
WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES 17 NOVEMBER 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in Committee Room 1, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Thursday 17 November 2005 commencing at 10.00am.

1 MEMBERS

Waipa District Councillor, Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

His Worship the Mayor, Alan Livingston – until 11.00am (item 6.3)

Roger Swarbrick – Te Awamutu Museum

Toni Fortune – Te Awamutu Museum

Eris Parker – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Bev Dean – Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society

Jenny Gainsford – NZ Historic Places Trust/Cambridge Historical Society

Heather Garrett – NZ Historic Places Trust

Sabina Owen – Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre

Alan Hall – Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre

Mary Hurst – Te Awamutu Historical Society – from 10.50 am (item 6.1)

Max Quirk – Kihikihi District

Annie Fullerton – Ohaupo District

In Attendance

Strategic Planning & Development Manager – A McFarlane

Secretary – C Plowright

Public - Nil

The Chairperson welcomed Jenny Gainsford to the meeting who represents the NZ Historic Places Trust and the Cambridge Historical Society.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That apologies for absence be received from Gail Henry and Neville Ritchie and for lateness from Mary Hurst.

Eris Parker/Toni Fortune

3 LATE ITEMS

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, suggested an item on the withdrawal of proposed Plan Change 48 (Archaeological Sites) and it was agreed to take it as part of item 6.1. Sabina Owen asked for an item on heritage websites and it was agreed to include that discussion in item 5.5.

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4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

The Chairperson said item 6.1 would be taken before 11.00am when Mayor Livingston had to leave the meeting. She said item 5.4 would be taken after 11.00am when Mary Hurst would join the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Sabina Owen/Eris Parker

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 October 2005 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 20 October 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Alan Hall's name on the list of those in attendance, noting that an apology had been given by Heather Garrett, amendment of "Eric" to "Eris" on page 1, amendment of "Waikato Heritage Branch" to "Historic Places Trust Waikato Branch" on page 3 and amendment of "Bills" to "Bell's" on page 3.

Eris Parker/Toni Fortune

Matters Arising

5.1 Selwyn Park/Morgan Park (Mission House)

Heritage Council members were advised that an application has been made to the NZ Historic Places Trust for a mowing strip and the posts that will hold the interpretive signage on Selwyn Park/Morgan Park. A response is yet to be received.

Mayor Livingston said he was disappointed that the circus tent had been erected on the Mission House site. Mr McFarlane said the previous month's resolution to Council asking for protection of the site through the Urban Reserves Management Plan would allow for a greater degree of control in that area if approved by Council.

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5.2 Matakītaki Pa

Alan Hall said Council's Project Manager Heritage Development and Reserve Planning, Tony Roxburgh, has put together a proposal on how the Pa site should be managed and has sent it to Purekireki Marae for comment. There was discussion about where the picnic tables could be moved to because they are currently in a culturally insensitive location. Alan said Iwi are willing to have some interpretive panels at the site provided the commentary is not restricted to the fall of Matakītaki.

5.3 Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT)

Bev Dean said MEIT have submitted a funding application to central government for the fencing project.

Mr McFarlane advised that a Bylaw is still being considered to cover issues such as restricted access to sensitive areas and recovering the cost of the added value components that will be available. However, a bylaw would only be applicable to reserve areas and other measures would need to be put in place for areas where the fence is on private land. He said that, in the long term, a legislative change by central government to recognise the ecological island as an entity in itself would be preferable. Mayor Livingston said all the affected private landowners are making a significant contribution towards the project by allowing the fence to be erected on their land.

Mayor Livingston mentioned a recent agreement signed between Council and Environment Waikato that would provide funding for the fencing project and the Peat Lakes Restoration Programme.

5.4 Footprints Publication

[This item was taken at 11.00am when Mary Hurst joined the meeting.]

Mary Hurst provided the background to the Footprints of History, which is an historical journal of the combined Te Awamutu, Otorohanga and Te Kuiti Historical Societies and the Waitomo Caves Museum Society, and she outlined the current problems it is having.

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Now that the Te Awamutu Historical Society is in recess the journal will need to be published under the auspices of another group and Mary asked if the Heritage Council was able to provide assistance. It costs approximately \$1,500 a year to provide two editions of Footprints.

Mr McFarlane said it would be consistent with Council's Heritage Strategy to keep a worthwhile historical publication alive but it would have to compete with other calls on funding for heritage projects. It was suggested that sponsorship could be sought to cover annual publication costs but there was still the issue of who will take responsibility for it. Jenny Gainsford offered to take on this role but it was agreed to defer the decision until the January WHC meeting and meanwhile Mr McFarlane will investigate the possibility of financial support from Council.

