

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 131st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 29 January 2008

Members present

Peter Reimann (chair)
Malcolm McDonald (secretary)
Carolyn Theiler

Dorothy Douglass
Frances Lee

Olaf John
Stan Pillar

In attendance

Stu Bailey, WCC Parks Ranger

Apologies

Deidre Burke
Jock Fleming
Robyn Smith, GW Take-Care Coordinator

Andy Foster Wellington City Councillor
John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor
Myfanwy Emeny, WCC Community Biodiversity Coordinator

Minutes

The minutes of the 130th meeting, held on 11 December 2007, were confirmed.

Frances Lee reported that Mike Oates, Manager Natural and Botanic Areas WCC, had yet to contact her about any moves within WCC relating to the possible purchase by WCC for reserve purposes of undeveloped land for sale at 19m Kabul Street.

Personnel items

The funeral of Martin Hunt, a regular volunteer at group working bees, and a stalwart contributor to the work of other environmental groups, was attended by Peter Reimann, Frances Lee, and Dorothy Douglass on 16 January. Peter wrote to Martin's family on behalf of the group.

Frances Lee said that Jock Fleming is to retire from attending meetings of the group. Members acclaimed Jock's long and willing assistance to the group. Malcolm McDonald is to write to Jock to convey the group's gratitude.

Dorothy Douglass noted that the valuable services of Kerry Lee at working bees will be lost, as Kerry and wife Lyn have moved to Waikanae. Malcolm McDonald is to write to Kerry in appreciation of his willing assistance.

WCC Items

Stu Bailey brought to the meeting 200 copies of the group's adopt-a-spot and working bee programme for 2008, printed by WCC for the group. Since the meeting, copies have been placed by members in the community display areas in the Cummings Park and Ngaio Libraries. Malcolm McDonald holds the balance.

Stu will investigate provision of a holder for the brochure and working bee programme under the shelter for the map-board at the lower entrance to the park.

The meeting discussed the merit of the installation of a rubbish bin at one or more of the six entrances to the park. This issue re-emerged following a member of the public suggesting a need for bins to Stu Bailey. Members' observations of the extent of the rubbish problem in various places within the park, and outside the park adjacent to entrances, suggested no case for bins at four entrances. It was felt that a

loose case could be made for a bin at the Ngaio Gorge Road entrance, based mainly on the volume of food-related rubbish thrown out of vehicles which park up in the loop there, and faint conviction that a worthwhile proportion that rubbish might be placed in a bin. It was felt the strongest case might be made for the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance, the busiest, and the access point for most of the large number of dogs which use the dog exercise area. It was fancied that dog owners might be less forgetful about taking excreta-filled bags with them upon leaving the exercise area were there a bin at the shelter by the road entrance. Members decided the group should not support a bin being installed at any entrance.

Stu noted that the fallen willow has been removed from the bed of the Kaiwharawhara Stream by the Hanover Street Bridge.

At Peter Reimann's request, Stu is to arrange for a willow near the Waikowhai Street entrance to be poisoned, having been missed during the bulk programme.

A woman received serious injuries from a fall in the park in November 2007 while using a route [tracks in the park fall into three categories (shown on the mapboards at the entrances and in the group's brochure), these being "Northern Walkway", "major tracks", and "routes"]. Following receipt of notification by the woman, understood to have been a regular in the park, WCC officers have examined the route concerned, and others. The routes, themselves, were found by the WCC officers to be in good condition. Consideration of the terrain at several places below the routes, and of the consequences of user misadventure at those places, has led the officers to the preliminary view that the routes should be designated "tramping tracks", and that signs should be placed at three points necessarily passed by potential users alerting them to that designation and to the need for full care.

Stu Bailey was unaware of the state of production by WCC of signage to direct working bee members from the relevant park entrance to the exact location of the work, to alert park users to the location of the fish passage at the confluence of the Kaiwharawhara and Korimako Streams, and to seek that those crossing private land on one of the routes/tramping tracks do not stray. The group believes it has settled with WCC the content of the first two items. The content of the third item was also settled, but might require modification in light of the paragraph above.

Stu advises that same day collection at the roadside of bulk rubbish and weeds from the park is possible. Stu should be notified when the accumulation tucked away just off Trelissick Crescent is brought up to the street.

Stu said that WCC will consider installing bollards at Trelissick Crescent across the top of the grassy slope to prevent unauthorised vehicle entry. This follows a recent occurrence of a car dumped at the bottom of the slope. Since the meeting, Stu has indicated that WCC is to install bollards, linked by a chain which can be released to allow authorised access.

Stu has referred to officers within relevant parts of WCC the group's concern at the erosion caused by discharges of storm water from a large WCC pipe about 30 metres from the start of the track down from Hanover Street. Issues include the extent of the risk to anyone who slipped from the track and fell into the deeply scoured area, and the track damage through scouring from storm water during December. Members discussed the possible cause to raise concerns directly with Councillors should WCC officers continue duck shoving.

Frances Lee noted that she had contacted Sam Lister of WCC to press that the detritus trap on the Kaiwharawhara Stream be cleared; the trap was then cleared without delay. Frances believes that debris will accumulate in greater volume at the trap as poisoned willows break down and branches and limbs are carried downstream in floods.

Greater Wellington has taken up with WCC the non-compliance by WCC with the terms of the resource consent for gravel extraction immediately upstream of the detritus trap. WCC has been given until 15 February to provide specified information to GW.

Peter Reimann has sent comments to Nicci Woods of WCC on the draft Code of Practice for Land Development.

Malcolm McDonald said the remaining paperwork associated with the group's application for a general grant towards administration expenses has been supplied to WCC Grants. The Ngaio Progressive Association has signed a three-year agreement with the group to be our umbrella organisation for grants purposes.

