

Details: Date: Tuesday 25 July, 2017
Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm
Venue: Committee Room One
Chair: Michael Bealing
Minute taker: Carline Thomas

Attendees:

Michael Bealing	Cr David Lee
Tristram Ingham	Carline Thomas – WCC Democratic Services
Christine Richardson	Accessibility Information: Mathew Bialy - WCC Recreation Facilities Mgr.
Alan Royal	Let's Get Wellington Moving: Paula McArthur – NZTA; Barry Mein – Programme Dir.
Tim Pate	

Apologies:

Julia Aguilar	Jeremy Baker – WCC Dir. Strategy and Communications
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Items:

1.0 Welcome from the Chair

1.1 Apologies received as noted above

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 2.1 TI: put a motion that the June minutes be accepted
MB: seconded the motion

CARRIED

- 2.2 TI: noted that there is scope for the AAG to provide post-presentation feedback on the Presenter's Pre-meeting Template

3.0 Accessibility Information at Wellington City Council Sports and Recreation Facilities – Mathew Bialy, WCC Recreation Facilities Manager

- 3.1 Mat outlined the purpose of his attendance at the meeting: to seek input regarding the availability of information about accessibility at WCC pools and recreation facilities
- 3.1.1 There are seven swimming pools and five recreation centres, including the ASB recreation centre
- 3.2 TI: highlighted the accessibility information available in London, which includes information about specifics such as door widths and step heights, and suggested London as a model
- 3.2.1 TI: unaware of information regarding provision for accessibility at Wellington pools and recreation centre
- 3.2.2 TI: there is a parks accessibility symbol but no information as to what the symbol means
- 3.2.3 TI: there is a range of needs re accessibility, therefore the more detail, the better
- 3.3 CR: the AAG was consulted on accessibility at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC), however, there was no feedback re changes made
- 3.3.1 TI: there are a number of issues around parking at the WRAC, for example,
- 3.4 DL: can leverage off prior work done by Auckland City Council and seek other examples of best practice design
- 3.4.1 TI: the pertinent standard is NZS4121
- 3.5 TI: thanks to Mat for approaching the group

4.0 Let's Get Wellington Moving – Paula McArthur, NZTA; Barry Mein, Programme Director

4.1 Barry outlined the 'Let's Get Wellington Moving' project

4.1.1 Requested feedback: ways to engage with

4.2 TP: noted that public transport is important for accessibility

4.2.1 TP: an integrated fare would be helpful

4.2.2 MB: international examples of accessible public transport

4.3 TI: there is no 'one size fits all' as there is wide diversity of needs within the accessibility community (about 25 percent of the population has accessibility issues)

4.4 TI: there is a useful Ministry of Health document [post-meeting, TI advised the link:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/guide-community-engagement-people-disabilities>]

4.4.1 TI: some screen readers could not read the last survey

4.4.2 CR: World Disability Day on December 3 could present a useful opportunity to seek feedback from the disability community

4.5 DL: question: is transport planning playing 'catch-up' with land use planning?

4.5.1 Barry: Yes, to some extent; there is some opportunity to influence land use planning, however, it is a challenge

4.5.2 DL: there is growth in the north, however, amenities and facilities are largely situated to the south of the city

4.5.3 Barry: yes, congestion is occurring not just at peak hours, but also during the weekend

4.6 TI: new technology: self-drive cars will be great – is there going to be future-proofing for new technology re accessibility? Universal accessibility is critical, as exemplified in London

4.6.1 Barry: there is potential for some new technology to be incorporated; juggling demand versus capacity; using ability to respond to incidents as an evaluation criteria;

can't resolve everything, but will hopefully be able to provide alternatives

- 4.7 MB: need more cycle-ways (cycling is the second most dangerous use of roads); need to be careful about managing the conflict between cyclists and people with accessibility issues (for example, there are areas in Toronto where cyclists are required to walk instead of cycle for short sections to manage potential conflict)
- 4.8 MB: design needs consideration (example: bus-stop / footpath interface design)
- 4.9 TP: light phasing variations are an issue; time countdowns at pedestrian crossing points are useful
- 4.9 TI: queried the scope of the project
 - 4.9.1 Barry: from Ngauranga to the airport
- 4.10 TI: accessibility parking design and location often flawed
- 4.11 MB: universality of design with regards to aspects such as kerbing, ramps, and transitions would be useful

