

**MINUTES OF THE 123th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK/NGAIO GORGE
WORKING GROUP held at KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 13 February 2007.**

Present: P Reimann (Ch.), C Theiler, O John, B Durrant, K Mackenzie, J Fleming, F Lee (Sec.).

In Attendance : S Peters and A Gibson (WCC)

Apologies: D Douglass, K Jamieson and J Holmes.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2006 were confirmed.

WCC. S Peters reported:

Volunteer Hours: WCC would like details of hours worked for Oct/Dec. 2006 if possible.

Next KaiW Project Meeting: WCC is preparing some key objectives from the P Blaschke Report 2004 for consideration at the next meeting, probably in March.

Hanover St Seat: The seat is to be relocated further down the N Walkway in the week beginning 19 February. (now done).

Blocked Culvert: Steve was reminded of the large totally blocked culvert going under the access (concreted piece) road just above the debris trap, which needed unblocking.

Memorandum of Understanding: a draft, currently being checked, should be available 2/3 weeks.

Pollution: Steven was told that there had been several reports of pollution in the KaiW and Korimako Streams which was of great concern, particularly when efforts were being made to encourage fish life.. There is still a sewage smell from the side stream (from Wadestown area) as it exits into the Kaiwharawhara just up from the Hanover St/Trelissick Cres. bridge.. (Service Request No.1433827 of 18 July 2005). He was to follow these up. The Group believed that details of this pollution should be obtained from both GWRC and WCC for preparation of an article for the local papers in an effort both to encourage people to report pollution as well as ensure they do not cause it.

Mulch: WCC is to supply more mulch – for delivery to Trelissick Crescent. (Work now needed to bag and take it down the Korimako valley).

Weed Implementation Plan: Justin McCarthy has drafted the weed implementation plan but it is not yet finalised.

Track Clearing below Hanover St. : The weed eaters had not been used to clear along the Northern Walkway below Hanover St because of an instruction not to use where a canopy is developing. As no canopy in this area, weed eaters will be used in February. (job now done).

CORRESPONDENCE:IN

- Dec. GWRC. Invite to Wetland Field Trip, 22/23 Feb.
- Dec. WCC re text/size for park mapboards
- 4 Dec. WCC. ack. our funding application for brochure
- 5 Dec. GWRC, future plans for Johnsonville line
- 11 Jan. WCC. re licensing for 2xdouble garages, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 17 Jan Opus, plans for Wall 5 strengthening, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 18 Jan. WCC. request more info. for brochure grant application.
- 24 Jan GWRC. Ack our letter re Johnsonville line.
- 26 Jan. WCC will remove invasive Asian Knotweed in the Park.
- 29 Jan. Environment Court – next mediation 20 April for Kilmarston subdivision.
- 31 Jan. WCC – District Plan map to indicate zoning amendments for Park.
- 31 Jan. WCC (J Bussell) comments on our concerns re work to strengthen Ngaio Gorge Rd. particularly loss of trees and revegetation plans.
- 31 Jan. WCC – plant order for 2007.
- 1 Feb. WCC – useful comments on our requests re Johnsonville line.
- 7 Feb Opus – Wall 5 strengthening, Ngaio Gorge Rd – conditions for contractor.
- 8 Feb. WCC – submissions on DP Change 46 available for comment.
- 8 Feb. WCC – Mt Biking Policy review for comment.(by 9 March)
- 9 Feb. WCC –July/Sept quarterly work records, & request for details Oct/Dec 2006

- 9 Feb. WCC – Amber Bill on parental leave from 9 Feb. Replacement M Emeny.
- 9 Feb. WCC ‘s paper for 12 Feb. Grants Sub-Committee meeting.

OUT:

- 13 Nov. WCC, our comments on Opus proposals for strengthening Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 18 Dec. Plans for two reveg. sites alongside Korimako Stream (on railway land)
- 20 Dec. WCC. our Annual Plan 2007/8 requests.
- 21 Dec WCC thanks for track repair below debris trap, work still needed above trap.
- 21 Dec. WCC request to spray weeds around historic buildings & top of minor bldg.
- Jan. distributed to various people – Action taken in Park during 2006.
- 8 Jan. WCC request to remove invasive Asian Knotweed.
- 8 Jan. WCC. request to check on use of double garages, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 15 Jan. WCC request for copy of Pest Implementation Plan for the Park.
- 16 Jan. GWRC/WCC – our comments on future work planned for Johnsonville line, including earth from lowering of tunnel floors & possible Halt stop at Highland Pk.
- 16 Jan. WCC(Capacity) – unfinished work at debris trap (since completed).
- 19 Jan. OnTrack – follow up our 2006 letter re work needed on historic revetment wall
- 23 Jan. WCC - our comments on Otari Management Plan.
- 23 Jan. WCC – details of Group’s income/exp 2005/2006 for grant application.
- 26 Jan. WCC draft text for interpretative board at historic buildings.
- 3 Feb. WCC – new location for replacement seat below Hanover St.
- Feb. Forest & Bird – request if any member available to attend our meetings.
- 3 Feb. Opus/WCC, agreeing to plans for Wall 5, Ngaio Gorge Rd
- 8 Feb. Group’s statement on Otari Management Plan.
- 12 Feb. WCC confirming need for weed eating along track below Hanover St

