

*Minutes of a meeting of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on 30 May 2007 at 1.00pm.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston - Chairperson

### **Members**

Councillor DL Sharpe, Councillor BS Thomas, A Guy, S Henderson,  
S Uerata

### **Staff**

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Group Manager Assets & Community Facilities (JM Mills), Asset Manager Recreation (M Ward), Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning (T Roxburgh), Property Advisor (P Dugan), Secretary (C Plowright)

**Public** - Nil

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

13/07/01

*That apologies for absence be received from Committee Member Roa.*

S Uerata/Cr Sharpe

It was noted that Committee Member Roa cannot attend meetings on a Wednesday and this day should be avoided in future.

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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Nil.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 60-12-02

The Committee was advised that Clare St Pierre would be joining the meeting later for discussions about Section 550.

### **RESOLVED**

13/07/02

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Thomas/A Guy

## **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 60-12-02

**Minutes of Pirongia Reserves Management Committee meeting held on 23 August 2006 were included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

13/07/03

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee held on 23 August 2006 be received.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Thomas

The Committee was advised that copies of the meeting minutes will be sent out to Committee members as soon as they are available together with an expense claim form.

## **6 PIRONGIA VOLUNTARY RURAL FIRE FORCE – APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO REDEVELOP LEASE SITE, FRANKLIN STREET, PIRONGIA**

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File: P11521

**Report of Property Advisor dated 22 May 2007 was included in the agenda.**

Mayor Livingston welcomed Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force officer, David Bowler, to the meeting and passed on Council's appreciation for the work the Voluntary Fire Force does on behalf of the community.

The Committee was advised that the Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force has been granted a resource consent for the proposed redevelopment of the property at 766 Franklin Street, Pirongia for which it holds a lease. Under the terms of its lease the Fire Force must obtain Council's consent as landlord to the proposal. The proposal was presented to Council on 24 April 2007 when support in principle was given subject to consultation with the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee, clarification of some ownership issues and assurance that the proposed redevelopment is in accordance with a suitable historic or heritage theme for Pirongia.

Group Manager Assets and Community Facilities, John Mills, said the New Zealand Rural Fire Authority has confirmed that a grant of \$30,000 will be provided to Council, as the local rural fire authority, and the building will be owned by Council.

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Committee Member Henderson asked if sufficient room has been allowed for the redevelopment, bearing in mind future possible requirements. Mr Bowler said the proposed new area will be double the size of the current facility and he does not envisage needing more space.

In answer to a question from Councillor Sharpe, Mr Bowler said a heritage colour scheme has been chosen for the exterior paint and colour steel required for the renovations. Mr Bowler explained the various stages of the project and said the Fire Force has enough funding for the first stage. He said once the necessary approvals have been obtained the Fire Force will begin a public appeal and sponsorship applications to community grant organisations.

Clare St Pierre from the Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society joined the meeting at 1.20pm.]

### **RESOLVED**

13/07/04

*That*

- a) *The report of the Property Advisor dated 22 May 2007 be received.*
- b) *The Pirongia Reserves Management Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force be granted consent to redevelop the lease property at 766 Franklin Street, Pirongia subject to it obtaining all other necessary consents to undertake the development.*

A Guy/S Uerata

The Chief Executive asked the Committee if it is satisfied that the new building work will be in accordance with a heritage theme for Pirongia. Mr Bowler said the Fire Force has tried to preserve the road aspect by maintaining the existing building. He said it would consult with the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre on a suitable screen fence between the two properties. Committee Member Henderson said a single storey pitched roof is as much as can be expected to give a building in a commercial area an historic appearance.

### **RESOLVED**

13/07/05

*That the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee records its satisfaction with the concept for redevelopment of the Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force Fire Station as the character and appearance of the existing building has been retained.*

A Guy/S Henderson

[Mr Bowler left the meeting at 1.25pm.]

## **7 SECTIONS 167 AND 550 – PROGRESS UPDATE**

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File: 60-12-02

Asset Manager Recreation, Max Ward, said the trees on Section 550 have been removed, the site reinstated in grass and this is now an open reserve. He said the area will remain so until there is sufficient need to develop it. A landscape plan for Section 550 has been prepared as a concept for how it might be developed and some funding is being allocated to this in Council's budget for 2007/08. He said it is anticipated development work on the site would be staged over three or more years.

Mr Ward said a concept plan for Section 167 was drawn up by Carol Fraser some years ago and when there is a demand from the community to develop it Council will look into the provision of some funding. He said at this stage development of Section 167 is a low priority.

Mayor Livingston said now Section 550 is an open space it will enable the community to determine the value of having such a space and whether it should remain like that or whether there should be buildings on parts of it. He asked the Committee to give consideration to the best use of Section 550 for the future as this would give Clare St Pierre and other prospective users of the site some direction.

Committee Member Uerata asked why funding has been allocated to the development of Section 550 but not Section 167. Mr Ward said he understood there has been more demand for the development of Section 550 as a recreational space. Committee Member Henderson said until someone in the community gets behind and drives the development of Section 167 it will stay as it is. He said Section 550 has attracted more interest in the community since the trees have been removed and because it is central to the Village. Committee Member Guy said the community has every opportunity to ask questions about both reserves, through attendance at the Ratepayer Association meetings. She said the meetings are well advertised and the minutes readily available.

Committee Member Henderson said the landscape plans for Section 550 are based on a village green which would provide a valuable asset to the community. He said farmer's markets and the Pirongia Craft Day would make good use of the site but there could be parking and access issues involved with having a building located there.

Clare St Pierre said the Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society has looked at Section 550 as a possible site for the Envirocentre it wishes to set up. She said 80 people in attendance at a public meeting held in 2005 indicated their support for the Envirocentre building to go on

Section 550. She said Section 167 is the least attractive site for the Envirocentre, from her group's viewpoint, because it would be away from the other heritage buildings in the centre of the village.

Committee Member Guy said the Pirongia Ratepayers Association has asked that Section 550 be retained as a passive reserve because it is the only piece of land in the central part of the village with a number of access points, both for vehicles and pedestrians. She said the Association is concerned that if one community building is allowed to locate there it will open the door to requests from other groups and will no longer be a passive reserve. She said the Association feels Section 167 would be ideal for an educational reserve as it was originally library reserve, is close to the school, has an educational landscape plan and would provide safe access for children.

The Chief Executive said if the Committee holds a view on the future use of Sections 550 and 167 it should make that view known to Council to provide some direction.

[Councillor Sharpe left the meeting at 2.05pm.]

Committee Member Henderson said putting a building onto the Crozier Street side of Section 550 would encroach on its street frontage, detracting from a village green appearance, and siting it on the other side of the section would cause access problems. Committee Member Guy said Section 550 is the only piece of land the Ratepayers Association has visualised as being retained for passive reserve whereas there are a number of possible sites being investigated for the Envirocentre.

**RESOLVED**

13/07/06

*That the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee recommends to Council that Section 550 be retained as a passive reserve for the old part of Pirongia Village for the use of future generations.*

A Guy/S Henderson

[S Uerata asked for her vote to be recorded against.]

Committee Member Uerata said she was opposed to the resolution.

Mayor Livingston suggested that consideration should be given to the use of Section 167 in light of the above resolution.

**RESOLVED**

13/07/07

*That the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee recommends to Council that Section 167 should be available for community organisations, incorporating the landscape plan that is in place, that it have a community theme, and that buildings (the purpose and use of which is to be compatible with the landscape plan) would be considered.*

A Guy/S Henderson

The next meeting of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee will be arranged as and when required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.30pm.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

**CHAIRPERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_