

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

MNUTES

5.30 PM

Wednesday 29 March 06

Present

Ross Livingstone	Kaeti Rigarlsford
Jules Tangiwha	Ollie Goulden
Lorraine Offord (Chair)	Paul Sisson
Jenny Rains	Joanne Ward
Nick Luger	
Thomas Bryan (Chair)	

1. Welcome

The Co-Chairs welcomed the group and advised the group that all cell phones are to be turned off during the meeting.

2. Apologies

Councilor Leonie Gill
Kendall Akhurst

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Presented

Paul enquired as to the monitoring of mobility car parks. DLO advised that monitoring was effective at Council Controlled car parking. However, private car parks relied on public feedback for monitoring.

4. Jenny Rains, Disability Liaison Officer

Jenny gave the group an address into the history of the DRG and the reasoning behind the appointment of the DLO and the DRG's terms of reference

5. Community Law Centre

The DRG suggested Community Law needs to have a programme of focus groups next year to understand the disability community's legal issues around inclusion and human rights. The DRG would be happy to facilitate this. It was thought that there was not enough for input into the annual plan and it is

hoped that the needs of the community could be determined this way for inclusion in the next annual plan.

6. Ticket Prices at Venues

Comment highlighted the needs of the hearing and vision impaired communities. It was suggested that the Convenor of the Arts Festival be invited to our next meeting, Ross will follow this up.

7. Back Door Rubbish Collection and Recycling

It was agreed that if you have a permanent disability there should not be the requirement to prove your disability annually. Group to seek comment from Councillor Gill on why the community card was discarded as a method of means testing.

8. Warehouse parking

A report was distributed from Wrightson Associates detailing the inconsistency with 4121. An approach to be made to the airport company Jenny and Ross to write a draft report for the airport to be tabled in May for the DRG meeting

9. Audio film

Thomas presented an excerpt from Harry Potter which demonstrated audio description.

10 Other Business

Disability Awareness. Increasingly there appears to be a real need for this training. The DLO has identified libraries, recreation centres and swimming pool complexes.

It was proposed by the Co-Chair that if there are guests present at the meetings, where there are matters to be discussed amongst members, then time should be set aside to discuss these matters when guests are not present.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12 April 2006-Annual Plan