

Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday 27 March 2018, 5:30pm – 7.30

Co-Chairs

Nick Ruane (Chair for March meeting), Michael Bealing

Members present Allan Royal, Stuart Mills, Tristram Ingham, Rachel Noble, Rosie MacLeod, Erikka Helliwell.

Staff present Caleb Bridgeman Senior Democracy Advisor
+ Cr David Lee

1. Opening, Apologies and Minutes

5.30pm

Apologies from Solmaz Nazari Orakani

The group noted her apologies.

Discussion RE minutes – moved Stuart Mills, Seconded Alan Royal.

2. Fiona Lewis, Long Term Plan

5.45pm

Fiona presentation was on the 5 key priority areas for the Council's Long Term Plan. The plan includes: housing – new homes, Partnership with central government, rental WOF, Transport – e.g. transport / new investment in new methods of travel. New initiatives: New fees for parking, predator free Wellington.

Feedback: General

- Q: General accessibility – has that been considered? Would need to have input before it gets put out.

- Does feel like the horse has bolted – because the council has approached the group for feedback, but they are already at consultation stage.
- Need to therefore make better use of the AAG.
 - AAG needs to be approached for advice earlier.

3. Welcome to the new members of the AAG – 6.30

- Nick Ruane: Rachel Noble, Erikka Helliwell, Rosie MacLeod.

4. AAG engagement – presented by Co-Chair Michael Bealing. 6.40

Michael presented a slideshow to the group. Covered how to engage with Council officers. E.g. courtesy, respect etc/

5. Update on the Safe and Sustainable Transport forum – Michael Bealing. 6.55

- Focus on safe transport.
- Footpaths – should be used by pedestrians. Not cycles
- Update on the bus system
- Parking policy
 - Does it include accessible parking

Anyone from AAG is encouraged to attend these meetings.

6. “Wellington Walks” is this tagline ablest? Michael Bealing 7.05

Is the Tagline ablest – Anna Blomquist from WCC transport asked Michael whether the above was ablest – the group’s feedback was:

- Walking is about the act of doing / so should reflect purpose of the activity.
- The word talks about the mechanism not the purpose
- And that describes the purpose well
- Should think about mobility more broadly.
 - Different forms including: wheelchair, weight, crutches, age
- There are a lot of registered walking groups.
- No it is not ablest. It may even create an opportunity to create more accessible walks.

7. Te Papa update – Nick Ruane

7.15

This is about accessibility of the museum. Not an official project for AAG, but the group and the Council may still be interested.

8. AWAP update – Michael Bealing

7.20

- Council has decided that they want wider consultation, and broad input.
- There is a timeline for the project plan.
- Survey: was a little confusing.
 - o Hard to find
 - o Problem with the nature of the questions
 - o Form of the questions was wrong
 - o The questions were not accessible
 - o Some questions tended to exclude depending on the answer to the first Q.
 - o Felt the robustness of the methodology was average.
 - o Again comes back to giving the AAG more time – ie. Bringing this to AAG earlier so that the council can get feedback before it goes out.

9. Forward Planning on Submissions – Michael Bealing.

7.25

- a. The AAG would like to see more visibility of the group.
- b. Previously, oral submissions to the Council on different projects were common.
- c. However, to provide regular submissions would be time consuming, and would have to be done in people's own time.
- d. The group may want to think about what they consider to be high priority areas that they particularly want to submit on.

There was not enough time during the meeting for 'General Business'.

Meeting closed 7.30pm