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Presentation: Frida Kahlo “Making Her Self Up” Exhibition and speech.

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday, 4th July 2018
(Venue: The Victoria and Albert Museum, Sackler Centre)

Present:

Olufunmi Rita Adeoye, Julie Fleck, Barry Ginley, Chris Harrowell, Jean Hewitt, Philippa Jackson, Shannon Keys, Sarah Lindeman, Jan Loveless, Rachael Marshall, Lydia Morley, David Owen, Gwynneth Pedler, Jacquell Runnalls, Brian Seaman, Rachel Smalley, Jacqui Smith, Marney Walker, Jennifer Wheeler, Ian Streets, Kelda Lyons, Elizabeth Duggins + assistant.

Apologies

Apologies were received from: Teresa Rumble, Kate McGechan, Michelle Horn, Alan Kerr, Sarah Teichler, Ronald Koorm, Liam Proudlock, Tracey Proudlock, David Spooner, Clive Durdle, Neil Smith, and Ali Kashmiri.

1. Minutes of the AGM.

No comments / corrections.

2. Minutes of the May meeting.

No comments / corrections.

3. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda.

None.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Account status:

Community account: £150.00

Business savings: £609.70

Total held in accounts £759.70

Recent income: £0.00

Recent expenditure: £0.00

5. Current Consultation Documents needing response and recent publications of interest.

- a) The Mayor of London's strategy for equality, diversity and inclusion, **Inclusive London**, was published in May. The full strategy and an easy read version are available to download at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/communities/mayors-strategy-equality-diversity-inclusion> .
- b) The **London Housing Strategy** was published in May. The full strategy and an easy read version are available to download at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/tackling-londons-housing-crisis> .
- c) **Age-friendly housing: Future design for older people** is available via <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/RIBA-age-friendly-housing/> .
- d) A reminder that the third edition of the **Wheelchair Housing Design Guide** is now available. <https://www.habinteg.org.uk/whdg3> .

5. National Council News.

- a) Next National Council meeting is 13th July, 2018. Jenny Wheeler to attend.
- b) The July meeting is the last National Council meeting before the AGM. If there are any motions to be voted on at the AGM or any nominations for posts or honorary membership, these should be submitted to National Council in advance of the 13th July meeting. RS to confirm posts up for election.
- c) Invitations to the AGM and seminar to be held at the Storyhouse in Chester on Thursday, 20 September, 2018 have been sent via email. Registration is via Eventbrite. The

Storyhouse is a good venue, and the city was the 2017 Access City Award winner. There may be an informal meal the night before for those travelling to Chester in advance.

6. Future CPD programme.

September and November meeting CPDs are TBC.

The January meeting is usually a social / networking meeting, and is usually held on the second Wednesday of the month, as opposed to the usual schedule of meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

If anyone has any ideas for future CPD topics, please let Tracey or Pip know.

7. AOB.

- a) The Caterer's 2018 Catey Awards event took place 3rd July, 2018. Rudding Park (Harrogate, North Yorkshire) won the Accessibility Award.
- b) There was a question about the BeSpoke / RIBA Access Awards for accessible hotel design competition (including the Celia Thomas prize). The 2018 awards ceremony took place in April. Unfortunately, there has been little publicity about the winners, and very little information and no images of entries (winning or otherwise) were presented at the events ceremony. The Leonard Cheshire Award for Inclusive Employment Category was not awarded.
- c) The Inclusive Hotels Network (IHN) has been rather dormant of late, but will become active again soon. RM hopes to arrange a meeting for August / September and to progress the Sanitary Facilities in Guest Accommodation guidance document. RM has been receiving photos of bad examples of guest sanitary facilities, but IHN still needs good examples. If anyone knows of any, please let RM or SK know; permission to use the photo is required.
- d) There was discussion about how / where unisex wheelchair-accessible toilets go wrong – e.g. at the design stage, during installation / construction, building control sign-off, whether there are problems with 'Doc M packs', etc. — and whether anything can be done to address the issue. It was agreed that things can be installed incorrectly during construction, e.g. due to time pressures, lack of awareness of importance of location of / relationship between fixtures and fittings, etc. It was also agreed that Doc M packs do not always contain all items – e.g. corner shelving is often not supplied. Even with Doc M packs that have LABC (Local Authority Building Control) type approvals, things can still go wrong. For example, the fittings and fixtures may lack tonal contrast with the backgrounds on which they are mounted; pack contents can still be installed improperly / in incorrect locations; and if studwork is in the wrong place, that will affect where fittings and fixtures can be mounted.

