

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ON Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 10 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Simon Atkinson, Anna Mitchell, Gail Payne (Metropolitan Community Advisor, Disability Portfolio, CCC), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Doreen McCoard.

Apologies: Adele Wilkinson, Robert Watts

Facilitator: Gail Payne

CCC Engagement Advisor Presentation: Tessa discussed the Find CHCH App. Would it be possible to include the accessible sign to some of eating places and facilities on the map. Could we add KiwiAble card facilities to the map? It would be useful to look at the old accessible Christchurch map for comparison of what was promoted. What the symbols for accessibility mean is not always clearly defined. The entry into a building might be accessible but not the bathroom or the footpath etc. Worthwhile to contact the Be.Accessible as they do have people looking at some Christchurch buildings. Difference between a light assessment for usability and a full assessment. The DAG believes there is some confusion at present as the word accessible is used in so many contexts. Dunedin Council has a map depicting accessible walks and coastal areas. Agreement that Gail, Rachel and Allison will work with the engagement team to further the mapping of accessible facilities and places.

DAG 2016 Planning and Membership: Gail distributed a draft paper for discussion about structure and membership going forward. The DAG members explained previous appointment processes via sector agency election processes, and the adjustments to that appointment process which have been made over the past five plus years. The DAG's role was clarified as an advisory group to the Council to ensure our city's neighbourhoods are inclusive and equitable. Individual issues in communities need to be reported via the Call Centre (where a job reference number is allocated for follow up); or via the Send Snap Solve App. It was agreed that it is ideal to follow the tenure guidelines of two years membership with right of renewal for another term. Both Doreen and Simon have been members for considerably longer than a maximum term of four years, and have given much time and energy to the DAG. They have both kindly agreed to stay on the DAG until March 2016 when any new members will hopefully be fully briefed. Anna has been on the DAG for one term and has agreed to be available for a second term to provide consistency. Adele from MHERC will be approached about her availability for a second term. Gail has been meeting with individual Council units to promote the DAG role and facilitate their engagement with the DAG.

Disability Recreation Satisfaction Survey: Rachel sought advice from the DAG about gaps in the questionnaire's analysis. It is important to feedback to the Council units the feedback that comes out of this annual survey. Some of the information could be useful for

submissions and facilities design planning. Rachel will distribute the survey through the Aspire and DPA networks. There is also a Be. Accessible survey underway to assess attitudes towards disability.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3rd December 2016

Discussion at October meeting about contribution. EDLG is planning to mark the day and also CCS. Will follow up with these initiatives in order to support what is already happening in the community. It may be possible to launch the events for all online resource to mark the day. The launch would include the checklist and the initial toolkit.

Updates from DAG Members

- DPA is working with Council units and has secured the installation of a bus stop outside the Christchurch Community House. An additional mobility car park is being marked in the Community House parking area. Members reported that DPA is working successfully with the Council to follow up on specific tasks, and understands that following up on specific jobs is not a role that the DAG can undertake.
- The LINC programme (Leadership in the Community) is seeking applicants for the 2016 programme. One member expressed interest and will follow up.
- Comment was made about some disability organisations receiving less funding in 2015 from the Strengthening Communities Fund, and the general pressure on community grants funding across the sector.
- Summer Starter event - CPH is working to make the event inclusive for people with disabilities, and to increase the range of people who participate in the event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 10 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street