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# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES 20 JULY 2006

*Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on 20 July 2006 commencing at 10.00am.*

### **1 MEMBERS**

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Waipa District Councillor, Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

Roger Swarbrick – Te Awamutu Museum

Stephanie Lambert – Te Awamutu Museum – from item 5.2

Mike Williams – Te Awamutu Historical Society

Eris Parker – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Bev Dean – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Gail Henry – NZ Historic Places Trust

Jenny Gainsford – NZ Historic Places Trust/Cambridge Historical Society

Neville Ritchie – Department of Conservation – from item 5.2

Alan Hall – Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre

Annie Fullerton – Ohaupo District

#### **In Attendance**

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Resource Planning (T Roxburgh), Secretary (C Plowright)

**Public** - Nil

### **2 APOLOGIES**

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#### **RESOLVED**

*That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston, Heather Garrett, Mary Hurst and Max Quirk.*

G Henry/A Hall

### **3 LATE ITEMS**

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Late items were requested on the possibility of developers paying compensation for the obliteration of historic or archaeological sites and an update on the former Salvation Army building in Cambridge.

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

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File: 65-11-02

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

B Dean/A Fullerton

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### 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of Meeting held on 15 June 2006 were included in the agenda.**

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 15 June 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

B Dean/E Parker

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **5.1 Matakītaki Pa**

Council's Project Manager, Heritage Development and Reserves Planning, Tony Roxburgh, said Warren Gumbley will be providing the Heritage Council with a report explaining what will be required to meet the Historic Place Trust conditions to grant a consent for development work at Matakītaki Pa, and what would be appropriate to enable interpretation of the sites and potentially restoration of a portion of the site. He said an overall development concept for the site would be better than undertaking development work in a piecemeal fashion. He said external funding would be sought for the development plan.

##### **5.2 Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust**

Wet weather has prevented completion of the fence but this is expected by the end of July. When the fence has been completed there will be a small window of opportunity for the aerial poisoning before lambing starts on Maungatautari and this is totally dependent on the weather.

Tony Roxburgh said a pair of Takahe have been released into the wetland area and five additional Kiwi have gone into the southern enclosure. He said the Lions Club have funded the erection of a viewing tower and, in the longer term, it is hoped towers will be linked to provide a tree top walkway.

Tony said some outstanding access issues still have to be resolved before MEIT can formalise entrance points and charge for the added value that visitors will obtain in the two enclosures.

##### **5.3 Footprints Publication**

No progress to report as Mary Hurst has been ill.

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### 5.4 Heritage Awards

An awards presentation evening has been arranged for 5.30pm on Thursday 31 August in the Council Chambers, Te Awamutu. Award recipients have received written advice about the presentation and Waipa Heritage Council members will also be receiving an invitation to attend.

### 5.5 Police House, Kihikihi

Stephanie Lambert said she had attended an informal meeting at the Police House with Councillor Barnes and some members of the Temple Cottage Committee to discuss some options for its future use. She said they had talked about it being used not so much as a museum of objects but more as a place where stories could be anchored. She said there is a lot of enthusiasm for this idea and a public meeting will be called to discuss it.

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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)

Barbara Taranaki spoke about a recent Councillor's workshop on growth. She said there are huge predictions for future growth in Waipa District and Gail Henry asked if she could be sent that information.

Barbara also spoke about the successful completion of the Kihikihi sewerage upgrade which was celebrated at the July Policy Committee meeting with the various groups that were involved.

### 6.2 Te Awamutu Museum (Andrew McFarlane, Stephanie Lambert)

Stephanie Lambert said the opening of the Tokanui Exhibition was a great success and it has enjoyed very high visitor numbers in the first two weeks. She said some visitors have stayed for 1½ hours to take in the exhibition. She thanked Council staff for assisting with the hospitality on opening night. She said museum staff are now undertaking research for the New Zealand Wars refurbishment which is scheduled for mid-November 2006.

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There was further discussion about the land and buildings at Tokanui and what the land was used for prior to the hospital being built there. Gail Henry said NZHPT would be writing to Council asking that an archaeological assessment be undertaken because of the heritage buildings and the social history significance of the site.

**6.3 Te Awamutu Historical Society** (Roger Swarbrick, Mary Hurst, Mike Williams)

No report as the Society is still in recess.

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

Eris Parker said the museum is still waiting to hear whether it will become a part of Council's operations. She said she understands staff are waiting to see how this has worked with the Te Awamutu Museum before taking on the Cambridge Museum. She said she is hoping to return to France and Belgium in September to finish the war grave headstones project.

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

Gail Henry said the new owner of the Salvation Army building in Cambridge wishes to extend the building but the plans he submitted to NZHPT were inappropriate. She said the work needs to be sensitive to the aesthetics, scale and form of the building and the types of materials used. She said a conservation archaeologist has met with the new owner to discuss the challenges of adding to a heritage building.

Gail asked that NZHPT have an early input into the review of the District Plan which is scheduled to start in 2007. She said NZHPT could provide examples of appropriate provisos on heritage issues.

Gail said HZHPT have put in a submission on Council's Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2 (Pirongia, Ohaupo and Kihikihi). She said a copy would be sent to the Heritage Council.

Jenny Gainsford said a series of lectures, ranging from Maori settlement through to European houses, is being arranged. The first one will be held on 17 September at 2.00pm in the lecture theatre at the Waikato Museum.

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### 6.6 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

Neville Ritchie spoke about the NZ Archaeological Association's site record upgrade project. He said NZAA has sought funding from local authorities to employ a consultant archaeologist to visit every archaeological site in their districts and upgrade the records. He said John Coster is overseeing the project in the Waikato area.

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

Alan Hall said the Visitor Centre held a very successful AGM, at which Neville Ritchie was the speaker. He said the Centre has received a grant that will enable the ongoing borer problem to be treated. He said the Centre has also put in a submission to the Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2.

### 6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

No report.

### 6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

No report.

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## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

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### 7.1 Inwards Correspondence

Nil.

### 7.2 Outwards Correspondence

Nil.

## 8 LATE ITEM – POSSIBLE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE OBLITERATION OF HISTORIC OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

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Eris Parker said Council should ask developers to make a compensation payment if their developments will result in an archaeological or historical place disappearing. She said the funds collected could be used for the protection of historic places. Neville Ritchie said he saw the logic in the suggestion but felt it would be difficult to apply. Tony Roxburgh spoke about conservation allotments which could also apply to archaeological and historical sites. He said the whole purpose of reserve contributions is to secure sites in the public's interests.

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## **9 ITEMS FOR NEXT WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

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Items for the next meeting to be provided to the secretary 14 days before each meeting. This can be done by writing to Waipa District Council (attention Cathy Plowright) or phoning her on 07 872 0030 extension 7511 or emailing her on [cplo@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:cplo@waipadc.govt.nz)

## **10 NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 17 August 2006 in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 24 Wilson Street, Cambridge commencing at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.