Companies who are mis-representing their products could be reported to Trading Standards. If there is a repeated issue with a particular company, this could be raised with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, however the problem is likely widespread / and there are likely several 'culprits' / factors.

Improper installation is likely—at least in part—a training issue. The BEPE (Built Environment Professional Education) project was supposed to help 'make inclusive design an important part of education and training for all built environment professionals'. It may be worth sending a letter to the chief executives of organisations that supported BEPE and whose members are involved in the design or installation of accessible WCs to raise the issue of poor/incorrect AWC installation and suggest better training. Organisations to

contact could include: Chartered Association of Building Engineers ([CABE](#)), Chartered Institute of Building ([CIOB](#)), Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers ([CIBSE](#)), Association for Project Management ([APM](#)).

Research / testing done privately several years ago found that the fixings supplied with drop-down rails for domestic use tested were not fit for purpose. The results were not published because the testing was privately commissioned, but RM can contact those involved to ask whether the results can be shared or published if useful. JF suggested the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) might be able to publish the results if permission is granted. As this is such a critical issue, it was suggested there should be more discussion on the topic.

- e) If anyone has any feedback on the V&A's 'Without Walls: Disability and Innovation in Building Design' Display or the 'Frida Kahlo Making Her Self Up' Exhibition, please let Barry Ginley know - b.ginley@vam.ac.uk . He is looking to update the V&A's Gallery Interpretation policy.
- f) It is possible to do the 'Up at The O2' in a wheelchair; one has to use / transfer to the wheelchair provided. Links: <https://www.theo2.co.uk/visit-us/accessibility> and <https://tickets.aegeurope.com/upattheo2/faq.html>
For ambulant climbers, the bespoke climbing shoes provided must be worn, so those who require specific footwear (and who do not want to go via wheelchair), may not be able to participate at this time. It is possible that O2 may explore options for those who must wear their own footwear (tbc).
- g) Construction Industry Council (CIC) is still producing the digest and organising Inclusive Environment Briefings – the next one is in September. If you have ideas for either, let Liz Drummond know - <http://cic.org.uk/about-us/lizdrummond.php> . Similarly, the CIC has a blog; get in touch with them if you have topics for posts or would like write a blog post.
- h) If anyone who attended Jenny Wheeler's talk at the June CIC Inclusive Environment Briefing has any feedback, please let her know - j.wheeler.1@warwick.ac.uk . For those who were unable to attend, a video (not professional quality) of her talk can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/qDX_Ey0uSfQ .
- i) 'A Master's student from UCL is conducting research into how people with sensory conditions experience therapeutic spaces for cancer patients, and is looking for participants who identify as having visual impairments, hearing impairments or autism to complete an online survey. The survey involves looking at some photos and sharing your thoughts on them. It should take no more than 15 minutes, and participation is completely anonymous.' Survey link: <https://goo.gl/forms/86Qxi4mYHiWBMkQJ3> .
- j) 'Positions, policies and portrayals of deafblindness: film screening of Whirlpool' taking place Thursday, 5 July, 2018 at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT. Admission is 'free and open to all. Entry is on a first come, first serve basis'. <https://lshtm.ac.uk/newsevents/events/positions-policies-and-portrayals-deafblindness-film-screening-whirlpool>

Date of next meeting: 5th September, 2018. Venue TBC.