



WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

15 OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Thursday 15 October 2009 commencing at 10.07am.

1 PRESENT

Alan Hall	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Chairperson)
Bev Dean	Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford	Cambridge Historical Society
Mike Vincent	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

CARRIED

That the apologies for non attendance from His Worship the Mayor A Livingston, Councillor Barbara Taranaki, S Owen & M Quirk be received.

A Hall

3 LATE ITEMS

Application for Resource Consent for alteration of Methodist Church in Te Awamutu was accepted as a late item.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed, with addition of late item.

B Dean / M Vincent



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5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on Thursday 18 June 2009, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

H Garrett / A Fullerton

Matters Arising -

The combined workshop held in August 2009 was considered by members to be very worthwhile.

RESOLVED

That the Waipa Heritage Council recommend the Waipa Biodiversity Council give consideration to holding two annual combined meetings as follows:

- a) *One hosted by the Waipa Biodiversity Council in May; and,*
- b) *One hosted by the Waipa Heritage Council in December.*

H Garrett / A Hall

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)

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Taranaki were not in attendance.

6.2 Te Awamutu Historical Society (Vacant)

Members briefly discussed the lack of an active Society and membership on the Heritage Council

6.3 Cambridge Historical Society (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford)

B Dean said the anniversary of the Old Court House held on 9th September was attended by the descendants of Fred Pott's (the builder).



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She advised the Society's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 30 October, then expressed her disappointment at the absence and/or minimisation of references to Karapiro in the naming of Mighty River Domain in recent newspaper articles. Several other members also expressed their disappointment.

RESOLVED

That a letter be written to the Waipa District Council Chief Executive expressing the Waipa Heritage Council's concern about the loss of the word 'Karapiro' from the newly named Mighty River Domain.

B Dean / J Gainsford

6.4 NZ Historic Places Trust (Mike Vincent)

M Vincent said the Waipa District was quiet for the Trust with the only major consent being the Bunnings expansion. Mr Vincent expanded on the background and concerns of the Trust. He noted Church representatives had given approval to the proposal and that a vibration assessment was undertaken in response to the Trust's concerns.

The Trust are to submit in opposition to Plan Change 63: Addison Street, Cambridge due to the effects of the proposal on the old pa site.

6.5 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

N Ritchie said ArchSite (NZ Archaeological Association's Archaeological Site Recording Scheme website), has been operating for several months. Due to technological advances, site location can be done virtually with approximately 1/4 (130) sites requiring physical inspections for condition assessments.

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

A Hall said that visitor numbers had improved since mid year and were comparable to those of previous years. A series of tours were planning including a walking tour around the village to look at a number of historic sites. A draft of the 'History of Churches' display has to be confirmed by the Lotteries Commission, but the new display should be in place by the end of the year.

He expressed concern around the preservation of access to Mangatoatoa pa site which is dependent on the landowner to provide access to the site and queried whether Council could investigate the access.



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6.7 **Te Pahu District** (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett would like to create a network for owners of heritage buildings providing advice or help as required. This network would ensure owners could receive encouragement and advice from other people in similar circumstances.

6.8 **Kihikihi District** (Max Quirk)

Mr Quirk was not in attendance.

6.9 **Ohaupo District** (Annie Fullerton)

A Fullerton expressed disappointment the Old Creamery on Kaipaki Road was not mentioned in the Waipa District Trail brochure as it was considered a significant building.

She raised the recent sale of a Victoria Cross belonging to Lieutenant Colonel John Carstairs McNeill. J White noted Major Jackson's medal was incorrectly listed by the Defence Force as being located in the Te Awamutu Museum. However, she advised the location is unknown at present and she will follow this up with members of the family.

7 **STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 **Heritage Development & Reserves Planning** (Tony Roxburgh)

T Roxburgh did not provide a report as the points of interest were included in the agenda as items 8 – 12.

7.2 **Museum & Heritage** (Jan White)

The Cambridge Museum will be closed for three weeks, commencing on 31 October. This will enable major renovations to occur before the re-opening ceremony on 19th November as part of the Cambridge Museum & Cambridge Town Hall combined centenary celebrations.

The Te Awamutu Museum's Family Treasures Exhibition has been well received. An evening presentation on 4 November will feature two speakers on the Mounted Rifles as part of the Armistice Day events.

During the Armistice Day celebrations a Victoria Cross medal will be presented to the Museum. This medal was originally stolen from the Museum and will return to its home. The Museum is launching a Rose exhibition on 1 December to celebrate the 40th Anniversary as part of the SCREAM Festival which commences on 30 October.



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A range of publications sold at the Museum were last published 35 years ago by the Te Awamutu Historical Society. Due to limited stocks and degrading quality a reprint is required. The Society is not currently active therefore advertisements will be placed into the Te Awamutu Courier advising of the intention to reprint these items.

8 PLAN CHANGE

File: 60-16-04

This item was discussed during Item 6.4.

9 PROMOTIONAL BOOKLET

File: 60-16-04

T Roxburgh updated members on the project, highlighting the budget would allow for a modest A5 glossy snapshot of Waipa, no more than 30 pages. This would allow the book to be lightweight and modestly priced for tourists including representatives at sporting events such as the World Rowing Championships in 2010 at Karapiro.

10 TOWN CONCEPT PLANS - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

The draft Town Concept Plans for Te Awamutu & Kihikihi, Cambridge, Ohaupo and Pirongia have been considered by Council's Strategic Planning & Development Committee and approved for public consultation. The documents are available through the Committee Secretary for those who are interested.

CARRIED

That the information be received.

A Hall

11 ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

The Strategic Planning & Development Committee have also approved a draft Environment Strategy for public consultation. The document combines several themes, including Cultural Heritage.

Action Point

The Committee Secretary to send the Environmental Strategy to all members with the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

That the information be received.

A Hall

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12 MEMBERSHIP OF THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

File: 65-11-02

T Roxburgh raised the possibility of having a youth and an iwi representative on the Heritage Council to ensure full community representation. Members were keen to have an iwi representative but were unsure as to the possibility of having a youth representative with the meeting time being during school / working hours.

Action Point

T Roxburgh to investigate options and report back to the committee.

13 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

The schedule of Waipa Heritage Council unresolved recommendations was attached to the agenda.

14 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

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 17 December 2009 in Committee Room 1, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

16 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2010

CARRIED

That the Waipa Heritage Council adopts the following schedule of meeting dates (generally being the third Thursday of every other month), except for January being:

- 18 February
- 15 April
- 17 June
- 19 August



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17 RESOURCE CONSENT FOR METHODIST CHURCH, TE AWAMUTU

M Vincent said the Trust had been contacted by the builder and have subsequently reviewed and given support to the plans with only one change sought. The Trust have provided advice that the builder use timber joinery for the windows instead of the planned aluminium. Mr Vincent will send a copy of the Trust's final letter to the Secretary for distribution to members once available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.14 pm.

Completed and dispatched: 19 October 2009