

WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES 18 JUNE 2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Te Awamutu on Thursday 18 June 2009 commencing at 10.08am.

1 PRESENT

Barbara Taranaki	Waipa District Councillor(Chairperson)
Alan Livingston	His Worship the Mayor
Bev Dean	Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford	Cambridge Historical Society
Sabina Owen	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Alan Hall	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Gail Henry	New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Heather Garrett	Te Pahu District
Annie Fullerton	Ohaupo District
Neville Ritchie	Department of Conservation

In Attendance

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh; Museum & Heritage Manager, J White; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology for non attendance from Max Quirk; and, the apology for lateness from Mayor Livingston be received.

S Owen / A Fullerton

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 with Item 7 before Item 6.

Councillor Taranaki / S Owen

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 April 2009 were included in the agenda.

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RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 16 April 2009, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

H Garrett / A Hall

Matters Arising

Members discussed the plaque commemorating the laying down of arms by King Tawhiao in 1881. It was placed on the Pirongia Library wall rather than at the site where the event took place. Members indicated that an interpretive sign at the actual site would be appropriate.

RESOLVED

That the Waipa Heritage Council recommend that the Amenities / Recreations (Operations) Manager investigate the installation of interpretative signage at the site of the laying down of arms by King Tawhiao in 1881.

S Owen / Councillor Taranaki

A Hall said that the action point at the end of item 6.6 was not assigned to a particular person and queried how this would be followed up. T Roxburgh said that any maintenance and replacement programme would be managed by the Amenities / Recreations (Operations) Manager and therefore a recommendation from the Heritage Council would be appropriate.

RESOLVED

That the Waipa Heritage Council seek a report from the Amenities / Recreations (Operations) Manager that clarifies whether interpretative signage is included in the asset management list, with an associated replacement / maintenance programme.

A Hall / N Ritchie

Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 10.19am.

Members discussed the preservation of heritage trees via both a database of local trees and through propagating cuttings and establishing those cuttings in Council-managed sites. T Roxburgh provided an example of one site that already has approximately six established heritage trees. Members then provided to T Roxburgh the names of people within the community who may be interested in progressing such a project.

Item 7.2 was taken at this time.

6 MEMBERS REPORTS

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

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Mayor Livingston said that Council staff were liaising with interest groups to organise an appropriate celebration of the centenaries of both the Cambridge Town Hall and the Cambridge Courthouse. He also noted the recent passing of George Mandeno and suggested that a letter from the Waipa Heritage Council to the family would be appropriate in acknowledgement of his contribution to the heritage of the Waipa District. Members agreed that a letter should be sent.

Action Point - That a letter be sent to the family of George Mandeno in acknowledgement of his contribution to the heritage of the Waipa District.

Mayor Livingston said that the Council's support for both heritage and biodiversity continued to be included in the 10-year Plan. He said that a main issue was the Heritage and Cultural Centre which was unfortunately specified as only a Cultural Centre during public notification. He said that the next step would be the formation of a community group to begin promoting the concept, raising the profile and generating funds.

6.2 Te Awamutu Historical Society (Vacant)

There was no report due to the vacant seat.

6.3 Cambridge Historical Society (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford)

B Dean said that the Society were waiting to hear the outcome of grant applications for the acquisition of new cabinets. She said that the Society had signed the new Collection Policy. She then said that the National Hotel had not visibly progressed since the last meeting and J Gainsford said that a worker at the site advised that the pressed ceilings were not in storage awaiting re-installation as indicated previously. G Henry said that the Historic Places Trust had no ability to ensure that the owners restored and replaced the ceilings.

Members then discussed in depth the aspects in the District Plan that relate to heritage, the review process, and town concept plan development. Mayor Livingston said that the community's priorities and emphasis varies for each community and that the District Plan review should become an agenda item. Members felt that it would be appropriate for the Project Manager – District Plan Review, Fiona Hill to provide a report, either written or verbal to the meetings.

6.4 NZ Historic Places Trust (Gail Henry)

G Henry said that the last two months were quiet for the Trust in relation to the Waipa District. She expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet and discuss the review of the District Plan recently.

6.5 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

N Ritchie updated members on the NZ Archaeological record upgrade project which had 65,000 sites recorded over the last 55 years. He said the recorded sites were comprised of approximately 75% Maori sites and 25% European sites.

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He said that many sites have not been updated in the 55 years since recording and that many sites will only be known through historical records in the future.

He said that the project was funded from councils within NZ and the Government, and that the entire 65,000 sites recorded were now digitised and available on the new website www.archsite.org.nz but that as the cost of running the server was over \$50,000 per year that a user pays system was being utilised. He said that it was anticipated that councils would get a schedule of sites within their district that would load into each council's system.

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

A Hall tabled a copy of the Centre's May newsletter and said that the maintenance work had continued. He said that funding was obtained to update the database for another six months and it was anticipated that this would finalise the outstanding work.

He said that the Centre's AGM would be held on Tuesday 23rd June and encouraged members to attend as the guest speaker was to be Heritage Council member, Heather Garrett.

S Owen said that the Centre had taken possession of author Mary Scott's first typewriter.

6.7 Te Pahu District (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett gave members a few highlights of her presentation for the Centre to be given the following week.

6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

M Quirk was not present at the meeting.

6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

A Fullerton had nothing to report to members.

7 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Heritage Development & Reserves Planning (Tony Roxburgh)

T Roxburgh tabled a 'mock' of the interpretative signage that would be installed at the old Waipa County Chambers in Ohaupo and requested feedback from members. He then tabled the reprinted Heritage Trail brochure that was mentioned at the last meeting.

7.2 Museum & Heritage (Jan White)

J White outlined the progress towards the Waipa Heritage Awards and requested three members to participate in the Judging Panel.

Members agreed that S Owen, J Gainsford and a representative from HPT would form the Heritage Council section of the Panel, along with Mayor Livingston and Councillors Jull and Taranaki as Council representatives, and T Roxburgh and Jan White as staff representatives.

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Judging will take place on Friday 17th July.

The timing of the function is to be confirmed, but was tentatively booked for the 5th August in the Council Chambers, Te Awamutu. J White said that Neville Ritchie from the Department of Conservation was to be the guest speaker. Mayor Livingston said that selected photos of the various projects could be included in the annual desktop calendar which could be provided to all nominees. Members supported this proposal.

8 KIHIKIHI POLICE HOUSE RESTORATION GROUP

File: 4552/100.00

There was no discussion on this item.

9 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no changes made to the Unresolved Recommendations.

10 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

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 20 August 2009 in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

Please note that this will be a joint meeting with the Waipa Biodiversity Council. Roy Dench to chair perhaps..

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.18am.