

Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Tuesday 31 July 2018 5:30–7:30pm

**Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council, 101
Wakefield St, Wellington**

Co-Chairperson:

Michael Bealing and Nick Ruane

Members:

Tristram Ingham, Alan Royal, Solmaz Nazari Orakani,
Erikka Helliwell, Stuart Mills, Rosie MacLeod, Rachel
Noble

Councillors:

Cr Lee (Technology, Innovation, Enterprise, Climate
Change)

ELT member:

WCC Staff:

Helena Patuwai (Democracy Services)
Anna-Marie Miller (Community Resilience Advisor)
Anna Blomquist (Transport Safety Education Co,
Network Improvements)

Apologies received: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

AAG confirmed the meeting on 26 June 2018 was a light workshop meeting where minutes were not required.

Anna-Marie Miller – *Wellington's inaugural Accessibility Awards*

Anna-Marie presented some feedback questions regarding the awards ceremony.

Feedback:

- AAG formally thanked Anna-Miller and WCC for a successful inaugural accessibility.
- Overall a very positive experience community event
- Issues around tightening up the rules of illegibility in receiving awards, nominations criteria, splitting categories and judging awards.
- Issues around blind people's access information displayed on screen – the list of nominees should read aloud.
- Stage ramp should be available for accessibility.
- It's important that the awards are organised *in partnership with* representatives of the disability community, rather than *for* the community
- Profiles on people was positive
- Accessibility winners not given an opportunity to speak – AAG questioned the unequal treatment
- Enhance and improve communications and marketing
- A plan put in place to work together for the next years awards

Anna Blomquist – *Creating a Communications Working Group for the Cycling Programme*

Anna proposed setting up a working group for the cycling programme. The working group would hold three evening sessions with the design team looking to start in August. The view is not to go into this with an authoritarian approach.

Feedback:

- Response to go in with an open mind
- Concern around conflict in shared spaces – other places limit cycle speed to 10kph in shared spaces, where bottlenecks increase the risk of conflict. For example: South Wharf in Melbourne and Stanley Park in Vancouver.
- Concern around going over bridges
- Questioned if CCTV footage captures ignorant users

David Boyd – *Public transport accessibility developments*

David presented on positive changes in public transport accessibility.

Feedback:

- Group overall happy with services but room for improvements
- Changing the blue lighting as they cause headaches and migraines difficult to read with. David mentioned health and safety are working on this
- Poor colour contrast for white text on the green background flyer failed the test
- Concerns around people giving up seats for people with disabilities and people standing up while bus is moving. The notices have disappeared
- Printed timetables not readable/accessible
- Need to be mindful for some drivers pulling to the kerb
- Some buses not stopping for people with disabilities or kneeling the buses
- Clear communication or signage for people to exit through the rear door, unless the front is safer or more accessible
- Getting more information out to people through improved communications and looking at network issues
- Request for engagement to happen on a regular basis with GWRC
- Wii availability on buses raised but most people have use mobile data

- Passengers could have a better attitude with drivers by showing more courtesy

General Business

Fixit app – information on accessibility issues

Accessibility award – who was on the panel from AAG

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

Action		Responsibility	Completed
25 July	Artwork from Disability Pride Week donated to the Council: investigate re space	Democracy Advisor	This will need to be deferred because the Council is moving. Will need to confirm where that artwork will be housed.
26 September	APW Wards engagement	Democracy Advisor	Book in meetings before next awards
26 September	GWRC to engage on a regular basis	Democracy Advisor	Engagement with GWRC be added to agenda on a quarterly basis
29 August	Compile the AAG Forward programme	Democracy Advisor	Deferred - This needs to be discussed

			with Council officers and the AAG
29 August	Action request from the group to have feedback from John McDonald, Mgr. City Housing, re the WCC social housing block, Arlington Apartments, re the AAG input into the plans	Democracy Advisor	Ongoing – further feedback required.
26 September	Allan Brown to organise walkabout along Waterfront with the AAG members	Allan Brown	This has not yet been organised. I (Caleb) understand no dates worked for all parties.
26 September	Fixit app – can a photo from the app be used to issue and enforce a ticket – Caleb was to discuss with legal	Democracy Advisor	Completed.