

**MINUTES OF THE 122th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK/NGAIO GORGE  
WORKING GROUP held at KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 7 November 2006.**

**Present:** P Reimann (Ch.), D Douglass, D Burke, C Theiler & F Lee (Sec).

**In Attendance:** K Jamieson & D Halliday (WCC) and J Foden..

**Apologies:** B Durrant , O John, K Mackenzie, J Holmes & J Fleming.

Peter raised the question of Jan Staffan's resignation from the Group. Her membership had been very positive and the Group was sorry to see her leave. F Lee to write and thank her.

**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting of 3 October were confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** Pine trees at Hanover St. J Emeny (WCC) had visited the Hanover St site with B Durrant. He said one dubious tree was not a hazard compared with others in the city, and WCC would not be involved in removing any pines on private land.

Kaiwharawhara Reclamation. F Lee had not had time to advance this matter.

Photos of old factory site. P Harvey had been informed that there were no photos of the site set up for skateboarding, only of the concrete slab being demolished.

Volunteer hours of work in the Park. B Durrant is collecting data from all volunteers to send to WCC.

Vigilant Supplies. Two bottles were given to K Jamieson for refill.

Zone Changes in the Park Cllr Andy Foster has asked B McKay (WCC) to include our request for zone changes (for consistency) in the next 'rats and mice' list to go before the relevant WCC committee. Action. Frances to follow up with B McKay.

**WCC : D Halliday reported:**

Mapboards: He was now ready to move on to Trelissick Park mapboards. Samples of those for Makara Peak were shown. The Group now needs to report back to him on the following details:

- how many and where do we want them sited bearing in mind there are six entrances. Also possibility of having one inside the Park, ie at the 'crossroads'.
- do we have/want a logo like Makara Peak?
- what size do we want at each site noting that the existing shelter at the lower KaiW Rd entrance could take the largest size (2.1m x 1.2m ). Next size 1400 x 1200 and smallest 700 x 1000. How dominant do we want them.
- do we want an interpretative sign at the magazine site, and possibly at the revetment wall where 'silverstream' exits.
- how will the Park map be placed (across or up/down), or oriented for each entrance to make reading them easier, and what detail on it.
- what text on each mapboard. We definitely require some words about bikes, scooters, etc being prohibited. The larger boards could hold more information such as mentioning the existence of our supporter group.

ACTION: It was suggested that a small group be convened to meet as soon as possible (Deidre, Barry, Peter and Frances suggested) to discuss all these details so we have a firm idea of what to present to David for consideration.

**K Jamieson reported:**

Parks & Gardens Christmas Party: this was to be held on **December 7** at the Begonia House, and all volunteers were invited. **Each needed to RSVP separately to the Tree House.**

Memorandum of Understanding: this would be circulated soon for discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE: IN.**

- 2 Oct. WCC asking for comments on plants for Ridvan Gardens landscape plan
- 3 Oct. WCC update on date for mapboards
- 5 Oct. WCC DP Plan Change No.46 – Subdivision Design Guide for comment

- 5 Oct. TCB's reaction to WCC on appellants comments on Ridvan landscape plans
- 12 Oct. WCC agreeing to relocate new seat below Hanover St
- 12 Oct. WCC. Purchase of land at Otari farms (Skyline Walkway area).
- 16 Oct. Environment Court. Next mediation on Kilmarnston Subdiv. 8 December.
- 17 Oct. J Foden . Extent of replanting on 2 reveg. sites (railway land).
- Oct. K Mackenzie – inaugural 'spotee' newsletter.
- 19 Oct. Cllr A Foster, support for our Park zoning requests.
- 25 Oct. Phillips Fox. Valuation process for Crows Nest, Kilmarnston subdiv.
- 31 Oct. WCC draft Otari Man. Plan for comments
- 3 Nov. WCC. Christmas Party invitations 7 Dec.
- 3 Nov. WCC. **Next Project KaiW meeting on 29 Nov. 5.30pm at Otari.**

### **OUT**

- 9 Oct. WCC, our comments on Ridvan Gdns landscape plan
- 17 Oct WCC acknowledging receipt of \$310 for our Roundup.
- 18 Oct. WCC, thanks for purchase of Otari Farms.
- 20 Oct. WCC requesting track repair below debris trap
- 2 Nov. WCC (J McCarthy) thanks for pest work incl. poisoning all willows.

