

# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES 20 MARCH 2008

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*Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Meeting Room, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Thursday, 20 March 2008, commencing at 10.00am*

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## **1 PRESENT**

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### **Members**

Barbara Taranaki	Waipa District Councillor(Chairperson)
Alan Livingston	His Worship the Mayor [from 10.14am]
Eris Parker	Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society
Bev Dean	Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society
Mike Vincent	New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Heather Garrett	Te Pahu District
Max Quirk	Kihikihi District
Annie Fullerton	Ohaupo District [from 10.40am]
Neville Ritchie	Department of Conservation

### **In Attendance**

Tony Roxburgh, Project Manager Heritage Development and Reserves Planning  
Jan White, Museum & Heritage Manager  
Sharyn King, Committee Secretary

### **Public**

Nil

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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Apologies for absence have been received from Alan Hall and Jennie Gainsford.

Parker / Ritchie

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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There were no late items.

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

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File: 65-11-02

### **RESOLVED**

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed*

Garrett / Parker

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### **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of Meeting held on 24 January 2008 were included in the agenda.**

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 20 March 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, with Starr Hotel to be changed to Star Tavern in 6.9.*

Parker / Dean

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **5.1 Heritage Planning**

There was general discussion on the responsibilities of both the NZHPT and local Councils where it was noted that a clarification of criteria identifying heritage buildings and sites, was required. Council have an obligation once a building has been listed in the District Plan and it was decided that during the review of the District Plan, the Committee would play an active role in establishing a list of sites.

Prior to the list being formed, the criteria need to be established. It was reported that NZHPT have published guidelines regarding criteria, however there may be a need to acknowledge buildings sites and features that have local importance.

*Mayor Livingston entered room [10.14am]*

A decision was made that a smaller group would meet with the Project Manager Heritage Development and Reserves Planning on alternate months between Heritage Meetings. Prior to this workshop, Council staff would summarise aspects of the District Plan that relate to Heritage, e.g. Heritage buildings, sites, corridors and design. Planning Staff have indicated specific recommendations would be welcome.

##### **5.2 National Hotel**

The NZHPT have visited the site and discussed which items should be retained to keep the heritage character of the building. Issues around earthquake strengthening were identified, in particular maintaining brick column integrity without compromising the façade. The developer will try to minimize visual disturbance but earthquake protection is the main priority.

A general discussion resulted regarding the balance between retaining heritage character and encouraging development. There was a suggestion that the District Plan could play a role.

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The merit in adopting a similar approach to that used for natural heritage incentives was considered as Council would rather use incentives than prosecution. It was noted that unless a property was in the District Plan, the NZHPT can only advise on structural matters and exterior changes, not interior finishing or character.

*Annie Fullerton entered room [10.40]*

The NZHPT makes some distinction between commercial and private buildings where commercial is a public building where the public can see the interior. This differentiation needs to be made in the District Plan.

It was noted that some insurance companies will not insure buildings over a certain age and it is generally more expensive. The workshop group will consider incentives for this aspect.

## **6 MEMBERS REPORTS**

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This item enables members to discuss 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 thanked the group for their forthcoming contribution to the District Plan and advised that he is looking forward to the next Heritage Newsletter. It was noted that the Annual Plan is now open for submissions and it would be welcomed if the Heritage Committee could support and/or make submissions.

### **6.2 Te Awamutu Museum** (Jan White)

Staff are preparing an exhibition relating to the North Island Main Trunk rail line which will open in April to commemorate the centennial. A train will be carrying politicians from Wellington to Auckland as part of the celebrations on 8 August 2008. It was noted that Kihikihi, Te Awamutu and Ohaupo have a special relationship with the railway and celebrations should be held in all three centres. The railway reached Ohaupo in 1878/79 and was the end of the line at that time. It was discussed that the Heritage Council provide refreshments etc on 8 August 2008.

The museum has a new educator for the education programme with lots of children coming through and international visitors are coming to see the Finn Brothers exhibition. Te Awamutu are working with Cambridge Historical Society on a proposal regarding Cambridge Museum. In regards to the current vacancies, enquiries have been made from appropriate people and should be filled as soon as possible.

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### **6.3 Cambridge Museum/Cambridge Historical Society** (Eris Parker, Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford )

Material from the 'Subway' archaeological dig from the corner of Queen and Lake Streets has been provided by Alexy Simmons. The information, including photos, was very detailed with all items filed and catalogued.

The workshop run by Te Papa on building a fan base, included ideas such as making a database of fans for promotions, newsletters etc.

The Lions Market day was rained out.

The website has had almost 4000 visitors for the month. Vision Cambridge is looking into sustainability.

### **6.4 New Zealand Historic Places Trust** (Mike Vincent)

At the Heritage Conference in Wanganui (part of the heritage week) the focus was on earthquake safety with Heritage buildings, including related matters such as insurance and structural strengthening. This type of information needs to be considered in the District Plan review.

It was noted that many resource consents have been coming into the Trust, and also that the interviews are complete for the planner position and an appointment is pending.

### **6.5 Department of Conservation** (Neville Ritchie)

The Department of Conservation has been undergoing restructuring at this time although this should be finalized by April. The new Minister of Conservation has publicly notified her intention to restore the Pureora / Waimeha tram lines as a "Rail Trail". This will require considerable funding and will encourage more tourists through the Pureora Forest Park.

