



WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

17 JUNE 2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Thursday 17 June 2010 commencing at 10.03am.

1 PRESENT

Barbara Taranaki	Waipa District Councillor(Chairperson)
Bev Dean	Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford	Cambridge Historical Society
Sabina Owen	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Heather Garrett	Te Pahu District
Annie Fullerton	Ohaupo District

Others

Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh; Museums & Heritage Director, J White; Strategic & District Planning Team Leader, F Hill; Policy Advisor Strategic & District Planning, C McAlley; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for non attendance from Mayor Alan Livingston, Alan Hall, Max Quirk and Mike Vincent be received.

Owen / Garrett

3 LATE ITEMS

The Chair accepted the following as late items:

- Cemetery records
- Monthly meetings
- Review of the operative Waipa district plan
- Methodist church, Te Awamutu

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Owen / Garrett



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5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 April 2010.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on Thursday 15 April 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Dean / Gainsford

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)

Councillor Taranaki said the District Plan review workshops were progressing.

6.2 Te Awamutu Historical Society (Vacant)

There was no representative in attendance.

6.3 Cambridge Historical Society (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford)

B Dean said although no committee meeting had been held recently, members continued to be updated via the monthly newsletter. She spoke on the annual general meeting of the NZ Historical Federation meeting where the president commented on the level of dissatisfaction of society members with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. She commented on the interactions between the Federation and the Trust.

T Roxburgh queried if any member was involved in the prior day's visit by NZHPT to the National Hotel, Cambridge. No member present had been in attendance.

J White queried why the information held by the now defunct NZHPT regional office in Hamilton was not shared on a national basis. J Gainsford said the regional office had determined the information was not accessed by lots of people and so was held in a storage facility. During the closure of the regional office, H Garrett said she spent three weeks copying the information prior to its removal by NZHPT.



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Members commented favourably upon the recently completed upgrade of the Methodist Church in Te Awamutu.

RESOLVED

That a letter be written from the Waipa Heritage Council complementing members of the Methodist Church on the recent upgrades to the Te Awamutu buildings.

Garrett / Gainsford

Action Point

Staff to ensure a letter is sent on behalf of the Heritage Council.

6.4 NZ Historic Places Trust (Mike Vincent)

There was no representative in attendance.

6.5 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

Mr Ritchie was not in attendance.

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

S Owen said the Annual General Meeting would be held on 22 June with Nick van der Sande providing the night's lecture on horse driving. She said the Centre were aiming to have a slight name change approved at the AGM. And, she commented on the rural tours, including planned tours and the addition of a new volunteer of Ormsby descent who is providing valuable local knowledge.

6.7 Te Pahu District (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett highlighted a new book on James Ogilvy Ross who settled in Te Pahu. She said the book was now out of print, but possibly available from the Museum.

She also queried Council's policy as it relates to heritage houses being relocated into the Waipa district. These buildings are definitely not part of the local heritage. She wanted to see any possible funding to be reserved for local heritage buildings. J White spoke on the heritage incentives available through other councils and F Hill noted this topic was being included as part of the District Plan review.

6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

Mr Quirk was not in attendance.



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6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

A Fullerton spoke on the development occurring in Ohaupo and on her research into the Kaipaki / Pukerimu creamery. She said her research indicated that the creamery was shifted into its current location but the present building was a more recent construction.

She said over the years only one photo was found of the new creamery which showed a truck and, a horse and cart lined up outside however this photo has been lost. Members discussed the history of creameries in general as well as the dairy factories and bacon factories, noting the demise of creameries came when home separation became widespread.

A Fullerton commented on her involvement with the steering group for the Heritage & Cultural Centre as the Heritage Council's representative.

7 STAFF REPORT

J White updated members on the latest developments noting the Heritage & Cultural Centre has been renamed as the Museum & Theatre Complex. She said the Museum is to be large enough to display the social and natural history of Waipa with room for art displays and educational facilities and, with a theatre to accommodate events and functions. J White and A Fullerton commented on the design competition run through the NZ Institute of Architects with the winner to be ratified by Council on 29 June.

Commenting on the insulation project currently underway at the Cambridge Museum, J White advised projects to be undertaken in the new financial year include air conditioning and further building repair work. She was pleased to announce a new 3 year contract for the Learning Outside the Classroom programme which would enable the current part-time educator to move to full time from 1 July.

She outlined the new exhibition planned for the Te Awamutu Museum and the work undertaken on the District Plan review relating to heritage buildings noting the lack of Maori heritage buildings. Members commented on the Maori history of the area and the heritage building at St Patrick's Presbytery which may be demolished to make way for a car park. Members discussed options available to protect buildings before protection can be formalised in the District Plan which is currently under review.



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RESOLVED

The Waipa Heritage Council understands that the Catholic Presbytery, built in 1909 /10 will likely meet criteria developed by Council staff undertaking the District Plan review, for a heritage building of either "local or regional" significance. While the building is not listed as significant in the District Plan and therefore there is no legal means whereby Council can act to prevent its planned demolition, the Waipa Heritage Council recommend to Waipa District Council that staff contact the building owners as soon as is possible, to negotiate the protection of the building.

Gainsford / Garrett

8 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW - UPDATE

F Hill updated members on the progress of updating the base information contained in the current District Plan. She noted there were still significant information gaps and circulated a list of buildings and addresses that members might be able to provide further information on.

F Hill outlined the themes discussed at the workshop held on 24 May. She said Category A included outstanding examples and buildings of regional and national importance with Category B as buildings of district level importance. Category C would include heritage of local importance. She said each category would have different levels of protection and resource consent requirements. She also spoke on precincts and cultural landscapes and, the possible levels of control applicable to those areas.

F Hill asked for members who would be available for further one-on-one discussions around heritage buildings in their area and all members in attendance indicated their availability. C McAlley spoke on heritage incentive options including reductions in the price of paint and other maintenance items as well as the heritage funds discussed previously in the meeting. Members felt that any money provided should be subject to caveats.

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 12.25pm and recommenced at 12.59pm.

9 CAMBRIDGE WATER TOWER

T Roxburgh said a structural integrity report was completed in the mid 1990's where it was concluded that earthquake proofing would prove very costly. He said at the time, Council decided on bollards, bird proofing and locking the door. J White said a recent visit found no bollards left in place and the door open. T Roxburgh said this financial year staff were to ensure an updated building report is completed to identify priority work required.



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10 CLIMAX ENGINE

T Roxburgh said the majority of the engineering work has been completed and the working group were waiting a joiner to assemble the cab. He noted the boiler system will need to be tidied but there was no intention to upgrade the boiler to working standard. J White said the architects designing the Museum & Theatre Complex had been advised to look at the inclusion of the engine in the overall design. Members commented on the style of housing and possible locations that would be appropriate for the engine. J White said if included as a museum collection acquisition the future protection and oversight would be ensured.

11 CEMETERY RECORDS

T Roxburgh said the Tea Leader Parks and Recreation was investigating electronic cemetery records rather than the current original paper documents. He said this issue was being given a high priority. The long term vision is to have these records available to the public online.

12 MEETING SCHEDULE

J Gainsford suggested meeting informally during the alternate months the Heritage Council do not meet. Members discussed meeting informally and J Gainsford will contact members shortly.

Members then discussed iwi representation. T Roxburgh said staff will investigate and advise the Heritage Council at the next meeting.

Action Point

T Roxburgh to investigate options for iwi representation on the Heritage Council.

13 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

Schedule of Unresolved Recommendations

F Hill said all towns have completed town concept plans which would be confirmed by Council at the end of June.

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



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15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 19 August 2010 in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.39pm.