

**MINUTES OF THE 124th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK GROUP held at
KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 27 March 2007.**

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

In Attendance : S Peters (WCC), K Jamieson (WCC), Dianne Stanley (representing Forest & Bird)

Apologies: D.Burke

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2006 were confirmed

CHANGE OF NAME. As the Park is now better known, it was agreed to shorten the name of the Group to “Trelissick Park Group” for everyday use (keeping the bank account in the original name meanwhile).

WCC. S Peters/K Jamieson reported:

Tree Removal.

- Julian Emeny of WCC Tree Team has looked at the fallen willow tree upstream of the Hanover Street bridge. It was not currently disrupting stream flow and will be the first of many, now that willow poisoning has been completed. These will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- He has also looked at the tree down at the waterfall near the sewer tunnel. This will be cleared as much as practicable – safety issues for clearing the upper parts of the tree.
- Wattles are being removed from the lower parts of the railway land opposite the magazine building, prior to WCC planting 1,000 trees there this winter. Frances asked if the wattles could be removed on the face behind the magazine building below the Ngaio Gorge road.

Rubbish Notices. WCC are removing all “no dumping” notices, as they are ineffective. WCC not keen on the Group using its own rubbish notices. John Curran is the relevant WCC contact for rubbish removal.

Draft Memorandum of Understanding by WCC for the Group.

- Area needs correcting to 20.25 hectares.
- The Group’s details of “Division of Work” and “Some Guidelines” (see Frances’ email 26 March) are to be included as an appendix. “Trelissick Park/Ngaio Gorge Working Group” to be changed to “Trelissick Park Group”.
- Concerning the reference to no weed-eater use by the Group, it was mentioned that WCC had given the Group a weed-eater some years ago for use in the park. Steven Peters will follow this up for resolution.
- Frances is to send other comments on the Memorandum to Kevin.

Map Boards

- Kate Mackenzie is to have an initial look at an alternative logo showing more of the hills as background and making the stream more obvious, before we send this back to Stephen Drakeford.
- Name of Group to be shortened to “Trelissick Park Group” for the map boards and logo.
- Colours OK but yellow small text on green hard to read – change to white text.
- 6 photos required for the large board, some including people - Kate and Barry Durrant to work on this.
- Locations and numbers of map boards to be resolved after Steven Peters has completed his “traffic” use survey of track usage in the Park (counters to be installed for a week in the next few days time).
- All maps to be oriented the same way.
- No “you are here” arrows.
- No white-boards for messages.
- Holder for brochures useful where map board is under shelter.

- TP Group will come back with any comments on the small map board draft handed over at the meeting by Kevin Jamieson.
- Steven Peters will organize a small bollard and sign at the junction of the track down to the Kaiwharawhara Stream tunnel and fish passage.
- TP Group is especially interested in how the no cycling aspect will be handled on the boards. Currently no words are shown on the draft.
- TP Group to send final wording for large map board by 2 April.
- Interpretative Board – Magazine buildings: Text sent to D Halliday and no comments received from him. Two photos will be required.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN -

- 26 Jan. Otari – Notes on KaiW Reveg. Project – 26/1/07
- 29 Jan. Env. Court. Next mediation on Kilmaston Subdivision 20/4/07
- 31 Jan. WCC. plant order request.
- Feb. WCC Notes on biodiversity for meeting.
- 16 Feb Phillips Fox. Update on WCC/Kilmaston valuation of Crows Nest.
- 20 Feb. WCC – request to sign funding agreement for brochure/admin costs
- 22 Feb. WCC –proposal for double car deck, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 5 Mar. Drakeford – suggested logo for Group.
- 8 Mar. R Averton – option 3 of Open Space Access agreed by WCC.
- 8 Mar WCC .Notice of Project KaiW mtg on 4 April.
- 13 Mar. Tonkin & Taylor. Housing Corp’s opposition to our comments on Plan Change 46.
- 14 Mar. WCC – reaction to our request re Rubbish Notices.
- 16 Mar. M.H.W. – agreeing to our comments on Plan Change 46.
- March WCC. Draft Memorandum of Understanding – WCC/Group.
- 19 Mar. M Hester – comments on use of carpet squares in the park.
- 19 Mar. P Reimann – experiments with use of carpet squares.
- 19 Mar. K Mackenzie – spotees to receive trees outside our 2007 allocation.
- 26 Mar. M Hester. Suggested guidelines for spotees.
- 26 Mar. WCC – Minutes of Biodiversity mtg 12 March.
- 26 Mar. K Mackenzie – March Newsletter to Spotees.

CORRESPONDENCE: OUT

- 5 Mar. WCC opposing proposal for double car deck, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 6 Mar. WCC – requesting better rubbish signs.
- 12 Mar WCC – comments on mountain biking review (support no biking in Park))
- 31 Mar. WCC – thanks for relocating seat below Hanover St.
- 15 Mar. WCC – signed agreement for WCC funding brochure/admin costs.
- 17 Mar. WCC – request for zone changes to DP Map 21 for the Park.
- 20 Mar. WCC – plant order 2007.
- 22 Mar. GWRC/WCC – request for details of recent pollution complaints.
- 22 Mar. Don Richards – report on KaiW estuary clean-up.

