

Meeting Minutes

Date: 19 May 2022	Time: 10am – 12:10pm	Venue: Newcastle Room, City Hall
Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance in the application of planning instruments that prioritise access, social inclusion and overcoming discriminatory impediments to promote a highly accessible, inclusive and welcoming community that respects independence and human dignity.		

1. Welcome

Committee Members Present

Cr Margaret Wood (Co-Chair)	Cr Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk (CN)
Andrew Vodic (CDAH)	Patrick Bellamy (Clear Sky)
Chad Ramage (Accessibility in the City)	Ben Moxley (Community Representative)
Lindsay Gardner (Community Representative)	Stewart MacLennan (Community Representative)
Kathleen Hyland (CN)	Stephen Warham (CN)

Apologies

Cr Katrina Wark (CN)	Tracy Walker (Former member)
Cath Mahony (Former member)	Bronwyn Chapman (Disability Advocacy)
Petria Jukes (CN)	

Guests

Eliot Shaw (Former Co-Chair)	Kirsty Russell (Former member)
Joseph Popov (Former member, CDAH)	Chris Leishman (Former member)
Debbie Hamilton (CDAH)	Veronica Matthews (Joblink Plus)
Stephanie Cassel (Empowered Community Services)	Tom Palmer (Uniting)
Norm MacPherson (Former member)	Ashlee Abbott (CN)

2. Welcome to new Committee Members

A Welcome to Country was delivered by Aunty Cheryl Sue Smith, daughter of the late Uncle Bill Smith.

Chair Cr Wood opened the meeting. Crs Wood and Adamczyk welcomed the newly appointed Committee Members and guests to the first Access Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIAC) meeting and commended contribution of the former Committee.

CN's Director Strategy & Engagement Kathleen Hyland provided an overview of the structure of CN and areas linking to actions in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Cr Wood and Ms Hyland thanked Ashlee Abbott, Manager Community, Strategy & Innovation, for her contribution to AIAC in the previous term.

3. Introductions of new Committee Members

Each Committee member introduced themselves and outlined what they hope to achieve in the upcoming AIAC term.

4. Achievements of previous AIAC Committee

Mr Stephen Warham provided newly appointed AIAC members with an overview of the achievements of the previous Committee including the Count Us In festival, DIAP 2016-2019 actions, consultation for the DIAP 2022-2026 and community consultation for the Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan.

5. Former AIAC Members experience

Former AIAC Committee Members described their experiences throughout the previous Committee term.

6. General Business

It was agreed that Thursdays between 10am and 12noon would suit most Committee Members for meeting scheduling moving forward, and a frequency of no less than 4 meetings per year.

The establishment of working groups was discussed, to allow for greater in-depth discussion on particular topics. Further discussion to occur at upcoming meeting.

The Committee noted that community consultation is underway on the [Principal Pedestrian Network](#).

Copies of the DIAP 2022-2026 in standard and easy read versions were distributed at the meeting. These are available online, for pdf visit [this link](#), for Easy Read [visit here](#) and for Text Only [visit here](#).

The Committee discussed the process for raising general business items.

It was agreed that any items that require detailed discussion or potential action/outcomes by the Committee are submitted to Chair Cr Wood at least two weeks prior to the meeting date so that agendas can be determined with sufficient forward notice.

An outline of an Expression of Interest for the Co-Chair position was provided. This Expression of Interest is open until 15 June 2022.

7. Closing

Next Meeting: Thursday 30 June 2022

Meeting closed: 12:10pm