
WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES 15 JUNE 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 15 June 2006 commencing at 10.00am.

1 ATTENDANCE

Members

Waipa District Councillor, Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

His Worship the Mayor, Alan Livingston
Roger Swarbrick – Te Awamutu Museum
Stephanie Lambert – Te Awamutu Museum
Eris Parker – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society
Bev Dean – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society
Heather Garrett – NZ Historic Places Trust
Neville Ritchie – Department of Conservation – from 10.26am
Mary Hurst – Te Awamutu Historical Society
Max Quirk – Kihikihi District – until 11.00am

In Attendance

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

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That apologies for absence be received from Annie Fullerton, Alan Hall, Gail Henry and Sabina Owen.

M Hurst/H Garrett

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

E Parker/B Dean

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5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of Meeting held on 18 May 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 18 May 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Mayor Livingston/H Garrett

Matters Arising

5.1 Matakitaki Pa

Andrew McFarlane said a Conservation Plan for the site is required before any further development work can be undertaken. This is being progressed by Tony Roxburgh.

5.2 Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust

Central government funding of \$5.504 million has been confirmed and will fund the completion of the fence and the poison drop. Andrew said the Trust would be fundraising for an Education Centre after eradication of the pests. He said a pair of Takahe are being reintroduced there later today.

5.3 Footprints Publication

Mary Hurst said the Footprints Committee have not been able to meet as the Chairperson has been ill. She said her feeling is that Footprints will fold and be replaced with a new publication. She said the heritage newsletter suggested by Mayor Livingston at the last meeting is a good idea but it should have a different name so as not to be associated with Footprints, which is an academic type journal.

Mayor Livingston spoke about the benefits of involving the community in a heritage newsletter, such as through essay competitions, and providing articles on topical heritage issues. He said the proposed newsletter would require some research work before it reaches the point of being able to be published. Eris Parker suggested Jennie Gainsford and Robyn Astridge might be interested in co-ordinating the newsletter.

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Andrew said someone would be required to take ownership of the publication and to be responsible for co-ordinating the people undertaking research and providing articles for it. He pointed out that Council is unlikely to have sufficient resourcing for that project at the moment. Stephanie Lambert suggested it would take a greater degree of resourcing to get the project off the ground than it would to maintain it once it is up and running.

It was suggested that this project be given priority once the Heritage Trail has been set up and, in the meantime, it will be added to the list of outstanding issues attached to the minutes.

5.4 Heritage Trail Brochure

Andrew said the printers have been asked to make the changes suggested following the last meeting. He said the next proof would be full-sized and should be available for the July Heritage Council meeting.

5.5 Shape Correction Work – Kaipaki Road

Mayor Livingston said he felt the ambience of the church would be improved by the new carpark and the new houses could be good for the church from a security perspective.

6 MEMBERS REPORTS

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

It was suggested that the wording for the Orakau battle site interpretive signage should be handed over to Tony Roxburgh as Neville Ritchie does not have the time to dedicate to this project.

Mayor Livingston said the Te Awamutu Community Board is concerned about the cenotaph on ANZAC Green which has cracks appearing in it due to vibration from heavy traffic. The Board have asked Council staff to look into the problem.

6.2 Te Awamutu Museum (Andrew McFarlane, Stephanie Lambert)

Stephanie Lambert spoke about the renovations currently underway in preparation for the new exhibition. WHC members were taken for a tour of the Museum at the end of the meeting.

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

No report as the Society is still in recess.

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

Eris said she is hoping to obtain funding for a “poppy tree” to mark the “Year of the Veteran”.

Mary Hurst tabled a copy of a report from the Te Awamutu Museum Director to the Te Awamutu Historical Society dated 1982 which makes some interesting comments about the Museum’s future location. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

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

Heather Garrett said that having considered the first round of Heritage Award nominations she felt there was a need for a “Preservation” category. Andrew said the categories and criteria for the Heritage Awards are an evolving process and would be reviewed before the next round of awards.

Heather said she has spoken to Councillor Empson about the ongoing cost of maintaining the sprinkler system at St Paul’s Church, Hairini. The recent fire at the Hairini Dairy Factory highlights the need to keep the sprinkler system maintained but it is very expensive for the church to fund. She also spoke about plans to construct a toilet at the church and that it must be in keeping with the church grounds.

6.6 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

Neville said he had recently visited the Alexandra East Redoubt and was pleased to see a Council contractor weeding around the pavers. He said the area looks good as does the improvements to the Matakita Pa carpark.

He said young gorse is establishing on the banks of the Alexandra East Redoubt which would deter the erosion problems if it is allowed to grow.

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

Heather Garrett raised an issue on behalf of Sabina Owen who was absent. She said Sabina feels historic redoubt sites should be included in Council’s Urban Reserves Management Plan (volume 2 is currently out for public submissions). Andrew said it was felt those reserves either warrant their own Reserve Management Plan or they would be included in a generic Historic Reserves Management Plan.

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6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

Max Quirk asked what is happening with the Police House in Kihikihi. Andrew said advice would be provided in the next agenda.

6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

No report.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Inwards Correspondence

Nil.

7.2 Outwards Correspondence

- Letter to Tony Roxburgh dated 29 May 2006 was included in the agenda.
- Letter to Toni Fortune dated 30 May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the correspondence be received.

H Garrett/B Dean

8 HERITAGE AWARDS

Mayor Livingston said the Waipa Heritage Awards Programme Judging Panel met on 12 June to consider nominations and 13 award recipients were chosen. One of the award recipients is WHC member, Roger Swarbrick, who received a Heritage Award in the category of Public Service. Mayor Livingston said the award was richly deserved by Roger after many years of service to heritage in the community.

It is intended that an awards ceremony will be held later in the year when the recipients will be presented with a framed certificate. Andrew said all nominees would be advised of the outcome within the next week and the awards will be mentioned in the local newspaper.

9 ITEMS FOR NEXT WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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

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10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 20 July 2006 in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.