NB.Car deck proposal now void as applicant plans a garage on upper side of road.

OTHER ISSUES

Cutting Dead Blackberry Canes. K Jamieson will organise cutting dead blackberry canes from the sprayed patch across the stream above the debris trap prior to volunteer planting.

Use of Railway Land. John Bishop of QE2 National Trust recently met reps from NZ Rlys Corp, which is looking at possible uses for its railway land. The Trust discussions earlier had focussed on

a Licence to Occupy some of the Johnsonville rail corridor. The Corp would like ideas from the Group regarding parts of the corridor adjoining the Park. John is to send us a draft for consideration based on his meeting. Future work would require removal of large weed infestations before planting. This would involve special attention on steep slopes to avoid slips. Separate funding would be needed. WCC might assist. Meanwhile the Group is investigating funds from The Pacific Development & Conservation Trust (Rainbow Warrior funds).

Spotee Guidelines. Kate has printed out the guidelines prepared by Marilyn and is giving them to spotees.

Kaiwharawhara Stream Estuary. Following the recent coastal clean-up it is clear that this area still remains a garbage dump, with seemingly no organisation wanting to take responsibility for maintenance. CentrePort, GWRC, WCC and DOC all have an interest in this area. Frances to organise a meeting with Celia Wade-Brown and Terry McDavitt to work out how to overcome this.

Property Issues. Before Frances sends the letter she has drafted to the owners of 118 Trelissick Crescent concerning covenanting/gifting the lower part of their land (see email 23 March), Kevin Jamieson will ask Lisa in WCC to GPS review the current track location in relation to property and Conservation zone boundaries. Frances will send a similar letter to the property owner on the downstream side of Wightwick's Field. Drafts will be cleared with WCC.

Brochure. Now that funding has been confirmed, Barry will finalise pictures and bring a draft of the brochure to the next meeting for approval.

Logo. Kate will develop the logo for the Group proposed by Stephen Drakeford to show more of the hills in the background, steeper sided gorge and better depiction of the stream.

Restoration Day. 12 May at Tauherenikau Racecourse near Featherstone – applications not open yet. Enquiries: Paula Loader and J Fagan at GWRC.

Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting. Wednesday 4 April at Otari Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre, 5.15 PM – all welcome.

Park Map. Kevin Jamieson will run off 100 copies from John Foden's disc provided by Frances.

Elimination of Steps at Waikowhai Street Entrance. Jock Fleming suggested that this would improve access (eg for wheeled equipment). However, it may encourage more bikes. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Kilmarston Subdivision -(Proposed development below Crows Nest, Ngaio). Next mediation on Friday 20 April: Frank & Noeline McGuire, Ngaio Progressive Association and Reinhard Pauls vs WCC. TP Group is one of the supporting participants, concerned with filling in of gullies, fast stormwater run-off and access to skyline ridge via the Crow's Nest.

Knotweed. New growth is appearing where WCC dug out rhizomes or sprayed. All sites now have white/red tags on nearby trees to ensure the contractor is aware of them.

Biodiversity Plan for WCC. Three workshops have recently been held with M Emeny to raise relevant aspects of the proposal. Four members of the Group attended. They were most helpful, illustrating the wide scope of the exercise. A draft will be released for public comment in June.

FURTHER ISSUES/INFORMATION (POST MEETING – for follow-up at next meeting)

Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator Funding. An application for further funding has been lodged with the Ministry for Environment, this time for a 3-year period. Applicants are expected to hear from MfE on this on 27 April. Kate is expected to be leaving in November, so if our application is successful a new coordinator will be needed, appointed in October to allow overlap with Kate.

Carpet Squares. Further to Peter's email of 19 March outlining experience/tests on permeability of carpet squares to rain, a further test on felt underlay shows good permeability after initial reluctance for several minutes. As a result of impermeability to light rain it is suggested that:

- Use of carpet squares be restricted to sloping ground (suitably pegged) or flat areas immediately below a slope where moisture gets to the plant from moving down the slope, but not on flat ground away from slopes.
- Carpet squares should be removed where mulch has also been used (eg at the Historic site).

- Mulch is the preferred covering for weed suppression and moisture retention.

It is suggested that Vernon McKenzie be asked to suspend further deliveries for the moment.

Web-site. Advice awaited from Deidre on a meeting with Kate and Peter and the new person to take over up-dating.

Fly-and Plant. Carolyn's husband Gottfried has been organising a web-site/scheme where people can offset their carbon consumption from flying by donating money to organisations for tree planting. TP Group will be one recipient.

Pest Implementation Plan. Kevin to follow up with J McCarthy to enable the Group to comment before finalisation.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 May, KATE building, 9.30am.

Next Working Bees- 10 April Waikowhai St; 6 & 15 May Trelissick Crescent.