

Accessibility Advisory Group

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 22 February 2022

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Purpose

- Advise Council on how to help grow a great and accessible City, where barriers to people with impairments are minimised.
- Bring lived experience and knowledge to Council around accessibility issues in the context of Council's roles and priorities.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities. It is from this foundation members share their expertise and lived experience in this advisory role and engage with their communities and others as part of the wider council consultation processes.

Attendance

Chairpersons:	Rachel Noble, Nick Ruane
Members:	Humphrey Hanley, Erikka Helliwell, Olivia Murphy, Rachel Noble (Co-chair), Alan Royal, Nick Ruane (Co-chair)
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Rebecca Matthews
WCC Staff:	Melissa Wells (Senior Accessibility Advisor), Damian Storey (Democracy Advisor), Clara Breitenmoser (Community Services), Jenny Rains (Community Services)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 5:32pm

1. Apologies were received from:

- Solmaz Nazari Orakani
- Stuart Mills
- Susan Williams

No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Items

3. **Pōneke Promise Programme**, *Presented by Clara Breitenmoser (Community Services)*.

This presentation outlined that the programme is taking a data-driven, partnership-based approach. It is looking to deliver on 4 main areas: improving public spaces, increasing community spaces (e.g. community support base, community centre, and interim youth hub), reducing harm, and business confidence. A range of initiatives is underway including streetlighting, a design audit of the Pōneke Promise area to improve accessibility, alcohol ban area and harm reduction, and partnering with local businesses.

The website is here:

<https://wcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=83d4e8cdb17d42c081108e0fb33fe77d>

The submission form is here:

<https://wcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=19c4259c1dd749f59cb3764134a53202>

Members thanked officers for the presentation, which generated thorough discussion and questions.

Discussion topics included:

- Ensuring consideration of those with intellectual disabilities, e.g. accessible language.
- Understanding what violence to disabled people really means, so that there can be proper safeguarding.
- Disability sensitivity training for safety officers and hospitality business partners, and whether that can be delivered through this project or as a standalone initiative.
- Using contrasting colours that also work for colourblind people for bollards

Members thanked Officers for the presentation, and Officers would provide group members with copies of the presentation slides.

4. Updates were shared by:

- Melissa Wells: In discussion with GWRC around inaccessibility of temporary bus stops (due to the protest at parliament), and with Let's Get Wellington Moving to develop an accessibility approach for the project.
- Cr Matthews: Council work programme and upcoming decisions
- Jenny Rains: Wellington Water outage, and improving information channels for those with additional or varying needs.
- Members' updates included: blockage of footpaths and closure of roads due to protest at parliament, and a map of available access routes; Wellington Water outage not only requiring information but actually ensuring water gets to those in need.

5. Leadership election

- With the leave of the meeting, the co-Chair model was selected.
- One nomination was received for co-Chair: Nick Ruane
 - Nick was appointed co-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Group
- With no other nominations received, Rachel Noble agreed to be co-Chair until next meeting, on the basis that any members absent from this meeting could be nominated next time.

5. AAG Members only time.

The meeting concluded at 6:47pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 22/03/2022

Actions from this meeting:

- Group keen to hear an update on Pōneke Promise programme in future.
- Melissa to follow up with GWRC around Total Mobility in the Tawa bus trial.
- Election information, including members' terms, to be circulated to members.
- Comments on oral submissions process and timings to be passed to Democracy Services.