

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

MINUTES

5.15 PM
TUESDAY 8 August 2006

Committee Room 2

Members

Ross Livingstone
Jules Taniwha
Thomas Bryan (Co-Chair)
Kendall Akhurst
Paul Sisson
Kaeti Rigarlsford

Ollie Goulden
Lorraine Offord (Co-Chair)
Nick Luger

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the group.

2. **Apologies**

Joanne Ward
Councillor Leonie Gill

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4. **Select Enquiry into Social Services - Bronwyn Hayward**

Bronwyn described herself as an independent disability consultant. Her report on the quality and safety of the health system showed needs were not met, the environment was unsafe and care was poor. Inquiry submissions close on the 25 August 06.

5. **Draft Footpath Management Policy and Draft Trading in Public Places Policy**

Zack Rissel presented the draft Footpath Management Policy and the Trading in Public Places Policy. The previous Footpath Policy dated back to 1985. The new policy seeks to give pedestrians the right of way.

Trading in Public Places Policy is about what should be sold and when. Should food carts be accessible and are they classed as a building?

Submissions for these close on 22 September 06.

6. Newlands Upgrade

A presentation was deferred until September as the project had not progressed as planned.

7. Other Business

Inquiry into the quality and care of services provision for disabled people. It was decided that the DRG would complete a submission. The group to progress this would be Kaeti, Nick and Paul (Paul to lead)

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Paul advised that there was an article on accessible playgrounds. He would forward this to the members.

Dr Paul Sullivan would be addressing those interested at Committee Room 2, on 25 August 06 at 12.00 noon. Please contact Lorraine for further information.

Thomas advised that the Diversity game was a tool that we should look at and maybe host as an event. Ross would make enquiries with HR.

Jules had noticed another incident at Kilbirnie Pak n Save. We would invite comment from Councilor Gill at the next DRG meeting.

An article in The Wellingtonian had centered on a driver receiving tickets whilst parked using a mobility card. We would talk to Parking Services to confirm that they understood the Mobility Parking Policy 2005.

Paul sought 3 months leave to travel to Japan. Jennifer Rains would be asked for approval.

To encourage dialogue with the community we would trial a mini forum where ten consumer groups would be invited to present to the DRG. We would in turn create on going collaboration with that group by allocating responsibility for those

groups to members of the DRG. Members were asked to send a list of consumer groups so that this forum could be progressed.

Youth Forum. It was decided that as the theme for Year of the Disabled was technology, the WCC Forum should be around youth and technology. A meeting for the next sub committee meeting would be advised shortly.

Bus concessions. Thomas advised that there had been concessions removed from some passenger groups without any obvious consultation. The DRG would write to Stagecoach to advise of its concern.

From Zach's presentation there was a query as to whether a Kiosk or Food Vending structure was in fact a building and should it therefore meet the criteria for accessibility. Ross to check with BCLS.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 12 September 2006

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