

DPAC – Project Group Meeting held on 18 July 2005

Present

Marta Hancock
Trevor Ford
Roy Holmes
Peter Maidens
Judi Bateman
Nancy Pountain
Cordell Jackson
Pat Fletcher
Mick Watts
Councillor Roy Webb

Apologies

Christine Yates
John Ireland
Marian Edge
Sarah Fletcher
Ann Webster

Minutes of previous meeting

Councillor Roy Webb added to apologies list, otherwise accepted.

Matters arising

To be discussed under agenda item 8.

Off-peak cycling in pedestrianised areas

Members considered a proposal for an experimental order which if approved would allow cycling before 10:00 and after 5:00 in the St. Peter's Street to Queen Street pedestrianised zone.

Members were unanimously apposed to the experimental order and made the following comments:

- Member commented that because of a lack of Police resources in the City Centre it was felt that there would be little enforcement of the proposed order. This, members felt would result in an overall increase in cycling in the pedestrianised areas.

- Cycling routes outside of the pedestrianised areas should be enhanced to deliver safer alternatives.
- The verbal abuse of disabled pedestrians by cyclists that members said currently takes place in pedestrianised streets would be likely to increase.
- Members queried the accident figures, and suggested that the fear of an accident happening would increase with the increase in cyclist.

Members asked Mick to pass their concerns onto the appropriate officer.

DDA Consultation – Provision and use of transport vehicles

Members considered an introductory outline regarding a consultation document on the provision and use of transport vehicles.

Under the proposals transport providers would have to look at the way they offer services to disabled people when they are getting on and off vehicles and while they are travelling. They will need to consider whether these services are accessible to disabled people and what adjustments they could reasonably make so that vehicles are accessible. The cost of such adjustments cannot be charged to disabled people alone; they must be spread across the business.

It was agreed that a small focus group of members would be formed to consider the consultation details and respond to the DRC.

Members also asked if a representative of Arriva could be invited to the next meeting so that an understanding from an operator's perspective of the proposed DDA transport provisions could be made.

Members enquired the remit of the Council's Bus Consultation Group and whether there was an opportunity for project group members to have an input into to work of the bus group. Mick would seek advice.

Update – Revive Healthy Living Project

Mick commented that he continues to work with the Revive project team on the new development. Discussions were ongoing regarding incorporating the points raised by members at the presentation given by the project team last year. Issues around the installation of a second lift were still under discussion as part of the Building Regulation vetting process. Mick would keep members briefed.

Update – Quad Project

Mick informed members that he had been appointed to the Quad project team advising on accessibility issues. He would continue to keep members informed about important project development issues.

City-wide meeting room database

Mick informed members that he was soon to start work on a Citywide database of meeting room accessibility. The first task being to develop criteria with perhaps three levels of accessibility. Mick agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next group meeting.

Any other business

Roy Holmes asked about the work-taking place currently in the Morledge. Mick commented that this was preparatory work for the temporary bus station which when completed would allow the eventual closure and demolition of the existing station.

Date, time and place of next meeting

26 September 2005, Meeting Room 2, Council House, 2:00pm