### **6.6 Te Pahu District** (Heather Garrett)

Discussion centred on conflict arising from changing road signs and Council have been contacted on this matter. This occurs when roads are "joined" and the settler's name is removed and the new name is being used. This is causing confusion with new residents and mail deliveries.

### **6.7 Kihikihi District** (Max Quirk)

The owner of the Star Tavern has offered the tavern to Council for removal, however the Council declined. The bottom half of the building needs a lot of restoration, however, the top half is in reasonable condition. A removal company has stated that this building could be shifted. The NZHPT have inspected the tavern, but it is unlikely that the Trust would consider funding removal.

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Some consideration was given to moving the building up to the rear of Temple Cottage. This would require a conservation report, structural report and resource consents. It was noted that the building does not meet the fire requirements. The Trust would like to find out how the community and the district feel about the building which is representative of the era. Another possible relocation site would be the Heritage Village at Mystery Creek.

Mayor Livingston said that the owner should have to make contribution for removal costs as there is a financial benefit to the landowner to have the building removed.

It was noted that the Police House Restoration Group have been officially recognised.

### **6.8 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)**

The original County Council Chambers are taking shape and the Antique shop was very complimentary regarding the help from Waipa District Council.

### **6.9 Waipa District Council (Tony Roxburgh)**

The Victoria Bridge sign has been ordered and will be positioned on the southern side of the bridge.

Council were contacted by Ian Macgregor regarding the Te Rore flour mill site on Anderson Road, Paterangi. He offered to show staff the features, some of which are no longer visible.

In regards to Matakītaki, the liaison with local Iwi is progressing and surveying is currently stalling progress.

The draft Heritage Newsletter was provided to members for comment. Preparing the Newsletter was on contract and this has gone well. The newsletter will be on the Waipa District Council website, in schools, museums etc. There have been problems with rural delivery as some people have “no junk mail” signs and others bin all junk mail without looking at it, without checking. It was suggested that perhaps the newsletter could be included with the Cambridge Edition and the Te Awamutu Courier so that it is not seen as junk mail. The newsletters will be published quarterly with the current issue focused on built and cultural Heritage.

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

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### **7.1 Inwards Correspondence**

#### **7.1.1 Thank you from Mary Hurst**

A letter was received from Mary Hurst to thank the Heritage Council for the letter she received.

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She noted that the Te Awamutu Historical Society is not intending to wind up at present and that she would be available to help compile a list of historical sites.

### **Mining on the Pukerimu Plateau**

A letter was received from the Pukerimu Preservation Society regarding the proposed resource consent application by Gordon Valley Trustees Ltd for authority to mine sand. This will increase in size of their quarry

operation on the Pukerimu Plateau. They have requested that the Heritage Council review and consider the importance and recognition of this area, particularly the “borrow pits” as a valued part of the history and culture.

It was noted that if there are archaeological sites then Gordon Valley Trustees Ltd have to apply to the NZHPT for permission to destroy these sites. However, as the applicants have already destroyed some sites it is unlikely that the Trust would deny consent.

Consideration was given as to the Heritage Council’s position on such an application and a letter is to be written in response pointing out that at this time there is no resource consent application lodged at this time and that archaeological values must be considered. The Heritage Council should acknowledge receipt of the letter and will liaise with Council staff once the application has been made.

### **7.1.3 Cambridge Town Hall Centenary**

A letter from the Cambridge Community Board has been sent to Council, recommending the restoration of the Cambridge Town Hall be adopted as a Centennial Project and included in the Waipa District Council’s in the 2008/09 Annual Plan. The Heritage Council endorses this recommendation.

### **Resolved**

*That the Heritage Council endorse the recommendation from the Cambridge Community Board contained in the letter dated 5 February 2008.*

Dean / Ritchie

## **7.2 Outwards Correspondence**

### **7.2.1 Resignation of Mary Hurst**

A letter was sent to Mary Hurst thanking her for her contribution as she is no longer able to attend.

### **7.2.2 North Island Main Trunk Line Centenary**

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A letter was sent to the Waipa District Council regarding the Centenary to be celebrated on 8 August 2008. The letter requested that Council initiate a civic function or public promotion of the event and gave the significance of the line to the District.

## **RESOLVED**

*That the inwards correspondence be received, and that the outwards correspondence be approved.*

Fullerton/Parker

## **8 KIHIKIHI POLICE HOUSE RESTORATION GROUP**

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File: 4552/100.00

**Minutes of the meetings held on 28 February 2008 were included in the agenda.**

## **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the Kihikihi Police House Restoration Group meetings held on 28 February 2008 be received.*

Quirk / Ritchie

## **9 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The recommendation on 19 October 2006 was reviewed. Concern was expressed by several members that bi-monthly meetings were not working, and there is a loss of continuity especially if a member missed one meeting. It was decided that an approach be made to Council management to determine whether monthly meetings could be reinstated. Bi-monthly meetings will continue until a decision is made.

A Committee would meet monthly with Council staff to consider aspects of the District Plan review. The recommendation on 17 May 2007 is to be removed.

## **11 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 Noelene Barr) or phoning her on 07 823 3800 extension 6506 or emailing her on [nbar@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:nbar@waipadc.govt.nz)

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 22 May 2008 in Committee Room One, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu, commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.28pm.