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# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES 18 MAY 2006

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### 1 PRESENT

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#### Members

Waipa District Councillor, Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

His Worship the Mayor, Alan Livingston  
Roger Swarbrick – Te Awamutu Museum  
Heather Garrett – NZ Historic Places Trust  
Alan Hall – Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre  
Max Quirk – Kihikihi District  
Annie Fullerton – Ohaupo District  
Stephanie Lambert – Te Awamutu Museum

#### 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 Bev Dean, Toni Fortune, Jennie Gainsford, Gail Henry, Mary Hurst, Sabina Owen, Eris Parker and Neville Ritchie.*

Alan Hall/Max Quirk

### 3 LATE ITEMS

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Late items were requested on the proposed Natural Heritage Group and Pioneer Walkway.

### 4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

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File: 65-11-02

#### RESOLVED

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Mayor Livingston/Annie Fullerton

### 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of Meeting held on 20 April 2006 were included in the agenda.**

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### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 20 April 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record subject to amendment of the word "day" to "week" on page three.*

Alan Hall/Heather Garrett

### **Matters Arising**

#### **5.1 Matakitaki Pa**

Alan Hall advised that the fence and gate at the entrance to Matakitaki Pa have been erected and the picnic table has been moved. He said it is hoped to use the same style posts to mark the walkway through the Pa site and for the bollards to mark out the parking area. Heather Garrett said the posts are factory made and it is envisaged that same style can be used on other historic sites.

### **RESOLVED**

*That a letter of thanks be sent to Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserve Planning, Tony Roxburgh, for the progress achieved so far at Matakitaki Pa.*

Alan Hall/Heather Garrett

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, said that in due course Tony would be pursuing the development of a Conservation Plan for Matakitaki Pa as discussed at previous meetings.

#### **5.2 Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT)**

Andrew said MEIT is still on target to complete the perimeter fence by July and the poison drop in August. He said confirmation of funding from central government is still awaited and Council is unable to progress the proposed Maungatautari Reserve Bylaw any further until MEIT finalises the public access points into the reserve.

#### **5.3 Footprints Publication**

Alan Hall said he understood some progress has been made on this although it has still not been possible to meet and formalise arrangements with the Te Kuiti people involved with Footprints.

Mayor Livingston suggested the concept of an historical journal covering Te Awamutu, Cambridge and the surrounding rural areas. He said it could be a bi-monthly publication providing articles on current heritage news items in Waipa District.

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He said the journal would be pitched at a level that would appeal to the general public and would not require the in-depth research required to produce an issue of Footprints. He said the new style publication could be a good way to move forward rather than trying to resurrect something from the past that is linked to Otorohanga and Te Kuiti as opposed to Waipa District.

There was general support for Mayor Livingston's suggestion, although Alan Hall and Max Quirk said there could be a place for both styles of publication. A number of ideas were discussed; such as publishing the information on Council's website, providing the opportunity for residents to submit articles on their reminiscences and including photographs of heritage buildings and iconic views.

Andrew said he would speak to Tony Roxburgh about how heritage information (natural and built) might be publicised through a newsletter and it was agreed to discuss the idea again when other WHC members are present.

### **5.4 Shape Correction Work – Kaipaki Road**

Mayor Livingston asked if anything had happened as a result of the Heritage Council's recommendation to Council concerning the landscape surrounding Kaipaki Church being downgraded through subdivision. It was noted that Council will not receive the 20 April WHC minutes and have an opportunity to discuss the issue until its next meeting on 30 May.

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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)

Mayor Livingston said the Policy Committee has recently considered submissions on the 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan and he mentioned some of the grant increases recommended as a result of the submissions process. Also mentioned were submissions received on a new Te Awamutu Museum, a proposed art gallery, Safer Community's Council and use of the buildings vacated by the Kihikihi Art House.