5.0 Councillor Update (Clr David Lee)

- 5.1 Site 9 consultation due to close (28 July)
- 5.2 In the last phase of Island Bay cycle-way consultation process
- 5.3 Johnsonville Community Hub closes 28 July
- 5.4 Shelly Bay consultation closes 14 August
- 5.5 CR: question re internships at Council with accessibility focus
 - 5.5.1 DL: has not had any feedback as yet
- 5.6 TI: questioned the seemingly ad hoc nature of consultation
 - 5.6.1 DL: the group is briefed through the Councillors
 - 5.6.2 Carline: hoping to include a workshop on the Forward Programme for the AAG at the August meeting
 - 5.6.3 AR: engagement needs to be timely
 - 5.6.4 MB: The AAG was asked to defer the post-implementation walkabout of the Island Bay cycle-way

until the project manager was satisfied the project was complete and the local body elections had been completed. Follow-up failed to yield the go-ahead on a number of occasions.

5.7 TI: the presenters' template is proving to be useful

6.0 Fix-It Update

6.1 Carline reported back on the action point regarding accessibility related logs using the Council's Fix-It app

6.1.1 TI: asked whether the majority of the handful of logs were his

6.1.2 Action point: Carline to follow up

7.0 Recruitment Update

7.1 Carline reported that interviews were currently being conducted

7.1.1 MB: suggested that future vacancies be listed on the Council's 'careers' page in addition to newspaper advertisements and the listing under the Council meetings webpage

7.1.2 MB: noted that Julia's second term is about to conclude

8.0 Research Proposal – Tristram Ingham

8.1 TI: introduced an 'accessible parks' project for which he sought to obtain a letter of support from the AAG

8.2 MB: put the motion that the AAG provide a letter of support for the project as proposed by Tristram

CR: Seconded the motion

CARRIED

8.3 Note: Tristram abstained from the vote due to a declared conflict of interest

9.0 Long-Term Plan Engagement

9.1 Carline conveyed a request from Council officers regarding whether the group wished to have a presentation from officers in relation to the Council's Long-Term Plan

9.2 All in agreement with regards to endorsement: Carline to add Long-Term Plan presentation to next month's agenda

10.0 General Business

10.1 Group agreed action items can be removed from the table once completed.

10.2 CR: action point re Abel Smith / Cuba St intersection should remain as uncompleted since the intersection remains unchanged

10.2.1 Carline to reinstate as an action point

10.3 MB: AAG are still waiting on an ELT member

10.3.1 Carline: has had no update regarding Jeremy's replacement

10.4 MB: the EOI for funding from the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO for projects that aim to contribute to a better future for all written by Rachel Noble of Ennoble on behalf of the AAG was unsuccessful

10.5 TI: Artwork from Disability Pride Week donated to Council

10.5.1 Carline to investigate re hanging

Meeting Closed At 7.47pm

Next Agenda due Thursday 24 August

Actions: The following tables the actions and responsibilities made during earlier meetings:

Action		Responsibility	Completed
28-Mar	That Jeremy, Barbara McKerrow or another member of ELT, attends the next AAG meeting.	Nevada	Deferred
28-	To add a summary of	Michael	Completed

Mar	successful engagement to Michael's business plan to Wellington Museum		
28-Mar	Cr Lee to report back to CSC when he sees necessary or by request from AAG	Cr Lee	Ongoing
28-Mar	Michael to see how we can interact with committees, through talking with Jeremy.	Michael	Deferred; ELT member responsible for AAG to be confirmed
28-Mar	Invite Vicky McLaren to next AAG meeting re inductions	Nevada	Deferred; can incorporate recognition of disability issues in induction process (email); working with Ennoble on intern programme (Cr Calvert)
30 May	To send the summary of successful engagement to AAG	Christine Richardson	Completed
25 July	Artwork from Disability Pride Week donated to the Council: investigate re space	Carline	29 August
25 July	Reinstate action point regarding the Abel Smith and Cuba Street intersections	Carline	29 August
25 July	Feedback from Council on the intersection of Cuba and Abel St	Carline	29 August