2022 Acting Convenor’s Report

Over the last year we have had many presentations prior to our monthly meeting on zoom:

* Jack Higgins from AccessAble telling us more about AccessAble.
* A group presentation from Sustrans Scotland telling us about Stobswell Pocket Places.
* Claire Dow, Dundee City Council, telling us about the events they had organised over Christmas at both the City Centre & Slessor Gardens.
* Alan Brown (Planning Officer) telling us about their Dundee City Centres Strategic Investment Plan for the future.
* Ian Buchanan Disability Equality Scotland telling us about his work on a new website introducing the Access Panel Network, so we can keep in touch and find out about what’s going on in other areas of Scotland.

We have also made a few site visits including:

* Dundee FC Stadium, with Michael Leeland producing an Access Audit.
* Dundee United FC Stadium, walk around giving verbal Access Report.
* Law Hill toilets.
* Dundee Historical Environmental Trust premises in Exchange Street.

We continue to answer many surveys and questionnaires about access issues.

We continue to advertise for new members, and we welcomed Ian Kinsey to our group recently.

We need to decide about finding new permanent premises with presentation facilities for our meetings or to continue on zoom.

As always, our meetings would not be possible without the dedicated work of our secretary Anne Farrow, arranging our invited speakers, providing our zoom meeting log in details, minuting our meetings and sending out a continuing stream of correspondence. Thank you again Anne.

Thanks also to Sandy Cameron our Treasurer for keeping all our finances in order, applying for grants plus producing our yearly accounts and organizing their verification. Thanks again Sandy.

And thanks to Michael Leeland for looking after our website.

Well, our small group has survived Covid. Well done everyone for your continuing support & zoom attendance at our meetings and your continued involvement working together to make the City of Dundee as accessible as possible for all residents and visitors.

Carole Craig

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