
Disability Strategic Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel held in the Council Chambers, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Monday, 21 July 2014 at 11.00am.

PRESENT

**Acting Chairperson
Members**

Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP
David Hughes
Tania Kingi
Dr Terry O'Neill
Ezekiel Robson

Liaison Councillor

Sharon Stewart, QSM

From 12.28pm, Item 7

APOLOGIES

Chairperson
Member
Member
Member
Member

Dr Huhana Hickey
Sandra Budd
Clive Lansink
Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE
Susan Sherrard

1 Apologies

Resolution number DIS/2014/51

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Chairperson H Hickey, Member S Budd, Member C Lansink, Member D McKenzie and Member S Sherrard for absence and Councillor S Stewart for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Acting Chairperson Colleen Brown stated that, in relation to Item 6, she was involved with an organisation that made applications for community grants.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DIS/2014/52

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown, seconded by Member T Kingi:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 16 June 2014 as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

5 Draft Auckland Council Local Alcohol Policy for feedback

Rebecca Turner, Policy Analyst attended and provided a presentation. A copy of the presentation has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Comments from members in response to the presentation included the following:

- Colleen Brown – Priority overlay – why Weymouth not Clendon?
- Terry O'Neill – Police stats – do they include domestic violence?
- Tania Kingi – Enforcement/regulation versus education (Rebecca said this needs to be considered but not in this workstream).
- Ezekiel Robson – Part of the puzzle – need for a disability impact statement in reports. Host responsibility to be inclusive; premises should be accessible; consultation process re objecting to licences; information on objections needs to be accessible.
- Could new licences be issued to applicants only of buildings with fully accessible building and facilities? There might be an opportunity to put conditions that require improved access in/to the building.

Resolution number DIS/2014/53

MOVED by Member D Hughes, seconded by Member E Robson:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **agree to provide feedback on the draft Auckland Council Local Alcohol Policy incorporating the comments made by members at this meeting and delegates members Tania Kingi and Ezekiel Robson to finalise the wording of the feedback noting that it is due by 5 pm on Friday, 8 August 2014.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Presentation

6 Engagement on the draft Community Grants Policy

Linda Greenalgh, Policy Analyst Region wide attended and spoke briefly to this item, stating that feedback was required by 5 pm on Monday, 11 August 2014.

Feedback provided at the meeting from members included the following:

- Tania Kingi – questioned the process regarding Maori engagement especially small groups with limited resources such as Maori Deaf. How do we get Auckland Council to engage better with the disabled sector? It was suggested that community groups could have a role in the consultation to run consultations with their communities if funded and resourced.
- Colleen Brown – questioned how many disabled groups accessed council grants and stated that the south was particularly poorly represented. There is a need for people on the ground with skills to engage with the disabled sector. Cited examples of community events which often don't have disabled toilets – possibly a funding reason.
- David Hughes – need to ensure people who apply for and receive community grants have requisite financial skills.
- Ezekiel Robson – Wants a principled statement that applicants need to show that the grant will be used for projects that are inclusive for community grants to be given in the first place – this statement is not inconsistent with the Auckland Plan. The applicant would need to show that disabled peoples' needs have been incorporated and their voice has been heard. Local Boards are developing accessible Local Board Plans and there should be links to grants they would make with priorities to support disabled groups.
- A number of groups were identified by members for contact during the consultation including Blind Foundation, Blind Citizens Group, People First, Disabled Persons Assembly.

Resolution number DIS/2014/54

MOVED by Member T O'Neill, seconded by Member E Robson:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **note that the draft Community Grants Policy has been endorsed by the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee for public consultation.**
- b) **agree to provide feedback on the draft Community Grants Policy, incorporating the comments made by members at this meeting, noting that it is due by 5 pm on Monday, 11 August 2014.**

CARRIED

7 DSAP Feedback on Parking Discussion Document

Kevin Wright introduced this item and comments from members in response included the following:

- Kaeti Rigarsford (social interpreter) – mobility car parks are often full especially in shopping areas and there are very few in the City. More people have access to disability cards. Devonport has no free parking and only 2 mobility car parks due to current road works. When road works are done, sometimes the mobility parks are not replaced.
- Ezekiel Robson – Data is required about the number of mobility permit holders and how this will increase with an ageing population and population growth. Can we see what effect our recommendations have in future.
- Sharon Stewart – need more drop off spaces, not just taxi spaces.

Resolution number DIS/2014/55

MOVED by Member D Hughes, seconded by Member T Kingi:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the Panel's feedback on Auckland Transport's Parking Discussion Document incorporating the comments made by members at this meeting.**
- b) request Auckland Transport to report back to the Panel on the points raised in its feedback on the Parking Discussion Document and advise its approach to increasing the number of on-street mobility parking spaces, particularly in the City Centre.**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.

8 Transport Update

Kevin Wright introduced this item and comments from members in response included the following:

- Ezekiel Robson – suggested a need for a representative from the Panel on both groups set up by Auckland Transport. With regards to the payment of a meeting fee if this was not to be forthcoming from Auckland Transport then alternative funding streams should be sought.

Resolution number DIS/2014/56

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown, seconded by Member T O'Neill:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) nominate Ezekiel Robson to be the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel's representative member on Auckland Transport's Capital Projects Accessibility Group and Public Transport Accessibility Group.**
- b) request the Lead Officer Support to work with staff to pursue the need for remuneration for members representing the Panel.**

CARRIED

9 Review of Membership

Resolution number DIS/2014/57

MOVED by Member T Kingi, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **acknowledge the proposed selection process for appointment of members.**

CARRIED

10 Chairperson's report

A copy of the Chairperson's report, which was tabled at the meeting, has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DIS/2014/58

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown, seconded by Member E Robson:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

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

CARRIED

Attachments

A Chairperson's report

11 General Business

Members raised the following items of general business:

- Ezekiel Robson – the period for further submissions in respect of the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan closes on 22 July 2014 and he suggested that the Panel endorse the submissions from Don McKenzie, Susan Sherrard on behalf of CCS Disability Action, Blind Foundation, Blind Citizens and Riders for the Disabled and request Auckland Council to bear them in mind when making their own submission.

12 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.45 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE DISABILITY STRATEGIC
ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....