

DPDF – Project Group Minutes

13 December 2010

Present

Angela Neill
Andrew Hare
Marta Hancock
Janet Warner
Lynn Gilbey
Richard Williams
Noel Walsh
Judi Bateman
Roy Jones
Mick Watts – DCC
Ann Webster – DCC

Apologies

Andy Findley
Nancy Pountain

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Council House refurbishment – see minutes of meeting 9 November 2010

Mick commented that due mainly to adverse weather conditions the Morledge project was subject to delays. Work outside Shopmobility was now not due to start until the New Year.

Major concern continued to be expressed about the proliferation of A-boards in the city centre and the council's apparent unwillingness to enforce the policy which controls their use. Mick commented that highway staffing issues had reduced the ability to continue the pro-active approach to the issue but it was hoped that this situation could be resolved over the coming months. If a particular board was causing concern then it was suggested that members contact the Streetpride hotline on 0333 200 6981.

Mick confirmed that he had contacted the Cabinet Member for Leisure and briefed him about accessibility issues at Pickford's House. An

assurance had been given that accessibility issues would be a fundamental consideration of the evolving leisure strategy.

Minutes of council house refurbishment meeting

Group members who had attended the meeting felt it had been really worthwhile in discussing with the project management team important and detailed inclusive design issues. It was however important that this was the start of dialog between disabled people and the project managers. An EIA would be required of the project and Mick would try and facilitate the necessary meeting between representatives of the group and members of the project team.

Minutes of project group special meeting

Members felt that the meeting had been worthwhile in being an opportunity to be briefed about the railway station forecourt proposals. A detailed discussion had explored the accessibility and use issues arising from the proposals which would be taken forwarded and considered by the project team. An EIA would also be required for the project.

A site visit of Castleward Phase 1A had also been undertaken and comments received which would inform future public realm projects. Noel reiterated some concerns he had about the accessibility and safety of the completed work to long cane users. It was also felt important that Guide Dog users should be given the opportunity of commenting on this and future projects and Richard would provide Mick with information about appropriate contacts.

Castleward Phase 1A EIA

Draft EIA document was circulated and Mick asked members to get and comments back to him by the first week in January.

Project group review 2010

Mick informed the group that he was retiring from the council mid March 2010. Members were concerned about how Mick's duties would be deliver post March. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the DPDF pre-agenda meeting.

Richard offered to draft a letter expressing his and perhaps other members concerns about this issue and that it should be placed on the agenda of the next DPDF meeting.

Any other business

Judi raised concerns about street cleaning issues particularly leaf litter removal in the Codbeck Close area, Mick agreed to report this.

Concerns were raised about the audibility and cleanliness of the Morledge controlled crossing signals. Noel also raised a concern about the temporary fencing arrangement on the Morledge outside the court. Ann also had continuing concerns about the accessibility to wheelchair users of the temporary crossing arrangements. Mick agreed to take these issues forward to the project manager.

Members raised concerns about goods being displayed on the highway at various locations across the city, Mick would action this.

Richard reported that vehicles were still travelling in the wrong direction in St.Peter's Street; Mick would report this to the police.

Date, time and place of next meeting

None arranged.