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**AGENDA ITEMS****PAGE NO.****6.2 Te Awamutu Museum** (Stephanie Lambert)

Andrew introduced the new Senior Curator, Stephanie Lambert, to WHC Members. He said Stephanie hopes to attend WHC meetings when she is available, instead of Toni Fortune, which will free Toni up for archival work. The Chairperson said Toni's input into the WHC over the last few years should be formally acknowledged.

Stephanie said Museum staff are preparing for the opening of the Tokanui exhibition on 30 June. She said the long-term New Zealand Wars exhibition is being de-installed and a refurbished version will be reinstalled at the conclusion of the Tokanui exhibition in November. She said staff are taking advantage of this time to undertake some upgrades in the internal gallery space and the Museum equipment.

**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)

Andrew said Council would shortly be discussing the concept of a working relationship with the Cambridge Museum similar to that established with the Te Awamutu Museum.

Mayor Livingston updated WHC members on his recent visit to Le Quesnoy for celebrations to commemorate ANZAC Day and his subsequent tour of the battle fields of the western front. Eris Parker has been photographing the war graves of Cambridge soldiers located around Europe

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

Heather Garrett said Nancy Raynes house on the corner of Raynes and Lowe Roads, Rukuhia, has recently gone up for sale. She said an application for registration as an historic building is currently being processed but this may take some time. She said the building is at risk if it's not on the NZHPT Register or Council's District Plan.

**6.6 Department of Conservation** (Neville Ritchie)

No report.

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

Alan Hall tabled a brochure that has just been produced about the Visitor Centre and the Centre's latest newsletter. He said it was disappointing that nothing appears to have happened to discourage the erosion of the banks at the Alexandra East Redoubt despite the two recommendations to Council.

**6.8 Kihikihi District** (Max Quirk)

Max Quirk said Kihikihi Heritage Trail signs are going to be tidied up and the ones that have rotted will be reinstated using longer lasting materials.

**6.9 Ohaupo District** (Annie Fullerton)

Annie Fullerton asked if it was possible to secure an area of bush as reserve in the Rukuhia area in view of the extensive development that is going to take place to the south of Hamilton. Andrew advised that Tony Roxburgh has undertaken an inventory of all bush stands in Waipa District and this information will be kept on a natural heritage database. He said Tony is aware of subdivision coming up and how environmental protection lots can be used to secure land.

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## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

**7.1 Inwards Correspondence**

Nil.

**7.2 Outwards Correspondence**

Nil.

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## 8 HERITAGE AWARDS

A call for nominations for the 2006 Heritage Awards has been advertised in the local papers with entries closing at the end of May. Andrew said he is aware of entries being made for the Te Awamutu Visitor Information Centre, the Teacher's House in Te Awamutu and Temple Cottage in Kihikihi. Entry forms were provided to WHC members present and it was suggested that a form be sent to Eris Parker for a nomination to be made on the GPO in Cambridge. Andrew will contact MEIT.

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### **9 HERITAGE TRAIL BROCHURE**

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Andrew tabled a draft of the heritage trail brochure and asked WHC members for feedback. They were happy with the form of the brochure but suggested that the background colour should be lightened and the font changed from white to black to make it easier to read. Andrew asked WHC members to take a copy of the draft home and notify him by 26 May of any changes to editorial content, font, layout, etc that they would like to make.

### **10 LATE ITEM - NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP**

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Andrew said a proposal is being prepared for presentation to Council's executive managers concerning the formation of a natural heritage group. He said the proposal is that this group meet bi-monthly, alternating with the Waipa Heritage Council, which would be preferable in terms of staff resourcing. Annie Fullerton said there had been a fairly strong feeling at the previous meeting that the Waipa Heritage Council should continue to meet once a month. It was suggested that this issue should be discussed again at the next meeting when more members are present.

### **11 LATE ITEM – PIONEER WALKWAY**

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There was discussion about the procedure for depositing items recovered during the course of an excavation.

### **12 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)

### **11 NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 15 June 2006. This meeting will be held in Committee Room 2, Te Awamutu and not in Cambridge as previously notified.