



# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2010

*Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, Waipa District Council, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Thursday 18 February 2010 commencing at 10.11am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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Barbara Taranaki      Waipa District Councillor(Chairperson)

Bev Dean                      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

### **In attendance**

Museum Director, J White; Committee Secretary, S King.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

*That the apology for non attendance from His Worship the Mayor, AD Livingston; Jennie Gainsford; Sabina Owen & Mike Vincent, be received.*

M Quirk / A Hall

## **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.*

H Garrett / B Dean

## **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 December 2009.**

### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on Thursday 17 December 2009, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

A Hall / B Dean

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### RESOLVED

*That the Waipa Heritage Council recommend Council consider Mrs Mary Scott for the Te Awamutu Walk of Fame.*

B Dean / A Hall

## 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)

Councillor Taranaki briefly outlined the various strategic projects relating to heritage currently under action by Council.

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

There was no representative present.

### 6.3 **Cambridge Historical Society** (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford )

Members briefly discussed the recent item in the Cambridge Edition noting the new owner(s) of the National Hotel is/are from the Cambridge area.

B Dean mentioned the Museum research fees, advising of antagonism from members of the Society. Museum Director, J White said fees were waived on a case by case basis but there was no intention to charge people who actively contribute to the Cambridge Museum. Research fees are routinely charged by most museums and libraries as the revenue assists with the cost of maintaining the collections..

### 6.4 **NZ Historic Places Trust** (Gail Henry on behalf of Mike Vincent)

G Henry said Waipa was a priority focus due to the District Plan being under review. She said a group of buildings were found to be not legally registered during an audit 6 years ago. These deficient registrations occurred during a period in the 1980's when minutes were not recorded correctly.



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She said the Cambridge Water Tower was recommended to the HPT Board to be a Category II registration. Once registered with HPT, a letter will be written to Waipa District Council and the Waipa Heritage Council with recommendations including for funding to remedy the significant issues around condition.

## **RESOLVED**

*That the Waipa Heritage Council support the Historic Places Trust in recommending to Waipa District Council to consider funding for maintenance of the Cambridge Water Tower due to the urgency of the required repairs.*

B Dean / H Garrett

She said another site being investigated for registration was the St Andrew's church and surrounding buildings. The main church with the copper steeple would be considered for a Category I registration but HPT wishes to embrace the whole complex, including all the buildings on the site and chattels as a Category I site. The most significant chattels include rare bells and a very rare organ.

Other sites under investigation are:

- Former RSA building (cnr Alpha & Empire St);
- Former NZI building (60 Duke Street, Cambridge);
- Temple Cottage & Church (Kihikihi);
- Te Rore School (Ngahinapouri);

Mrs White suggested HPT view an upstairs shop on Alexandra Street next to '3G Teak' which has untouched art deco features. Members discussed the entire streetscape in Te Awamutu as a 1935/36 precinct where some of the buildings still have original stained glass windows.

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

Mr Ritchie was not in attendance.

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

A Hall said the 'church' display was completed and the Centre had conducted a number of tours, including a very well attended 'Path of War' tour. A forthcoming tour will focus on both Maori and pakeha properties before and after the land war toward the end of March. The members only tour to Kawhia incorporated a boat tour with commentary and a barbeque.



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Mr Hall said visitor numbers were up with more people coming in looking into family history. These people are encouraged to provide a copy of their family history once completed in order to build up a collection of local family histories.

He advised of under floor insulation was being installed and of issues with insulating the walls and ceiling. He said there was no newsletter at present as they were waiting for permission to publish a photo from the Auckland libraries. Mrs White offered to discuss website possibilities.

### 6.7 Te Pahu District (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett said phone communication was unavailable since the last lightning strike but the **Augde** motorbike centenary was held with over 40 bikes in attendance. Mrs Garrett raised concerns about the Methodist Church in Te Awamutu. Three steeples were looking very grotty and would probably have to be demolished but complimented the work being done. She said the building was the first church built of 'North' bricks and was of national and regional significance.

### 6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

M Quirk said photos had been taken of the cottage at 23 Hall Street, Kihikihi and Councillor Barnes had been enlisted to protect the house. Councillor Barnes contacted the owner who is willing to give the cottage free for removal but time is limited as it is under review by Council as an unattended building and were seeking demolition. Mr Quirk said the building was over 100 years old, originally built for Major Jackson's wife. Councillor Barnes is attempting to organise a committee to save the cottage and the Kihikihi Rotary and Kihikihi Lions Club are looking to get involved.

### 6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

Mrs Fullerton was not in attendance.

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## 7 STAFF REPORTS

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

Mr Roxburgh was unavailable to attend.



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### 7.2 Museum & Heritage (Jan White)

J White updated the members on the Te Awamutu Heritage & Cultural Centre Steering Group's progress toward a scoping study and creation of a concept design. A full day workshop was held the previous week with all the key stakeholders and Mrs White commented on the outcomes.

A new 'Learning Outside the Classroom' contract has been negotiated with the Ministry of Education for a full-time educator. The limitations of the current space meant disabled children can't access the teaching space at the top of the stairs.

Mrs White updated members on the District Plan review, highlighting the site inventory visits that form the preliminary research stage. Pre-consultation with local experts may be undertaken before the findings are brought to a full workshop for review. Plain English wording was requested by members, with technical terms in brackets if required to provide clarity and certainty to readers. The consultation process with the site owners was identified as an area that created ill feeling during the last review.

Mrs White said the Cambridge Museum was using a marble voting system where every person was given a marble to put on their favourite exhibition. Because people were not being asked to fill out a survey, good information was being provided and a noticeable increase in visit length was being observed. Members noted the positive media coverage from the Waitangi Day events, including the 52 people who participated in the walking tour. She mentioned members should have received an invitation to the new exhibition 'Games People Plan'. Planned exhibitions during the World Rowing Championships duration will be complementary between the two museums.

The new web browser was live and although only 200 items were online, more were to be added once any issues relating to the launch were resolved (if any). Cambridge Museum will be added, although both museums will be kept separate. She said visitor numbers over the last three years have continued to increase with half the visitors from the 'Learning Outside the Classroom' contract with the Ministry of Education. Mrs White said Uenuku was possibly being sent to Te Papa for an exhibition on Tainui. Shane Te Ruki was now Kiingi Tuheitia's representative on the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board.



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B Dean said Jennie Gainsford hadn't been in touch with Tony Roxburgh regarding the heritage booklet and as neither were in attendance no further update was available. G Henry had been approached by a person wishing to buy 'Valmai', a protected building and move the building off the site. She said such a move would not be support by HPT.

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## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

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### 8.1 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

#### Letter of Appreciation

A letter was sent to the Cambridge Historical Society to thank them for their contribution to the recent upgrades at the Cambridge Museum.

#### Letter of Appreciation

A letter was sent to the Waipa District Council complimenting the work the Museum Manager and her teams of staff in both Cambridge and Te Awamutu, in transforming the displays in the Cambridge Museum and generally raising the profile of the historic and cultural heritage of Waipa.

#### RESOLVED

*That the Outwards Correspondence be approved.*

B Dean / Councillor Taranaki

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## 9 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Schedule of Unresolved Recommendations

There were no changes made.

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## 10 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 Sharyn King) or phoning her on 07 872 0030 or emailing her on [sharyn.king@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:sharyn.king@waipadc.govt.nz)



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## 11 NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 15 April 2010 in Committee Room 1, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 12.15pm.