

DPDF – Project Group Minutes

15 June 2009

Present

Nancy Pountain
Judi Bateman
Christine Yates
Angela Neill
Andy Finley
Pat Fletcher
Andrew Hare
Janet Warner
Councillor Maggie Hird
Ann Webster – DCC
Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Marta Hancock

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Mick informed members that the design work on Phase 1 of the Castleward project had now been completed following a material check meeting with Noel Walsh, He thanked members of the Shared Space Working Group for their help in bringing this phase to a satisfactory conclusion. Consultation on subsequent phases would commence shortly.

It was reported that Mick was hopeful of securing increased funding for dropped kerbs this financial year. Dropped kerbs could also be installed under Neighbourhood Board delegated funding with discussions also underway about the possibility of using S106 highway funding.

It was confirmed that work continues to secure a Changing Places toilet in the Westfield Centre.

Rickshaws

Circulated were a DCC statement issued on 10 June and a DET article published on 15 June in relation to the current position on rickshaws.

The statement confirmed that the laws governing private hire licences only apply to vehicles which are predominantly motorised, which rickshaws are clearly not. It was also confirmed that the council is to explore alternative options to accommodate rickshaws in the city.

Members reaffirmed their opposition to the operation of rickshaws in the city particularly in pedestrianised areas. The issue was on the agenda of the next DPDF meeting where a briefing note would be available outlining the current position.

RADAR key issuing criteria

Mick had circulated previously some draft ideas in relation to RADAR key issuing. Members raised concerns about the suggested approach and recommended that a simple application form be developed where applicants detail their specific reasons for requesting a key. Guidance would then be issued to reception staff to assess the information provided and determine whether a key should be issued. Members agreed to Ann and Mick developing the detail of a revised issuing protocol.

RADAR kissing gate V K Barrier

Members discussed the technical and use aspects of the RADAR kissing gate and K barrier. It was generally felt that the K barrier delivered improved independent access for disabled people. Judi commented that it was important that the surface approaching, through and beyond the barrier was level. Mick agreed to share member's feedback with the Footpaths Officer.

Sound enhancement meeting notes

Members welcome the more pro-active approach being taken in relation to sound enhancements systems across the city. With the assistance of Camtad the systems at the Guildhall and Quad had been checked and found to have operational problems, these were now being resolved. Contact still needed to be made with Cinema de Lux representatives and a fault reported with the Meeting Room 2 loop but members felt steady progress was being

made. Mick asked that his appreciation for the help offered by Roy Jones a Camtad volunteer be recorded.

Museum lift update

Mick briefed members that two objections had been received to the Listed Building application for the museum lift installation. A site meeting had recently been held which would hopefully provide additional information and clarification about the proposals and enable the objections to be withdrawn. Work was still programmed to commence in December with a six week completion programme. Members would be kept informed of developments.

Bereavement Services forum group

Information was circulated about the formation of a Bereavement Services Forum Group. Interested members were asked to contact the Bereavement Service manager for more information or to express an interest in joining the forum.

Any other business

Ann and Janet raised issues in relation to Derby Station cable bumps and lift size issues respectively. Mick to investigate.

Janet had concerns about the blocking of pedestrian routes at the Wyvern Retail Park by mini motorcycles. Mick would contact the Police.

Nancy had concerns about the internal layout of the Alvaston Post Office and the apparent absence of a lowered Counter. Mick would contact the Post Office.

Nancy and Judi commented on a dropped kerb problem at Alvaston District Centre. Judi agreed to provide some photographs of the problem location.

Andy comment on whether an EIA would be undertaken of the proposal to reduce the city's CCTV coverage. Ann would contact the relevant officer.

Pat asked whether there were any disabled people's parking bays in the Ford Street car park adjacent the Friar Gate Studios. Mick thought there was but would check.

Nancy raised concerns about parking problems in the Browning / Village Street area. Mick agreed to report the problem to Parking Services colleagues.

Angela commented that someone had told her about a problem with the proximity of the first floor staircase when exiting the Quad disabled people's toilet. Mick agreed to discuss this with Quad representatives.

Next meeting

10 August 2009, 2:00pm, Meeting Room 2, Council House