5.5 Heritage Trail Brochure

Mr McFarlane said it was felt the brochure is too bulky and it was questioned whether all the information that has been gathered needs to be included.

One suggestion made was that a list of all the sites be included in the brochure with a note advising that detailed information on each site can be found on a Heritage Trail website. Sabina Owen mentioned www.heritagetrails who have suggested a "one stop shop" for all heritage information throughout New Zealand. It was mentioned that there would be copyright issues if they used the Waipa Heritage Trail brochure on their website and that the best place for it would be on the Waipa District Council website. The Chairperson said Mr McFarlane would redistribute the draft brochure to the working group (Eris Parker, Mary Hurst and Mayor Livingston) with a view to them meeting to review the information and reporting back to the next Heritage Council meeting (19 January 2006).

6 MEMBERS REPORTS

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

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

Mayor Livingston advised that the Policy Committee decided to withdraw Plan Change 48 (Appendix 11 to the District Plan - Archaeological Sites) at its meeting on 14 November. He said it was disappointing, given the amount of work that has gone into the review, but was necessary because the NZ Archaeological Association (NZAA) and NZ Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) are concerned that some of the site information is inaccurate and they are not prepared to support the proposed Plan Change. He said the NZAA would be undertaking a site recording exercise over the next 12 months and this information, which will include GPS references for all sites, would be incorporated into the District Plan review scheduled for 2007.

Mr McFarlane said, in the interim, all building permits would be tagged to warn people about the existence of archaeological sites in Waipa District. Following discussion it was agreed to revisit the issue when Neville Ritchie is next present at a Heritage Council meeting.

6.2 Te Awamutu Museum (Debra Kane/Toni Fortune)

Toni Fortune said 2005 has been a hectic year for the Museum, with many changes and lots of growth and demand.

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

Roger Swarbrick said the Trust repairing the Climax Locomotive has been approached by potential funders wanting to know where it will eventually be sited. Mr McFarlane said he would discuss their request with Asset Manager Recreation, Max Ward.

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

Eris Parker said it was disappointing to see that a large area of dirt has been removed from the Star Redoubt site (behind the Museum) without an archaeologist being on site. She also commented on Council's proposed solution to the problems at Lake Te Ko Utu, which is currently the subject of public consultation.

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Jenny Gainsford spoke about the importance of preserving the character of Cambridge and said she was concerned about the multi-complex being planned for the entrance to the town. Mr McFarlane said the District Plan review in 2007 would provide an opportunity to address such matters and he suggested that the WHC make a list of issues it feels should be considered as part of the review.

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

Jenny Gainsford said Heather Garrett was once again the Chairperson of the Waikato Branch of the Historic Places Trust.

6.6 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

Nothing to report.

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

There was discussion concerning the old Pirongia School library building, which is being removed from the school site, and the community are keen to retain.

Sabina Owen tabled some photographs showing how the banks in front of the Alexandra East Redoubt are being eroded. This issue was raised several months ago when it was suggested that the banks be planted with shrubs, to discourage children from sliding down them, but nothing has happened.

RESOLVED

That the Waipa Heritage Council recommends that Council take emergency steps to prevent further erosion of the banks at the Alexandra East Redoubt.

Sabina Owen/Alan Hall

6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

Max Quirk reported that the sewerage upgrade project is going well and work at Major Jackson's Cottage is progressing slowly.

6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

Annie Fullerton asked if there could be an agenda item in the near future about the identification of iconic views throughout the District and how they should be protected.

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7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Inwards Correspondence

Nil.

7.2 Outwards Correspondence

Letter to Waipa District Council dated 20 October 2005 concerning Selwyn Park was included in the agenda.

8 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2006

The Waipa Heritage Council's practice is to meet at 10.00am on the third Thursday of the month, except for December, with meetings alternating between Cambridge and Te Awamutu.

RESOLVED

That the Waipa Heritage Council adopts the following schedule of meeting dates (generally being the third Thursday of each month) except for December -

<i>19 January 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>	<i>20 July 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>
<i>16 February 2006 (Cambridge)</i>	<i>17 August 2006 (Cambridge)</i>
<i>16 March 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>	<i>21 September 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>
<i>20 April 2006 (Cambridge)</i>	<i>19 October 2006 (Cambridge)</i>
<i>18 May 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>	<i>16 November 2006 (Te Awamutu)</i>
<i>15 June 2006 (Cambridge)</i>	Heather Garrett/Bev Dean

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

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 19 January 2006 in Committee Room 1, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.20pm.