

Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Committee Room 1, WCC Building, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

Tuesday 31 October 2017, 5:30pm – 7.30

Chair Michael Bealing

Members present Nick Ruane, Solmaz Nazari Orakani, Tim Pate, Allan Royal, Tristram Ingham,

Staff present Caleb Bridgeman Senior Democracy Advisor
Tim Kirby, Neil Johnstone and Charles Kingsford – Transport. Carol Wahrlich, Manager Customer Services.

Also present – Raewyn Hailes from CCS Disability Action.

1.	Opening & Apologies Apologies from Stuart Mills, Councillor Lee (and Councillor Foster in Cr. Lee's absence) <u>The group noted their apologies.</u> Also received apologies from Julia Aguila. This was Julia's last meeting, unfortunately she was unable to make the meeting. The Group would like express their appreciation for Julia's input, and also to acknowledge her input. The group has agreed that they should try to informally catch up with Julia outside the meetings. Minutes from September 2017 meeting: Minutes noted – except for point 6.4 – Note that the Ministry of Health contact list / for disability contacts.	5.30pm
2.	Evacuation: This is about a specific evacuation plan in the event of an emergency during an AAG meeting. The group was concerned about whether that evacuation plan considers other people within the council buildings. However, the Council already has a very robust and thorough procedure / plan that includes very comprehensive consideration of people with disabilities.	5.45pm

	Action Point: Further discussion on this was requested.	
3.	<p>Carol Wahrich: Fixit app</p> <p>Carol presented more information on the fixit app because this had been requested at an earlier meeting. The group wanted further information to understand the extent of what the app provided, and what type of functionality it provided.</p> <p>Points to Note: - The app is only one way to provide feedback on issues around the city to the Council. There is also email and text for example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key words would be helpful. E.g. if you use the keyword "accessibility" then reports can be filtered and run looking at that key word. In this way reports on accessibility can be categorised properly. - The AAG sees this app as a way to assess need, see what challenges there might in the city, and are very interested in the Council maximising the data. - To that end, the AAG is very open, and would welcome the opportunity to consult on developments. <p>RE parking – Carol said the fastest way to get something done if a car is parked illegally is to call the council.</p>	6.00pm
4.	<p>Raewyn Hailes, CCS Mobility Parking</p> <p>Raewyn gave a presentation on the technology that her organisation is working on. This presentation focused on the abuse of mobility parks, and what her organisation was doing to address that.</p> <p>The group then spoke generally about the problems that they see regularly with mobility parks being abused.</p> <p>Action Point: AAG would like to ensure that regular feedback is provided to the Mayor directly on this issue. The group feels strongly that this is a significant ongoing issues that should be considered.</p>	6.20pm
5.	<p>Transport – Tim Kirby, Neil Johnstone, Charles Kingsford</p> <p>The transport team attended the meeting to discuss and hear feedback on the traffic signals, phasing of light signals, and concern about the length of time that people had (especially PWD) to cross roads in the City.</p> <p>Main issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time to cross the road – phasing of the lights at particularly large intersections. Michael 	7.00pm

	<p>gave Tim Kirby a list of specific intersections. Tim needed time to assess the timing and would provide more of an explanation about the timing at those intersections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb Cuttings: The group also provided feedback on problematic cuttings. Often the dip was too deep. Neil explained that the feedback was useful, and he would go back to his colleagues to discuss reshaping possibilities. • The group asked whether this is something the LTP might consider. The AAG would like to support that process if possible. • The AAG would like to advocate on getting more of a budget to fix these problems. • Kerb heights for buses: The group understands that this is a regional council issue. • Footpaths – scaffolding on footpaths. Plastic yellow ramps that are slippery. Charles and Neil said that they would talk to the roadwork team about the footpath feedback. 	
6.	<p>General Business</p> <p><u>Appointment of chair / co-chair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed that Michael and Nick would act as co-chairs for the remainder of this term. • This is Michael’s last term, so it assists with succession. • Recruitment: new members are needed to replace Julia and Christine. 	8.00pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm