

**MINUTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ON Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 10:00 am**

Present: Leanne Keenan (Strengthening Communities Citywide Advisor, Disability Portfolio, CCC), Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Tracey Dorreen (Deaf/Blind Community), Simon Atkinson (People First), and Adele Wilkinson (Mental Health Education and Resource Centre).

Minute taker: Emma Pachnatz (Citywide Administrator, CCC)

Guests: Islay McLeod, Sara Templeton, Justine Armstrong discussing the Long Term Plan

1. Welcome/ Opening Karakia

Leanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Anna Mitchell (Disabled Persons Association), Robert Watts (Older Persons), Doreen McCoard (Post Polio), Lorraine Wiersma (Maori & Whanau) and Brian Laurie (Physical Disability).

3. Confirmation of last meeting minutes

No corrections required.

4. Long Term Plan Consultation – Islay McLeod, Sara Templeton and Justine Armstrong

Islay McLeod and Sara Templeton (Community Board Members for Hagley/Ferrymead), Justine Armstrong (Engagement Online Advisor, External Relations & Communication Unit at Christchurch City Council) discussed the Long Term Plan including the following points:

- The Council's Long Term Plan sets priorities for the next 10 years and beyond. As a result of the earthquakes the city faces a potential shortfall \$800-\$900 million.
- The Council is considering its response. The Council needs to look at all options and work with residents to identify some solutions.
- The Making Smart Choices For Our City publications was discussed. The publication includes:
 - Current council expenditure on specific areas i.e. water supply, sewerage, drainage, cultural and learning services, community support, roading, rubbish, recreation and leisure, parks, city planning and development, corporate, democracy, regulatory services and economic development.
 - Where the funding comes from
 - Earthquake rebuild obligations
- Council seeking input from as many people as possible.
 - Asking people to register online www.yourvoice.ccc.govt.nz by Sunday 30 November 2014.
 - Initial feedback will be considered in December.
 - The formal Long Term Plan consultation will be held in March or April 2015.
 - The Council has not reached a final insurance settlement as yet.

The Disability Advocacy Group were asked to advise on areas that Council needs to continue or increase funding and areas that could be reduced in funding. Comments are as follows:

- Important that Council makes a financial commitment to making safety and accessibility a key component in new facilities. Do it once and do it right! Best practice needs to be applied to accessibility rather than just meeting minimum building code requirements.

Services that benefit the most people should remain

- Libraries
- Metro Sports Facility
- Bus Interchange
- Improve the city centre before beginning the Convention Centre – this will enable visitors using the Convention Centre to enjoy the surrounding environment

- Focus on the development of local community facilities first i.e. local community centres etc
- Good Transport system and roading
- Gathering places for communities

Defer

- The Stadium – temporary stadium is satisfactory and has a life span of approximately 30 years
- Convention Centre Precinct – reduce the size

Ways to help with the cost

- User pay systems at the Libraries – for people who can afford to pay

Priorities for local community facilities

- Community halls in suburbs
- Gathering places for people
- Multi purpose buildings
- Consider how buildings will be used, are they fit for purpose? Identify who the community is, patterns of usage, what kind of activities have been provided, and what is the track record of usage
- Shirley requires a building as they have no community hall
- One place that includes everyone rather than three separate facilities
- Riccarton has no public gathering space. Remove a car park to create a Greenspace.

Would like to see expanded

- Dog parks – need to develop accessible dog parks
- Housing for vulnerable people and tenant conditions at these premises need to be considered
- Pools for families
- If have a stadium turn into a multipurpose stadium for all sports and include convention centre facilities

People's Health and Wellbeing

- Access to employment for people with mental health concerns
- Physical health for people with mental health concerns is important

General Comments

- Would like to see the reinsurance organisation visit Christchurch to physically see what residents and businesses are experiencing

- Support the need for more consultation
- With regard to selling asset, support partial sales to partners who are invested in the future of Christchurch. Suggested level of sales 10-15%

5. Actions from previous minutes

Topic	Action	Due Date	By Whom	Update
Making a Difference Fund	Follow up payment for facilitator.	November meeting	Adele	Completed – facilitator has been paid.

6. Representation Review Pre-Consultation – Leanne Keenan

- Under the Local Government Act Council is required to review their representation areas/ward areas.
- Council's can review the boundaries of wards and the number of elected members.
- Council is beginning this review of representation with some pre-consultation.
- People are asked to identify the location of their home and where they feel their community is. Participants are also asked how many elected members they would like to represent them.
- The data will be computerise and overlaid to see if there is any clear boundaries.
- Disability Advisory Group members present took part.

7. Accessible Car Parking in Central City Feedback – Leanne Keenan

Staff from the Parking Operations Team are seeking advice from the Disability Advisory Group about general locations for mobility parking in the central city. The purpose is to assist with meeting the needs of people requiring accessible parking in the long term.

Disability Advisory Group feedback includes:

General Comments

- The group were pleased to be able to provide some input.
- Fewer accessible car parks were not desirable.
- The group could make no specific comments on the existing car parks, in particular car parks where the need may have declined as a consequence of changes in the Central City.
- The group was mindful about the influence of accessible car parks associated with particular facilities that were to be built (e.g. the Metro Sports Facility that would have its own car park) and car parking buildings.
- The group are not experts on this subject.
- Actual usage of existing parks might be influenced by design i.e. the park not being suitable for a back loading van for wheelchairs for example.
- Vision that all accessible car parks are well designed and that they are advertised and promoted.
- Car parking buildings need to have a clearance of 2.5m-2.6m to allow for vehicles with wheelchair hoists and vans for transporting people in wheelchairs to utilise the parking.
- Given there is a desire to limit vehicle movements in the Central City, locating some accessible parks along the periphery of this zone could be an option as well as maintain accessible parks within the Central City for those less able.
- The following comments are likely to have gaps and will not capture all the needs. The following comments may already be serviced by existing parks.

Specific Comments - Suggested Areas for Accessible Parks

- Around the Health Precinct for people accessing services, specifically close to the main entrance (Riccarton Avenue and Oxford Terrace) and near the Rolleston Ave and Cambridge Terrace entrance (this area may also serve people visiting the Botanic Gardens, Art Centre, Visitor Information Centre etc).
- Accessible parking in the Health Precinct should be maximised as much as possible.
- Around CPIT (Moorehouse Ave, Coventry Street, Williams Street, Rope Street if possible) to serve students and staff at CPIT.
- Close to Victoria Square (Armagh and Colombo Streets) to access facilities in this area.
- Along Gloucester Street between Colombo and Madras Street to access the Square, Art Gallery and Central City.
- Parking near Peterborough Library dependent on its life span.
- Accessible parking to service the future Convention Centre, Performing Arts Precinct, Central Library and Art Gallery are all really important.
- Parking around the Margaret Mahy Family Playground entrance for users of the park.

- Close to Community House at 301 Tuam Street as it houses 26 organisations providing services to the community including people with disabilities. This is a permanent facility.
- Close to CCS Disability Action at 224 Lichfield Street as this organisation services people in the disability community including issuing mobility parking permits.
- Close to Aspire Canterbury at 314 Worcester Street as this organisation services people in the disability community and is co-located with other service providers such as Alzheimer's Canterbury - this site may be beyond the Central City.
- On Victoria Street to access restaurants and bars and this could also service people visiting IHC/Idea Services (located behind 132 Victoria Street).
- In High Street restaurant/bar area to access these facilities.
- Along Durham Street North where new buildings are being developed to access the services they will be providing.

8. Restructure at Christchurch City Council

Leanne and Emma are part of restructuring process of the Office of the Chief Executive at Council.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 10 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street, Level 1 in the Function Room. Guest speaker Karen Smith will present on Dementia Friendly Christchurch.

10. Meeting Closed with Karakia : 12:05 pm