

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 27th of November in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 4. Overview of the Wellington City Bus Review**
Matthew Lear and Rhona Hewitt, Greater Wellington Regional Council
- 5. Halberg SportsAccess award,**
Nick Crowe, Team leader, Aquatic Programmes, Keith Spry Pool
Laura Hill, Disability Sport Co-ordinator, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation
- 6. Accessible Wellington Forum**
- 7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports**
- 8. Other business**
- 9. Next Meeting**
Tuesday 11th December in Committee Room One

RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

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1. Present

- Members: Jason Strawbridge, Lachlan Mackay (Co- Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel,
- Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Nick Crowe
- Councillors: Iona Pannett
- Guests: Matthew Lear, Rhona Hewitt, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Laura Hill, Disability Sport Co-ordinator, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation
- Interpreters:

2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies: Julia Mosen, Shannon Morris

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting 30 October 2012 approved. Rosemary/Linda

4. Overview of the Wellington City Bus Review

Presentation on Wellington City Bus Review. The first round of consultation has been completed. The revised plan is being presented to GWRC Councillors for the go ahead. Still allows for change.

Discussion:

- Principles of increasing capacity/accessibility and frequency.
- The transfer idea was not popular so there will be more through routes.
- Research completed on numbers of users and on/off points.
- 20 new buses coming (accessible buses).
- Bus shelters are being upgraded. The Council buying more than what GWRC is providing. Design key to protect from weather conditions but also provide feeling of safety. Size of new ones will increase from 2.4 m to 3.6 m when possible. Location is a factor in design.

Action

- GWRC will continue to involve AAG in its consultation process.

5. Halberg SportsAccess award

The SportAccess Awards recognise sports clubs and facilities that provide opportunities for people with disabilities to take part in sport and recreation. Facilities must meet certain criteria, including putting a disability action plan into place and showing long-term commitment to promoting the inclusion of disabled people. Keith Spry Pool in Johnsonville was presented with a SportAccess Award from the Halberg Trust. The pool has gained silver accreditation for its work with the disabled and special needs community, and is only

the fourth aquatic facility in New Zealand to receive the award. Julia and Lisa attended the award ceremony.

Discussion:

- Internal review process.
- Changed information and changed key phrases, staff had training including “Opening Doors” and “No Exceptions” programmes.
- Process took a year but could be done in a shorter time.
- Other Council facilities could also undertake the process.
- Barriers experienced in house including given no budget to make changes needed – otherwise could have been a Gold Award.
- Council’s Recreation Policy - everything should be accessible.

Action:

- AAG to follow this up for the Sports forum **ALL**
- Lisa to contact Recreation Wellington **Lisa**

6. Accessible Wellington Forum

Discussion:

- Need to achieve some work before Christmas including the invites and the advertising material.
- AAG need to support the work of the C and E team to get this achieved.

Action

- Two subgroups formed to help – Kendall, Lachlan and Linda to work on invites and Julia, Rosemary and Angela to work on publicity with Barbara Burke. **Sub-groups**
- Theme of “take a chance on me” not liked and “see the ability in disability” suggested by Jason.

7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports

Economic development and governance

- The new City Ambassadors haven’t had any training regarding working with people with impairments.

Action

- Lisa to email Robyn Steele regarding recommending that the Ambassadors do the Discover training and the Ambassador Team Leader is to be invited to future AAG meeting.

Lisa

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

- Nothing to report

Accessible Environment and transport

- Opera House laneway site visit with Urban Design – improved visual passage through to the sea with a pedestrian crossing and improved lighting and safety features.
- Jason attended the GWRC 30 year plan for public transport meeting. Conceptual at the moment.
- Kumutoto oral submission very successful. As a side product Kendal met with the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group and a process is in place including a yearly meeting of the two groups.

Action

- AAG to monitor the changes to Opera House Lane

All

8. Other business

1. Email from Thomas regarding problems at the Airport
 - Kendal to email Thomas for clarification and then to email contact he has at the airport. Email Ian McKinnon as a last resort **Kendall**
2. Ethnic Forum
 - Alan attended this and thought it was very good.
3. Earthquake preparedness
 - Meeting on December 6th with Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office AAG members attending
4. Fireworks
 - AAG thoroughly enjoyed the event and wanted their thanks minuted again.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 10th of November in Committee Room One. May change to Tuesday 11th

Appendix 1

Follow up actions

From 30 November

- Kendal to email Thomas for clarification of his email regarding problems at the airport and then to email contact he has at the airport. Email Ian McKinnon as a last resort **Kendall**
- Lisa to contact Recreation Wellington regarding the sports forum **Lisa**
- Two subgroups formed to help – Kendall, Lachlan and Linda to work on invites and Julia, Rosemary and Angela to work on publicity with Barbara Burke. **Sub-groups**
- AAG to monitor the changes to Opera House Lane **All**

From 25 September

- To start a key target invite list via email **ALL**
- Feedback on conflict of interest video to be given by members **ALL**

From July 31

- Safe and Sustainable transport reference group – a representative from AAG to be appointed at next meeting
- Lisa will talk with Lucie Derosiers about how to capture accessibility guidance into the 'public space design manual' to ensure it is considered in all projects

From June 26th

- Work on mayoral letter to the Ministry regarding the lack of legislation in temporary works. Jason to work on with Iona

From April 24th

- Lisa to check whether a Council advisory group can or should have such a disclaimer to protect itself from repercussions of advice. **Lisa**

From March 27th meeting

- Lisa to clarify Council's responsibility for the timing on traffic lights for pedestrians.

Lisa

From February 28th 2012

- Problem intersection identified on Willis St by Julia and an offer to show officers why. Lisa to pass on details to Steve Spence.

Lisa

- Accessible Environment subgroup to follow up with bus shelter design. Lisa to get contact details of officer responsible. Lisa
- AAG minutes to be sent to the GWRC Accessibility Reference Group in the future. **Lisa** to organise.

APPENDIX 2

SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

Accessible Environment and transport (including urban design, open spaces)
Jason, Kendall, Julia, Rosemary, Lachlan, Angela

Economic development and governance
Alan, Julia, Lachlan, Kendall

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation
Angela, Linda, Kendall, Rosemary, Julia, Shannon