
Disability Strategic Advisory Group

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Strategic Advisory Group held in the Meeting Room, Civic Administration Building, Level 15, 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland on Monday, 21 October 2013 at 10.03am.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Dr Huhana Hickey
Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP
David Hughes
Tania Kingi
Clive Lansink
Don McKenzie, OBE
Dr Terry O'Neill
Ezekiel Robson
Susan Sherrard

From 10.12am, Item 4

APOLOGIES

Member

Sandra Budd

For absence

1 Apologies

Resolution number DSAB/2013/36

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) **accept apologies from Susan Sherrard for lateness and Sandra Budd for non-attendance.**

CARRIED

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and congratulated all electoral candidates for their good campaigns and commiserated with them for not succeeding.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DSAB/2013/37

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Monday, 16 September 2013, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

4 Chairperson's Report

Member Susan Sherrard entered the meeting at 10.12am

Resolution number DSAB/2013/38

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded Member C Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) **receive the Chairperson's report.**

CARRIED

5 Sports and Events

Resolution number DSAB/2013/39

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded by Member T O'Neill:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) **receive the verbal discussion on sports and events in the Auckland region.**

CARRIED

Discussion

- Vector Arena booking system – online for all except those with disability
- Vector Arena is a private organisation – Council cannot change their processes
- All Council's outdoor events should have accessible toilets for people with disability e.g. Christmas in the Park.

6 Transport

Resolution number DSAB/2013/40

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) receive the verbal discussion on transport issues in the Auckland region**
- b) hold a planning day in November 2013 to strategise DSAG's way forward.**

CARRIED

Discussion

- Proposed changes to bus routes in Auckland's western suburbs out for consultation
- Update on te Mahia train station – no change
- How much rate money is being spent on making Auckland an accessible city
- To be the world's most liveable city, Auckland must have ease of access for all people and the citizens must hold council to it's objective
- Martine has forwarded a letter from Counties Manukau DHB regarding the inaccessibility of a pedestrian crossing at the Middle more hospital site, originally raised by Huhana Hickey, to Auckland Transport (AT) for follow-up purposes. Robert Lipka has received the letter to refer to the appropriate management within Auckland Transport. She also informed DSAG that the next TAAG meeting will take place on 25 October and that AT is collating Total Mobility (TM) users' feedback in order to collect taxi access-related comments and recommendations.

7 End of Term - Reflections

Resolution number DSAB/2013/41

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded Member C Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) agree that any reflections be noted, and forwarded to officers developing the report to the Governing Body on the future model for the panel.**
- b) take the discussions and reflections from this meeting to the planning day to be held in November 2013.**
- c) wish to have an agreed work programme.**

CARRIED

Discussion

- David Hughes voiced his appreciation of his support person and said that it is important to recognise the people who do the hard work
- Terry O'Neill thanked DSAG for the opportunity to understand Auckland Council better and be part of the learning. The connections between council and the university have been strengthened and it started in DSAG. He said it was a privilege to be in DSAG
- Clive Lansink expressed the need for traction in the departments in Council that don't heed DSAG. He suggested that this be discussed on the DSAG planning day to extract what buttons should be pushed. He would like to take the draft paper he has written to the Governing Body post elections as DSAG needs to move forward with the plan. He is keen to remain on DSAG for another term and would like to discuss how to attract new members. He is proud of DSAG's achievements
- Don McKenzie would like to have a hearing impaired person as a DSAG member
- Colleen Brown would like DSAG to consolidate all discussions over the last three years and that the panel should be single minded in achieving its needs over the next 3 years
- Ezekiel Robson expressed his concerns that DSAG does not have enough power
- Huhana Hickey said that she had seen a lot of achievements over the three years and that DSAG membership is a dynamic group of people with different skills and that there is strong support for the group in Council. DSAG needs to appreciate what it has achieved to date and that when council has invited the group to council meetings, the committee look to DSAG for direction on disability. DSAG needs to consider how it can make able-bodied people understand how disable people struggle with everyday functions. Each member of DSAG has skills and the power to achieve and that the members are here for their skills
- Huhana Hickey and Colleen Brown agreed that DSAG should have a work programme for the next term.

8 Report on Actions from Resolutions of the Disability Strategic Advisory Group

Resolution number DSAB/2013/42

MOVED by Member H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) receive the Report on Actions from Resolutions of the Disability Strategic Advisory Group.**
- b) discuss the Actions on Resolutions at the workshop in November 2013.**

CARRIED

9 General Business

A document was tabled at the meeting.

A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number DSAB/2013/43

MOVED by Member C Brown, seconded Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Group:

- a) receive the verbal general discussion on issues and events occurring since the last meeting of the Disability Strategic Advisory Group.
- b) agree to make formal submission on the Unitary Plan, notified on 30 September 2013, based on DSAG's previous submissions.

CARRIED

Discussion

- Martine advised that all community law centres' funding is now secured until June 2015, and that includes Auckland Disability Law (ADL). ADL's manager, Nicola Owen is leaving the organisation to take up new opportunities.
Martine also advised that Usha Chand is the Libraries' Adviser for Inclusiveness.

Attachments

- A Review into disability access begins

5 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.00 noon

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE DISABILITY STRATEGIC
ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....