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# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES 19 OCTOBER 2006

*Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 24 Wilson Street, Cambridge on 19 October 2006 commencing at 10.00am.*

### **1 MEMBERS**

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Waipa District Councillor, Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

Roger Swarbrick – Te Awamutu Historical Society

Eris Parker – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Bev Dean – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Gail Henry – NZ Historic Places Trust

Heather Garrett – NZ Historic Places Trust

Jennie Gainsford – NZ Historic Places Trust/Cambridge Historical Society

Alan Hall – Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre

Mary Hurst – Te Awamutu Historical Society

Max Quirk – Kihikihi District

Annie Fullerton – Ohaupo District

#### **In Attendance**

Strategic Planning & Development Manager (A McFarlane), Secretary (C Plowright)

**Public** - Nil

### **2 APOLOGIES**

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#### **RESOLVED**

*That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston, Stephanie Lambert, Sabina Owen and Neville Ritchie.*

M Hurst/A Fullerton

### **3 LATE ITEMS**

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Alan Hall asked for a late item on the Mangakaware Management Plan.

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

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File: 65-11-02

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

A Hall/A Fullerton

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### 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of Meeting held on 17 August 2006 were included in the agenda.**

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 17 August 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

E Parker/A Fullerton

#### **Matters Arising -**

##### **5.1 Heritage Awards**

Heather Garrett said the certificate given as an award for work on Barrett's Bush has been incorrectly spelt. Mr McFarlane said Council staff would arrange for a new certificate.

##### **5.2 Cambridge Salvation Army Hall**

Gail Henry said NZHPT is in discussion with the owner of the property about the proposed additions to the building. She said the owners are working alongside an NZHPT architect to draw up some plans that are in keeping with the heritage of the building.

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### 6 MEMBERS REPORTS

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This item enables members to bring up issues in relation to the organisation/district they represent on the Heritage Council.

#### **6.1 Waipa District Council** (Mayor Alan Livingston, Councillor Barbara Taranaki)

Mr McFarlane said the Policy Committee has recommended the establishment of a Biodiversity Council, which will be involved in natural heritage issues, and will comprise a representative from each of the following -

- Whitehall/Te Miro District
- Maungatautari and Rotorangi
- Pirongia and Kakepuku
- Karamu and Koromatua
- Te Awamutu and Ohaupo
- Te Awamutu Urban (could be WDC representative)
- Cambridge Urban (could be WDC representative)

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- Iwi (Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa representative)
- Advisory Committee for Regional Environment representative
- DOC representative
- Waipa District Council representative.

He said the Biodiversity Council will be based on the same model as the Waipa Heritage Council and has been suggested because Council appreciates the value obtained from these types of stakeholder groups. He said for Council to be able to resource and maintain both groups it would be necessary for them to meet on alternate months.

It was asked how the Heritage Council could respond to things such as the Plan Change notification, included in this month's agenda, when it only meets every two months.

Mr McFarlane said it would be possible for the Heritage Council to call an extraordinary meeting if there were issues requiring urgent attention between its meetings. Or alternatively a sub-committee could be formed to meet in the intervening months and discuss WHC issues. It was also suggested it could be useful to have one person sitting on both groups to provide a linkage and each group should receive a copy of the other group's meeting minutes.

Several WHC members said they would be concerned about a loss of momentum if the meetings were held every other month. It was suggested that this might be overcome by sending out an electronic report in between meetings to provide WHC members with updates on the various issues being progressed.

A further suggestion made was that the Heritage Council could meet informally (i.e. without Council staff support) in the intervening months.

### **RESOLVED**

*That -*

- a) The Waipa Heritage Council supports the establishment of a Biodiversity Council and reluctantly moves to meeting every two months to accommodate the Biodiversity Council in the interim months; and*

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- b) *In the interests of information sharing, the agenda and minutes of the Biodiversity Council be circulated to Waipa Heritage Council members and that the Biodiversity Council accommodate one member of the Waipa Heritage Council at their monthly meetings, with a reciprocal arrangement extended to the Biodiversity Council; and*
- c) *The Waipa Heritage Council review the impact of meeting every two months in 12 months from when the new arrangement becomes operative.*

A Hall/Mary Hurst

### **6.2 Te Awamutu Museum** (Stephanie Lambert)

A new registrar has just been recruited and a replacement Educator Facilitator is being sought. The NZ Wars exhibition will begin in February 2007 and an exhibition of Phil Brown's photographs opens early December 2006.

Gail Henry said she understood Stephanie Lambert was to organise a visit to Tokanui for those WHC members who are interested so it can be determined whether an archaeological assessment is required. Mr McFarlane said he would remind Stephanie about that suggestion.

### **6.3 Te Awamutu Historical Society** (Mary Hurst)

Mary Hurst advised that the Te Kuiti members of the Footprints Committee would like to take over the publication and it has been agreed to divide up its assets in proportion to the level of input. The Te Awamutu share of the stock will be used in Waipa's Museums and remaining funds will be used to reprint some of the earlier copies.

### **6.4 Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society** (Eris Parker, Bev Dean )

Eris Parker has finished off the headstones project in Europe during September. The Museum has recently received a new display from the Arnold family who arrived in Cambridge in 1864. Discussions are still being held with Council about the possibility of integration with the Museum. Bev Dean noted that on 27 October the Cambridge Historical Society will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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### 6.5 NZ Historic Places Trust (Gail Henry, Heather Garrett)

Two additional part-time permanent staff have been engaged and some extra space has been acquired in the NZHPT building in Tauranga. This will double the office space and it is hoped it will be available before Christmas.

