
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2012

**9.16AM – 10.24AM
10.39AM – 11.56AM**

**Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield St
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Councillor Cook	(9.16am – 10.24am, 10.39am – 11.56am.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.16am – 10.24am, 10.39am – 11.56am.)
Councillor Gill	(9.16am – 10.24am, 10.39am – 11.56am.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.16am – 10.24am, 10.39am – 11.56am.)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Wade-Brown

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Antoinette Bliss – Committee Advisor
Fiona Dunlop – Committee Advisor

001/12PA **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/13IM)

Moved Councillor Cook, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the motion that the Positive Ageing Hearing Committee receive apologies for absence from Mayor Wade-Brown.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Positive Ageing Hearing Subcommittee:

1. *Receive apologies for absence from Mayor Wade-Brown.*

002/12PA **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/13IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

003/12PA **DRAFT POSITIVE AGEING POLICY** (9.18AM – 11.44AM)
– ORAL SUBMISSIONS
Schedule of Oral Submitters
(1215/52/13IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Robert McDonald, (submission number 3), spoke to his submission and sought clarification of document. He would like an indicator of outcomes in concrete terms, clear outlines of all scenarios envisaged and what are the worst case scenarios for older people? He would also like printed resolutions of all the possible outcomes.
2. Ellen Blake and Mike Mellor representing Living Streets, (submission number 7), spoke to their submission. They support the focus of the policy. They acknowledged Council focuses on areas it has authority over i.e. providing housing for older people and provision of good transport and roading. They also emphasised that Council needs more attention to detail with footpaths, making reference to the publication Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide.
3. John Gibbons representing Age Concern, (submission number 2), spoke to his submission and advised finding the policy unspecific in many ways. He advised that there is a increase in demand for housing older people but they often feel unsafe in council and other housing complexes due to a few of the other residents behaviour. He urged

Council to have a look at what other councils do in the way of surveys and printed activity guides.

4. Rosemary Russell, (submission number 4), spoke in support of her submission and that she would like to see more facilities available for clubs and upgraded facilities to suit the needs of older persons.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.24am and reconvened at 10.39am.)

(Councillors Cook, Eagle, Gill, Pannett and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

5. Roger Tweedy representing the Work and Age Trust, (submission number 12), spoke to his submission. He advised that the issue is bigger than a policy and strategically important to the city. He would like to see the council taking this issue seriously, as the city is affected by what he called the 'age wave' and that 92% of small business owners are over 50 years old. There is a need for a working party to be established but not just with older people, but young people and partnerships with other groups.
6. Tom Law, (submission number 11), spoke to his submission. He advised that the document is not a policy but should be more of a series of guidelines and strategies and the long term plan should reflect what is in the policy not they other way around.
7. Bernie Harris, (submission number 5), spoke to his submission. He believes this draft policy was written on 9% of the population as only 400 submissions were received when it went out for consultation in 2004. Mr Harris asked, is this a council responsibility when it is a central government concern? He would like Council to have a specialist person on staff who can deal with enquiries surrounding all the information out there already available to assist older persons.

The meeting concluded at 2.58pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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