

WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on 18 September 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

1 PRESENT

Waipa District Councillor Barbara Taranaki (Chairperson)

Members

His Worship the Mayor Alan Livingston
Bev Dean - Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford - New Zealand Historic Places Trust/Cambridge Historical Society
Alan Hall - Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Gail Henry - New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Heather Garrett - Te Pahu District
Max Quirk - Kihikihi District
Neville Ritchie - Department of Conservation

Public

Dr R Darmondy HPT; B Garland; M Wallace; D Findlay Biodiversity Council.

In Attendance

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh; Policy Planner, S Brennan; Museum Curator, E Parker; Senior Curator, S Lambert; Committee Secretary, S King

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for non attendance from S Owen & A Fullerton be received.

Parker / Dean

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed

Hall / Mayor Livingston

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 July 2008 were included in the agenda.

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RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 17 July 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, with the following removed from page 8, 'due to requirements imposed by NZHPT'.

Gainsford / Quirk

Matters Arising

Gail Henry clarified the New Zealand Historic Places Trust's position regarding legal requirement for demolition, maintenance and improvements to historic buildings. There was discussion about the role the RMA plays and the role Council has in ensuring building regulations are met.

Item 7 was taken before Item 6.

6 MEMBERS REPORTS

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 commented that the Waipa District was represented by 10 people during the Parliamentary Train centennial celebrations.

He advised members that the sign is completed for the newly named 'John Rochfort Park' in Kihikihi and discussion centred around opportunities to formally dedicate the plaque. Members suggested that the signs regarding John Rochfort at the church and cemetery should be included in any celebrations organised.

6.2 **Te Awamutu Historical Society** (Vacant)

M Quirk advised that there is a need to recruit someone from Te Awamutu to be on this committee, in the absence of a Te Awamutu Historical Society member.

Mayor Livingston commented that if members know of anyone with local knowledge, then they should be invited to attend.

6.3 **Cambridge Historical Society** (Bev Dean)

B Dean said she had been involved in the Cambridge Museum open day and was disappointed that local media had not acknowledged the Cambridge Historical Society.

Members discussed the community value of old buildings and the costs incurred bringing these buildings up to code. G Henry advised that private owners (including Trusts) of Category One buildings now have access to significant financial assistance from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

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6.4 NZ Historic Places Trust (Gail Henry, Jennie Gainsford)

J Gainsford advised that the work to update the database on historical buildings and natural landscapes is continuing. She noted that a book is being compiled on Hayes Paddock by Hamilton City Council and that J Gainsford is creating a brochure on Hamilton East.

6.5 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

N Ritchie commented that the latest Department of Conservation restructuring is now completed and that the new manager has appointed his ongoing participation on the Heritage Council.

6.6 Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Alan Hall)

A Hall highlighted the changes to the storage area (garage) for archival material at the Visitor Centre. While the changes are very beneficial storage is still very limited resulting in a need to be discriminating when assessing potential material.

6.7 Te Pahu District (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett advised that on November 28, the Pirongia Forest Park Lodge will celebrate its 20th birthday.

She noted that on September 28, approximately 70 vintage cars will arrive from North Shore to tour the Waipa District.

6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

M Quirk said that the archaeological research has been completed and the Maori gardens have been started at the Community House in Kihikihi.

He commented on the Parliamentary Train centennial celebrations that he attended as a Heritage Council representative.

6.9 Ohaupo District (absent)

There was no report.

7 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Heritage Development & Reserves Planning (Tony Roxburgh)

T Roxburgh said that the Waipa Heritage Trail booklet completion is imminent. Members also discussed the idea of a coffee table book in order to promote the heritage sites and features of the Waipa District. The book would be representative of the sites and features, with the soft cover book for residents and a hardcover version available as a gift for dignitaries.

Due to the international exposure from the 2010 World Rowing Championships, members expressed that the book should be completed prior to this event.

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A working title for the book 'Landmarks of Waipa' was suggested. T Roxburgh commented that a number of authors would be used with one editor to pull it together. A working group comprising members of the Heritage and Biodiversity Councils will progress this project.

7.2 Museum & Heritage (Eris Parker & Stephanie Lambert)

S Lambert outlined the report provided by the Museum & Heritage Manager which was tabled at the meeting. She advised that during the month of November an exhibition in the Te Awamutu Museum will comprise a selection from past 'Waipa Home Of Champions Photo Competitions'.

This will be followed in early December by an inheritance exhibition comprising items from the Museum's major contributors.

E Parker updated members on the changes to the Cambridge Museum, as items have now been removed from storage, cleaned and put into the new areas.

7.3 District Growth Strategy (Presentation by Susan Brennan)

S Brennan outlined the linkages between the District Growth Strategy to the Long Term Council Community Plan and the District Plan. She outlined the Future Proof project which is driven by the requirements of the Land Transport Agency who require an agreed pattern of settlement across the region. She then showed a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Fiona Hill Project Manger for the District Plan Review and the Waipa 2050 District Growth Strategy.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

8.1.1 Heart of Te Awamutu: Hearing of Submission

A letter was received from Waipa District Council confirming receipt of the submission and confirmation of the allocated time for the verbal submission.

8.1.2 Heart of Te Awamutu Project

A letter was received from Waipa District Council advising of the changes recommended in light of the submissions heard.

8.2 Outwards Correspondence

8.2.1 Submission to Heart of Te Awamutu

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Letter to Waipa District Council in support of a Cultural & Heritage Centre, with the subsequent relocation of the Te Awamutu Museum; and, retention of a heritage theme in Alexandra Street.

Recommendation

That the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards approved.

Quirk / Cr Taranaki

9 KIHIKIHI POLICE HOUSE RESTORATION GROUP

File: 4552/100.00

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2008 were included in the agenda.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Kihikihi Police House Restoration Group meeting held on 24 July 2008 be received.

These minutes were received at the last meeting of the Heritage Council.

10 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

Schedule of Unresolved Recommendations was included in the agenda.

Attached is the schedule of Waipa Heritage Council unresolved recommendations as at 18 July 2008 which members may wish to review.

Members discussed the schedule with meetings every two months. The recommendations dated 18 January 2007 & 17 July 2008 are to be removed.

RESOLVED

That staff investigate the possibility of monthly meetings for the Waipa Heritage Council.

Quirk / Gainsford

11 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 Sharyn King) or phoning her on 07 872 0030 or emailing her on sharyn.king@waipadc.govt.nz

12 NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 20 November 2008, Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge commencing at 10.00am.

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