

MINUTES of ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 31 March 2015 in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30pm to 7.30pm

1. Present

Members: Tim Pate, Paula Booth, Micheal Bealing, Christine O'Sullivan, Christine Richardson

Apologies: Julia Mosen, Lee Rutene, Tristram Ingham, Greg Orchard (Chief Operating Officer)

Officers: Simon Wright (Policy & Reporting)

2. Welcome from the Chair

Michael welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Accessibility update

This item was not addressed.

5. Accessibility Forum 2015

The objectives of the Forum were agreed as:

- To flag opportunities for input into Council processes
- To encourage other groups to engage with the Council
- To clarify how and who to engage with at the Council in different situations
- To strengthen relationships with the accessibility community
- To strengthen relationships with the Council
- To report the AAG's achievement and upcoming work to the accessibility community.

Key messages for the Forum include:

- Accessibility benefits everyone including parents with young children, people with temporary impairments, those with different languages and cultures, and tourists
- The AAG is not representative and should not be used by the Council as a proxy for engaging with the relevant sections of the accessibility community
- The AAG can support accessibility groups engage with the Council.

Invitees to the Forum should include:

- The other advisory groups
- The Multicultural Council

- Invitees from last year's forum.

The Forum will be held on 19 June. The agenda for the 'Engaging with the Council: Modes and Mechanisms' Forum will be:

1.00	Set up	
2.00	Afternoon tea / refreshments	Mingling
2.30 (5)	Welcome and scene setting	MC Cr Lee
2.35 (20)	Several rounds of 'speed dating' / storytelling circles on 'how groups have successfully achieved change' with listeners noting key points on Post Its/note paper for display on wall and later analysis	Instructions and 4 rounds controlled by MC Everyone
2.55 (10)	Mayor on how to engage with the Council in different situations (e.g. reporting a problem, influencing decision making) and on upcoming opportunities to engage (e.g. the Social Strategy, Parking and Mobility Parking review, the Accessible Wellington Action Plan)	
3.05 (10)	Presentation by guest organisation	Arts Access Aotearoa or Be Accessible
3.15 (10)	AAG presentation including feedback from the last Forum	Michael and Paula?
3.25 (25)	Expo to demystify the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility parking rules • Accessible city spaces • Accessible public transport • Accessible open spaces 	MC to explain process Parking Services? Urban Design GWRC PSR
3.50 (10)	Questions and Closing	MC
4.00 – 5.00	Pack up	

The forum will be evaluated by surveying participants (Survey Monkey?) after the Forum.

The budget will need to include at least two NZSL interpreters.

Simon to draft an invitation list and develop an event invitation/flyer based on what was done for last year's forum.

Michael to approach Arts Access Aotearoa and/or Be Accessible about presenting.

6. Comments on proposed Urban Growth Plan

The AAG decided not to submit on the Urban Growth Plan via its oral submission. The group decided it would like to work with responsible officers to raise their awareness of accessibility issues over the medium term.

7. Effective oral submissions

Christine O and Christine R practiced delivering the AAG's oral submission on the Long Term Plan (LTP), which is scheduled for 4.20pm on 8 May. The submission will emphasise the AAG's vision for the 'coolest little accessible capital', explain the Lifemark Design principles and question the LTP assumption that there will not be demand for increased service levels over the next 10 years. Members encouraged the presenters to use personal stories to convey these messages.

8. Mobility parking

This item was deferred.

9. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Christine O moved that the draft minutes be accepted as true and correct. Paula seconded the motion and it was passed.

10. Project reports

Social Housing Service Policy Review

Michael will send the AAG's comments on the Social Housing Service Policy Review to the Council officers working on this review.

11. Other business

Annual Report

Michael and Paula delivered the AAG's Annual Report to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 30 April.

Long Term Plan oral submission,

Christine O and Christine R will deliver the AAG's oral submission to the LTP hearings committee at 4.20pm on 8 May.

Feedback on emergency response information

Simon forwarded the AAG's feedback on the pictorial emergency response information to the Community Services team.

Active Activists

The Active Activists group is scheduled to present its concerns about the Cuba Street-Abel Smith Street intersection to the Transport and Urban Development Committee at 9.15am on 21 May.

WCC Style Guide

The Council's new Style Guide includes a section on accessibility. A copy has been loaded into the AAG's Drop Box.

Actions

Action points from 28 April	Person	Status
Draft an invitation list and develop an event invitation/flyer based on what was done for last year's forum.	Simon	
Approach Arts Access Aotearoa and/or Be Accessible about presenting.	Michael	
Send the AAG's comments on the Social Housing Service Policy Review to the Council officers working on this review	Michael	

Action points from 31 March	Person	Status
Circulate report on the implementation of the Accessible Wellington Action Plan	Jenny R Simon	
Find out about mobility parking issues at the Kilbirnie Pool	Lee	
Invite Lee's contact at the Westpac Stadium to an AAG meeting to discuss mobility parking	Lee	

Action points from 24 February	Person	Status
Review and report on work programme progress on Loomio	Michael	
Link members to the forward programme when it goes to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee	Simon	