### **MEMBERS CORNER..**

**P Reimann:** views were requested on the **extent of revegetating the two 'railway' sites** now accessed by the new bridges. A contractor cut back the blackberry early in the year and spraying would begin shortly to kill the new growth with possible spot spraying if necessary next March before planting from May. J Foden, who had discussed the subject with B Durrant, believed that some areas should not be planted with trees but kept more open to allow access to the stream for children (particularly the downstream site where the banks were low compared with others, eg, Wightwicks Field); people wanted to see and enjoy the stream in places; this part of the Korimako valley was sheltered and sunny (particularly in the winter); and moving in and out of planted areas was pleasurable. These comments had support but C Theiler, and written comments from K Mackenzie and J Holmes were concerned about complete restoration of the Park and the reduction of future weed infestations through forest cover. Deidre Burke would like to see some open areas, giving a contrast between light and dark and the change from bush to open spaces, as well as the ability for children to access the stream. K Jamieson believed we should look at leaving some areas 'open' so that people could enjoy views of the stream in places. Peter would like to see some open space on the streamside and on both sides of the track just downstream from the third bridge on Reveg. Site 2 because this area faces north, so is sunny and has good views. Frances wondered if planting on some parts could be staged so that the effect of complete coverage versus open spaces could more easily be gauged. There was no resolution to the subject yet decisions would need to be made soon as some trees were already set aside at Otari. It will be necessary to have a meeting on site solely on this subject in the near future.

**Meeting with Opus regarding further work to strengthen Ngaio Gorge Rd.** Peter and Frances met Katherine Butterfield and David Stewart on site to discuss two more areas for future work. One was around the top bend of the road where it was proposed to have a large earth barrier (holding up the road) extending down two gullies right to the Park track where it crosses the stream. Trees would have to be reoved from the gullies, including a mature titoki. The other site was below the upper double garage – about midway between that and the recent large strengthened area. Some trees would be removed including possibly two large ones- although they hoped this would not be necessary. We have some concerns about these plans wondering if such intrusions into the Park are really necessary. We will write to WCC outlining them. It would be helpful if someone from Parks could examine the effect on the bush.

It was explained to us that the large area where strengthening was recently finished was now outside Opus's responsibility. The Group would need to discuss with WCC the need to get ground cover over the exposed area quickly before erosion and weed infestation occurs.

F Lee. Fish Passages. J Holmes reported that any publicity on the two fish passage should wait until they were both satisfactorily finished and then GWRC intended to arrange a semi- official opening before Christmas. Letters of thanks to GWRC and WCC should wait until then. A member of then public had suggested that there should be a small notice in the Park at the track junction leading to the site referring to the KaiW tunnel exit and the fish passage..

Harbourside Subdivision. New plans had been presented to WCC with sites now to be sold separately with house designs appended. F Lee will ask for a copy so that we can examine the changes. Although there was a formal Hearing, no information on the changes has been given to submitters. Yet this is a very prominent development.

WCC Environment Grants. Alongside the application for a grant for a brochure, the relevant officers says we can append another for a grant of \$250 p.a. to cover the Group's costs. A mock-up of the brochure was brought to the meeting – it looked good. We must ensure that our application is presented by 30 November.

Volunteer Wellington. We are now a member of this organisation. Frances asked if she could contact it and see if they have anyone suitable on their lists to join the Group to do some of the paper work which was becoming burdensome.

Knotweed. P.Jensen (GWRC) recently saw some infestations of Asian Knotweed in the lower KaiW valley. It is one of the 100 worst invasive weeds worldwide and needs totally grubbing out. At the Working Bee on 5 November, we removed (hopefully) most of it but the rhizome is difficult to dig out and we shall have to watch the areas.(GWRC has since suggested drilling holes in the rhizomes and pouring in Escort.)

New seat on track below Hanover St. WCC has agreed to relocate this seat. Barry is to establish a new spot and the Group will inform WCC.

Kilmarston Subdivision. Another route to the Crows Nest has been suggested by the developer to avoid crossing land he owns (and which is outside the planned housing area). This did not appear as attractive as the existing route directly adjoining Huntleigh Park and across his land..

**No further Group meeting is scheduled for this year but, as referred to above, a small number of members will need to meet to advance the question of revegetation of the two railway sites and the mapboards.**