will be replaced. .

9. Other Business

The meeting closed at 7.35pm and the next meeting agreed to be scheduled for: Tuesday, July 27th 2010 at 5:30 pm.