

MINUTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, 53 HEREFORD STREET
ON TUESDAY 20 MAY 2014 AT 10 AM

Present: Claire Phillips (Strengthening Communities Citywide, CCC), Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Doreen McCoard (Post-Polio), Tracey Doreen (Deaf/Blind Community), Brian Laurie (Physical Disability), Adele Wilkinson (Mental Health Education and Resource Centre), Simon Atkinson (People First), Anna Mitchell (Disabled Persons Association), Lorraine Wiersma (Maori & Whanau) and Robert Watts (Older Persons).

Minute Taker: Emma Pachnatz (CCC)

1.	Welcome: Claire welcomed everyone. Claire welcomed Leanne Keenan who will take over the disability portfolio from July. Leanne's role is combined as the Older Person/Disability Advisor for the Christchurch City Council.	ACTION
2.	Apologies: N/A	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes: 15 April 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allison to discuss draft brochure 'What is a good neighbourhood ' at this meeting. Claire to book three monthly meetings with the Community Committee. Prior to the first meeting in June the Committee requested a report by 27 May 2014 for the following months meeting. <p>ACTION: Claire to draft report and send to members for comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Committee Report: Invite for a member to attend Community Committee Meeting with Claire and speak to the group. ACTION: If a member wishes to attend please contact Claire. Claire to send out draft report to members Tiny adventures cards for parents: In process of reprint. Disabled blue car parks at Pioneer: Claire spoke to Parking person who provided the number of disabled car parks in CBD only. The parking person is questioning the legacy of the blue car parks at Pioneer are legal. <p>ACTION: Claire to update when information available and send to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making a Difference Fund: Adele spoken the Social Campaigns Team who are happy for the Disability Advisory Group to spend the rest of the funds based on the criteria of Making a Difference Fund. <p>ACTION: Members to think over next month how to use this money. Adele had one invoice still outstanding for graphic design of the logo - Disability Pride. Adele to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the Disability Advisory Group, how can we efficiently change: Claire and Allison discussed with members having a Planning Day away with a facilitator to revisit the DAG Work Plan – set achievable work and Terms of Reference. Suitable days Tuesday or Friday. <p>ACTION: Claire to update members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roading issues: Anna mentioned DPA has two good contacts at Council from Road Corridor Operations Transport and Greenspace Unit. Luke 	<p>Claire</p> <p>Members Claire</p> <p>Claire</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Claire / Members</p>

	<p>Morley (Engineer) re bus stop issues email luke.morley@ccc.govt.nz and Steve Masters (Supervisor) re pavement maintenance email steve.masters@ccc.govt.nz .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Interchange Meeting: Anna said the disability rep attending the ECan Bus Interchange Meetings is Philip Haythornthwaite from DPA. • Accessible Christchurch Map: Simon mentioned that Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington have Google maps bus stops however Christchurch bus stops aren't shown but they are on www.metroinfo.org.nz website. The group also wondered if bus stops could be shown on the Accessible Christchurch Map? Members felt with the changes to the City rebuild would be better to wait. • Civic Offices foyer steps: In March meeting minutes Tracey mention the foyer steps at Civic Offices were dark and grey for visually impaired people to see. Claire informed members the matter was pass onto the Council's Health & Safety Team and stickers will be installed within the next two weeks. • Submission re libraries: Being presented to the libraries to comment. 	
4.	<p>General Business:</p> <p><u>Submissions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport Bus Review of the Central Station Metro of a temporary bus interchange except to be used until the new passenger transport interchange constructed. The Metro Bus Services Review is now open. Submissions close 16 June. Online form available at metroinfo.co.nz . • Christchurch City Council 'Have Your Say!' website page lists the current projects the Council is asking for feedback www.ccc.govt.nz • Submissions open on a new Cycleway and pedestrian crossing at Deans Avenue, Harper and Fendalton Roads intersections. Check Council website 'Have Your Say'. Submissions close 9 June. • Metro Sports Facility. Allison explained the submission draft reflects a facility that promotes health and wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities. • FEEDBACK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robert mentioned having staff members at the gym available to adjust/programme machinery and review/change programme every six weeks has been great and essential to cater for individual needs. ○ Lorraine mentioned the need for an awareness programme about good manners, respect and common sense for staff. ○ Lorraine commented the Graham Condon facility family/disabled rooms are being used by able bodied people and this needs better policing. Either have more family/disabled changing rooms available or use a system to motion and book. ○ Lorraine mentioned there have been issues with matting gathering on the ramp to the smaller pool at Graham Condon Centre. <p>ACTION: Claire to look into via the Council's Health & Safety Committee process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include at least three hand cycles in gym ○ Children's play area – accessible inclusive playground equipment ○ Civic space outside the front entrance of building i.e. use for markets or events ○ Hydro slide and fun activities. ○ Family playgrounds inclusive for everyone i.e. gentle exercise equipment. Claire commented at Inflatable World on Inversion Terrace is a good example young and old getting involved and 	Claire

	<p>enjoying themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spectator area: RECOMMENDATION: People with assisted devices/wheelchairs can sit with family not segregation. <p>ACTION: Members endorsed the Metro Sports submission and thanked Allison for preparing submission.</p> <p>ACTION: Allison to send submission with changes as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Health & Safety Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison suggested the Council have a policy where there are safety issues identify in Sport and Recreational facilities that the normal process needs to raise as a health and safety issue. <p>ACTION: Claire to discuss with Rachel Mullins from Council. How does the public report health and safety issues at Council's sport and recreational facilities?</p> <p><u>Disability Statistics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert commented whether staff and councillors at Council are aware of the statistics of disabled people in Christchurch. How many people use wheelchairs, are visually impaired etc. Lorraine attending the statistics meeting coming up. Tracey commented have increase of registered people with The Royal Foundation of the Blind. Allison suggest need to look into researching the disability statistics to see what is available, are some of the areas worth monitoring? For example the number of mobility car parks available now and measure for the future – aging population. Allison is aware ECan are keeping track on the number of wheelchair users using the buses. The New Zealand Census has very limited questions on disability. <p>ACTION: Develop handout (1-2 pages) of interesting facts to help Planners/Designers or to help DAG plan. Discuss with Council's research and monitoring unit on census information and other statistics.</p> <p><u>Have A Go Bus Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leanne commented that ECan will host another 'Have A Go Bus Day' in conjunction with the 'Positive Ageing Expo' on 29 September 2014. <p><u>New Botanical Garden Visitors Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison explained to members her experience when struggle to access the new Botanical Garden Visitor Centre via the wheelchair entrance/exit automatic doors. Other members of the public have also complained and due to the design decisions around the entry to the building, the Council recognises is an issue. There are an number of issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revolving door is smaller than usual and hard to push ○ Automatic door for wheelchairs/prams is locked when approach ○ Have signage for wheelchair user/pram and key pad to open/exit automatic door away from door. ○ Instructions to open/exit the automatic door are not clear, confusing for people. <p>ACTION: Allison to follow up with Council. Barrier Free may wish to be involved. Allison said Public Health are interested in how people use spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allison is working on dementia friendly project. What is important is simplicity and clarity around how we use this space i.e. where the entry is. Would be a case study of what is not easy to find the entry. ○ Claire asked in the past has DAG written letters to parts of Council to say this is an issue? Anna commented normally comes to the group's 	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Allison</p> <p>Claire</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Allison</p>
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5.	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 June at Mherc, 116 Marshland Road, Shirley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss the Christchurch Accessible Map ○ Discuss the Planning Day 	
6.	<p>Meeting Closed: 12:05 pm</p>	