Heather Garrett has resigned as Chairperson of the Waikato Branch of NZHPT. The Chairperson assured Heather that her presence will continue to be valued at WHC meetings.

There was discussion about suburban streetscapes and Mr McFarlane said the Heritage Council would have the opportunity for an input on this issue through the District Plan review process commencing December 2007.

### 6.6 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

No report.

### 6.7 Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Sabina Owen, Alan Hall)

In September Mary Hurst was presented with life membership. Alan Hall said visitor numbers during August/September have been much higher than the previous year. Live displays (blacksmiths and Maori cloak weaver) were a success during Pirongia Crafts Day. An archaeological tour is being planned for early November.

### 6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

Max Quirk said there has been no work at Major Jackson's house for some time and he asked if Council or NZHPT could ask the owner to speed up the process. Gail Henry said all the Trust can do is encourage the owner to undertake the work in the right way and provide advice where appropriate. Mr McFarlane said he would check to see if the resource consent approved by Council refers to the parts of the building that are currently missing (i.e. the veranda).

Max said he was concerned about the excavation work being undertaken opposite the Te Awamutu Warehouse as it was done without archaeological surveillance. Gail Henry said the Trust archaeologist has visited the site and written to the owner requesting an explanation because the site has been disturbed without the Trust's authority being obtained. The owners have been asked to stop work and to not proceed until the matter has been resolved.

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### 6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

Annie Fullerton said Ohaupo now has a small art gallery (where the hairdresser used to be located). Annie said she felt there should be a representative from Ohaupo on the Biodiversity Council, rather than from Te Awamutu/Ohaupo as suggested, because of Ohaupo's various stands of native bush and numerous lakes.

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## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

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### 7.1 Inwards Correspondence

#### 7.1.1 Public Notice of Proposed Change to the Waipa District Plan – D Firth, 674 Paterangi Road

The Chairperson and Council staff present declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Gail Henry said NZHPT has significant concerns about the proposed Plan Change and she has spoken to Council's Planning staff about the possibility of it being withdrawn. However, as it is a Private Plan Change, Council has no ability to do this. She said NZHPT is concerned there is no recognition of the Hingakaka battle site in the Plan Change and there has not been an assessment of cultural or heritage values undertaken. She said NZHPT feel this is a totally irresponsible Plan Change proposal as there is insufficient information on which to form a view on whether the proposed subdivision is appropriate. She said NZHPT is writing to Council about its concerns.

Mary Hurst said she felt the applicant has done his best to avoid the main Hingakaka battle area. However, Gail Henry said more work is required to identify the battle site area so NZHPT is confident that the proposed subdivision will not affect it.

It was noted that Council has supported the work required to produce the Hingakaka Iwi Management Plan to provide some certainty about the area and to what extent development is acceptable. Gail said she has not seen a copy of that Plan.

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the Waipa Heritage Council is unable to support Plan Change No 28 (Firth) on the basis that -*

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- a) *There is an incomplete cultural and archaeological assessment of the Plan Change area; and*
- b) *There is insufficient information on the content of the Iwi Management Plan for that area.*

*and a formal submission is to be made to that effect.*

E Parker/H Garrett

Eris Parker offered to make the submission on behalf of the Heritage Council.

### 7.2 Outwards Correspondence

Nil.

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## 8 PUKERIMU PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC

A copy of a presentation made to the Cambridge Community Board about historic site information at Pukerimu was included in the agenda. Eris Parker said the Cambridge Community Board has written to Council asking why mining activity in this area has not been stopped because of the possibility of disturbing the borrow pits.

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## 9 WAIPA HERITAGE TRAIL

Sabina Owen has suggested that the Waipa Heritage Council and/or Council staff visit all the sites listed in the motorised Waipa Heritage Trail brochure because there could be adaptations to parking and/or upgrades to existing signage required or the possibility of new signage if none exists.

Mr McFarlane said it is recognised that each site requires a sign post with a number that corresponds to the map and information in the brochure. He suggested that Council staff assess any feedback on the heritage trail received from the first brochure print run, to see if the sites are running in the best sequence, before moving onto the next stage of on-site reference and identification. Gail Henry offered to promote the Waipa Heritage Trail in the next NZHPT newsletter.

Bev Dean congratulated Mr McFarlane in getting the Heritage Trail brochure to its final stage and for everyone who has had an input into this project.

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## 10 HERITAGE MASTERCLASS SEMINAR

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Gail Henry said Nick Worledge, from Oxford City Council, will be holding a half-day Master Class at Hamilton Stadium on 9 November 2006 which will primarily be focussing on New Zealand urban design issues. He will be speaking about his experience in Oxford, where new developments have been created alongside heritage, and about the challenges and issues associated with it. The class will be held between 0900 – 1230 and entry will cost \$10.

On 15 November Nick is holding a public lecture at Rotorua District Council and on 16 November he will hold another public lecture at the Te Awamutu Council Chambers from 5.30pm.

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## 11 MISSION HOUSE SITE, SELWYN PARK

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Mr McFarlane advised that the outline of the Mission House site is now in place and interpretive signage will now be scoped.

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## 12 LATE ITEM – MANGAKAWARE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Alan Hall said Council is developing a Management Plan for this reserve and is currently calling for submissions (closing date 20 October). He said the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre has put together a submission and he explained the main points raised in it. Mr McFarlane said this is the first stage in the process and when a draft Plan has been prepared it will be released for further public comment. He said the Heritage Council would have the opportunity to make a submission at that stage.

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## 13 NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 16 November 2006 in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

Gail Henry has put in an apology for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.