KATE MACKENZIE reported:

1. Reveg Site 2 (Rlwy land). This area is to be adopted by Global Volunteer Network, according to a plan prepared showing a clear area and another with low growing dense plants. This will allow winter sun to be enjoyed by users. About 1500 trees will be needed (from Otari). Some stakes have now been placed in two spots – one along the streamside and one on the grassy area on the opposite side of the track – where trees will be monitored for around 5 yrs.
2. Reveg Site 1 (Rlwy land). This area has been resprayed. Development will be managed by Kate, corporates and volunteers. (TTC may adopt all or part of the streamside portion). Over 1000 trees needed (from Otari).
3. Take Care Fund/WCC 2006 grant . Around \$2000 could be available for purchase of trees for planting either in the reveg. sites or elsewhere in the Park. Kate wants to have a meeting on site to discuss plant requirements and sourcing as availability from WCC Berhampore and Otari is limited and some purchases will be required. It was noted that with the poisoning of willows, planting will be required streamside in various spots, and purchase of riparian plants would be helpful, eg toi toi, flax, ribbonwood and poa anceps (a native grass not available at Berhampore)..
4. John Curran is WCC’s contact for small spraying jobs. Kate is working on a list of priority weeds for the web-site.
5. Wadestown Fair, 10 March. Kate is organising a stall, with Kaiwharawhara catchment map/photo and flyers. P Reimann to bring seedlings.

FINANCE: \$50 was approved to Secretary for petty cash.

ADELE GIBSON: the Group was given a rundown on the review of the Mt Biking Policy. Ideas were needed from ‘stakeholders’ for the review on such things as increasing track availability for mountain biking by removing some parks from the ‘prohibited’ list, should access generally be available for **all** types of users, any improvements in signage (eg where bikes are prohibited), need to build skills in cycling, encouraging cycling to work, should tracks be dual purpose or not (walkers

and cyclists), etc. This is the beginning of the process and after examining comments, a new draft policy will be circulated in April to the public for comment. **Comments required by 9 March.**

MEMBER'S CORNER :

P Reimann: reported on the statement made at the WCC meeting concerning Otari Man. Plan, in particular insufficient public profile given by WCC to Otari, lack of financial support compared with other similar WCC activities and the lack of detail provided in the implementation plan – more teeth needed to ensure action is taken.

Details had been provided to D Halliday (WCC) of texts for the planned map and interpretative boards as well as the size for each entry. Photos need to be selected. When drafts are available, members will be shown them.

B Durrant: reported on a meeting on site to establish the new location (which he had cleared) for the Northern Walkway seat currently below Hanover St.

Frances Lee: - carpet squares ; V Mackenzie is to deliver more– some in lower KaiW valley but most off Trelissick Crescent for the winter planting (now delivered).

- fish passages: we need to thank GWRC/WCC for funding the fish passages and have given a draft to Otari Trust. Before sending it we need to check WCC remedial work on the slip below Blackbridge Rd.

- pollution – T Lloyd reported nasty black smelly water on evening 19 Jan which he reported to WCC. Officers came to examine it but was rather dark. We need to follow up what it was. Some other pollution reported from Ridvan Gardens subdivision and slip off Chartwell into Churchill Drive. Secretary to get all details from GWRC and WCC.

- Stoat in Park . some friends saw what they thought was a ferret but GWRC (Glen Falconer) said it would be a stoat, in the carpark off Ngaio Gorge Rd. They are “quite common” and opossums are more of a risk. Stoats feed on rats, rabbits and from nests at river edge. Ferrets basically cannot survive in urban areas, so are uncommon in Wellington.

- track access across private land/Trelissick Crescent: One of the two properties involved is for sale and it was suggested that this could be a good time to organise right of access as it is easier to alter the title at that stage. Frances to continue checking the status.

- F& B representation: no one is available to come to our morning meetings from F & B

- TTC Walk: C Horne had taken members on his ‘super sewer tour’ from bottom of KaiW valley up along the Korimako Stream, removing lots of rubbish above Wightwicks Field. Many thanks to him..

Carolyn Theiler : would like the “No Dumping” notice on Trelissick Crescent to be replaced with a new more prominent sign. (These notices for the whole Park need investigating – Frances to write to WCC).

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES NEXT MEETING ON 27 MARCH, 9.30AM.

Next working bees 4 March and 13 March are below Hanover St. and 1 April and 10 April below Waikowhai St. – lots of weeding!

PLEASE NOTE. The Group is registered with WCC's Coastal Clean-Up to clear the Kaiwharawhara estuary area (entrance through the ferry terminal) on March 10/11. Please can members let me know if they can help and on which day. Gloves and bags are provided (but probably best if you bring your own more substantial gloves).