



WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

15 APRIL 2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held in Committee Room Two, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Thursday 15 April 2010 Commencing at 10.06am.

1 PRESENT

Alan Livingston	His Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)
Bev Dean	Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford	Cambridge Historical Society
Sabina Owen	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Mike Vincent	New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Heather Garrett	Te Pahu District
Max Quirk	Kihikihi District
Annie Fullerton	Ohaupo District
Neville Ritchie	Department of Conservation

In attendance

Strategic & District Planning Team Leader, F Hill; Committee Secretary, S King.

As Councillor B. Taranaki was not in attendance, Mayor Livingston assumed the chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology for non attendance from Mr Alan Hall be received.

Owen / Gainsford

3 LATE ITEMS

The Chair accepted as a late item: Financial Help and Advice to Owners of Historic Buildings.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 65-11-02

RESOLVED

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Dean / Garrett

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 65-11-02

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2010.



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RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on Thursday 18 February 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Dean / Garrett

Action Point

Members discussed state of Water Tower, Cambridge. An update is to be provided when the minutes are sent to members.

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 said his report would be covered by the staff report.

6.2 Te Awamutu Historical Society (Vacant)

There is no representative at this time.

6.3 Cambridge Historical Society (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford)

B. Dean expressed concerned about the Karapiro dam display to be run during the World Rowing Championships. She said it was unclear if the display was to be held at the Mighty River Domain at Lake Karapiro, or at the Cambridge Town Hall. H. Garrett said Radio NZ filmed the flooding and had a wonderful recording from 1947 in their archives. B. Dean said the Cambridge Historical Society were interested in manning the display.

B. Dean also commented on the lack of response to Deputy Mayor Peter Lee's call in the Cambridge Edition for interest in protecting the historic character of Cambridge.

Members reiterated the importance of protecting the character of Cambridge by using measures such as heritage design and use of heritage precinct's.

F. Hill spoke on the Resource Management Act describing it as enabling legislation which meant that unless there were controls specifically stated in the plan, people could do as they wished.



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She also commented on the need to consider if a rule is reasonable, accurate and promoted consistent outcomes. She said all councils had to consider how far their Plan went in influencing design.

Members discussed the proposed McDonald's site and Mayor Livingston noted the proposed site was outside the heritage precinct. Members felt that Thornton Road should be considered as a possible special amenity area.

6.4 NZ Historic Places Trust (Mike Vincent)

M. Vincent said there had been no recent resource consents referred to HPT in relation to Waipa. He said HPT had lodged a submission to Council's annual plan with a focus on including incentives for owners of heritage buildings which should also feed into the District Plan review. HPT have suggested fee waivers, rates relief for resource consent work and earthquake strengthening.

6.5 Department of Conservation (Neville Ritchie)

N. Ritchie said the national NZ Online database was a user pays system run by the New Zealand Archaeological Association. He said both DoC and NZHPT provided some funding and then spoke on the further work to be done on the cycleway project.

6.6 Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Sabina Owen)

S. Owen tabled the latest newsletter before commenting on the three rural tours. A Hall spoke on the database and displays.

6.7 Te Pahu District (Heather Garrett)

H. Garrett spoke on the property identification conducted as part of the District Plan review. F. Hill provided further information on the progress to date and the upcoming workshop.

Members commented on the previous property listings included in the current District Plan.

6.8 Kihikihi District (Max Quirk)

M. Quirk said Major Jackson's house continued to deteriorate and the owner of Major Jackson's wife's house had donated it for shifting to another location.



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6.9 Ohaupo District (Annie Fullerton)

A. Fullerton had nothing further to provide than already discussed.

7 STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report other than the items on the agenda.

8 PLAN CHANGES TO REMOVE RESERVE STATUS IN CAMBRIDGE

File: 60-16-04

J. Gainsford commented on the Council initiated plan changes, and expressed concern of the hazardous material that may be underneath the Vogel Street property. She said on 7 May 1951, the Cambridge medical officer deemed the rubbish dump to be hazardous.

Members commented on the open nature of the site followed by general discussion on the character of Cambridge and the proposed Bridges Church and McDonalds developments. Mayor Livingston explained the requirements in the current District Plan and the review underway.

RESOLVED

That the information be received.

Gainsford / Garrett

9 BRIDGES CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

File: P2387

This item had been discussed as part of item 8.

10 McDONALDS IN CAMBRIDGE

This item had been discussed as part of item 8.

11 NATIONAL HOTEL, CAMBRIDGE

File: P2298

J. Gainsford said the owners of the National Hotel had approached the Historic Places Trust for funding to continue the renovations. She noted the cost of earthquake proofing heritage buildings was extensive.



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12 DISTRICT PLAN HERITAGE PROPERTIES REVIEW

File: 65-06-36

F. Hill said the workshop would be held on the 24th of May to review the heritage properties listings. H. Garrett said before visiting buildings a letter should be sent out to the owners. F. Hill said staff were having trouble with the address list and once the review was completed a database would be created that linked into Council's master database to enable automatic updates. She then said the Archaeological Association had provided a 130 extra sites for consideration and discussions with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa were continuing around culturally sensitive sites.

Mrs Hill spoke on precinct areas, special landscape areas and view shafts. S. Owen queried cemeteries noting their archaeological and historical values. F. Hill said most would have reserve act status. Members discussed the schedule of protected trees and the implications of increasing the number.

RESOLVED

That a workshop be held on 24th May 2010 in the Committee Room, Cambridge commencing at 1pm to review the Heritage Properties lists as part of the District Plan review process.

Owen / Garrett

13 TE AWAMUTU HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

File: PR1446RH

Mayor Livingston spoke on the heritage and cultural components of the project and noted it was imperative that all options were fully investigated. He said the working group were very active and being led by Alan Empson to progress the groundwork, including investigation and consultation.

RESOLVED

That the information be received.

Gainsford / Quirk

14 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS

Schedule of Unresolved Recommendations

No changes were made.



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15 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

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 17 June 2010 in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.05pm.