Project Kaiwharawhara

The minutes for the Project Kaiwharawhara meeting held on 27 November 2007, and a revised draft Project Kaiwharawhara review document, have been received. Peter Reimann will distribute.

The date of the next meeting has yet to be advised by WCC.

Seaweed: beach clean up, Kaiwharawhara estuary

The group will again clean up the Kaiwharawhara estuary, and surrounds, as part of widespread beach cleanups by volunteer groups to coincide with Seaweed celebrations. The working bee will take place from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday 1 March 2008. Gloves, and bags for rubbish collected, will be supplied.

Weed Control Plan

The high kill rate of tradescantia from spring spraying by the contractor to WCC is now evident. But these areas will need follow-up spraying in autumn.

Along with general weed removal activity, members have sustained assaults on sycamores, buddleia, balsam and broom.

Plant order winter 2008

The group has again been allotted 500 native eco-sourced plants by WCC. Peter Reimann is to email a copy of the species available to various members, so they may provide input to the composition of the order. The order form is required to be returned to WCC before Monday 31 March.

Railway Land/Otari to Trelissick Park Link Track

A meeting has yet to be arranged with OnTrack so that representatives of WCC, the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust, and the group can canvass a preferred crossing point of the Johnsonville rail line for the section of the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway between Otari and Trelissick Park. Advice is awaited from OnTrack.

Kilmarston

The Environment Court has called for the parties to provide updated information by 31 January 2008. Frances Lee advised the meeting that the Ngaio Progressive Association is in the process of formally withdrawing its appeal.

Submissions to WCC

District Plan Change 61 (Rezoning of land off Huntleigh Park Way, Heke Street, Thatcher Way)

The date(s) for the hearing of evidence from submitters is yet to be advised by WCC.

97 Waikowhai Street

The subdivision has been approved by WCC.

Bowen Hospital Redevelopment

The group has had no response from WCC to its concern at the proposed increase in the rate of discharge of storm water.

Donation from St Luke's Church, and other assistance in the park

St Luke's Church, Wadestown, has agreed that the group spend the \$735 donated by St Luke's for infill planting of the area sparsely planted in winter 2007 immediately below the Hanover Street entrance to the park.

Deidre Burke and Olaf John will contribute to the selection of the species to be planted.

It was intended that the infill planting be done by the group.

More recently, St Luke's has been considering input to the park in the form of church members undertaking a working bee, or adopting a spot in the park. Also, with the recent death of Martin Hunt, a valued volunteer in group working bees and a member of St Luke's, the group has given thought to the form of a suitable memorial in the park to Martin.

Members canvassed the possibility of an accommodation of multiple interests, by means of St Luke's members doing the infill planting (in conjunction with technical assistance and labour input from the group to the extent desired by St Luke's) and thereafter maintain the area planted as a memorial to Martin. St Luke's might in due course expand into adjacent areas if ongoing direct involvement was desired. (This will need discussion with Deidre to coordinate with her "spot", also in this area).

Correspondence

Inwards

- 13 December GW Nic Conland – compliance report as to resource consent to WCC for gravel extraction from Kaiwharawhara stream.
- 13 December OnTrack Kevin Ramshaw – acknowledgement of, and action on, request for meeting to canvass choice of crossing point for Johnsonville line.
- 17 December NPA David Hedgley – agreement to NPA being umbrella organisation for WCC administration grant sought by Trelissick Park Group.
- 18 December WCC Amber Bill – Project Kaiwharawhara minutes 27 November 2007; revised draft review
- 20 December GW Robyn Smith – thanks for Gorge Gazette; items arising from visit to Park on 18 December.
- 20 December WCC Rebecca Scannell – subdivision of 97 Waikowhai Street.
- 20 December WCC Katharine Macann – WCC Grants, umbrella agreement template and notes for applicants.
- 7 January WCC Dave Halliday – injury to walker using route in park in November.
- 14 January Don Richards, c/o BRANZ – schedule of equipment to be provided for a beach cleanup at the Kaiwharawhara estuary in the week ended 3 March, to coincide with Seaweek celebrations.
- 21 January St Luke's Church – agreement to use of donated funds for plantings below Hanover Street entrance.
- 22 January NPA David Hedgley – thanks for copy of WCC letter of 20 December on subdivision of 97 Waikowhai Street.
- 23 January WCC Myfanwy Emeny – plant order form for winter 2008.
- 24 January WCC, Stu Bailey – invitation to comment on possible installation of rubbish bin(s) at entrance(s) to Trelissick Park.
- 24 January OnTrack – advice that Martin Penny, OnTrack Area Manager, is the contact for a meeting on a possible crossing of the Johnsonville line as part of a Sanctuary to sea walkway.
- 26 January St Luke's Church – offer to become involved with park restoration.
- 28 January NPA David Hedgley – return of signed umbrella organisation agreement in support of TPG's application for a WCC general grant towards administration expenses.

Outwards

- 12 December OnTrack Kevin Ramshaw – request for meeting to canvass choice of crossing point for Johnsonville line.
- 12 December GW Nic Conland – compliance with resource consent to WCC for gravel extraction from Kaiwharawhara stream.

- 13 December St Luke's Church - proposed work to be undertaken by group with funds donated by St Luke's.
- 13 December NPA Frank McGuire – request for NPA to agree to NPA being umbrella organisation for WCC administration grant sought by Trelissick Park Group.
- 30 December WCC incident reported [No. 1622141] – report of abandoned car, below Trelissick Crescent west.
- 7 January WCC Stu Bailey – request for 200 copies of our working bee programme for 2008, attaching a marked up copy of the 2007 programme.
- 7 January WCC Nikki Woods – comments on draft Code of Practice for Land Development.
- 9 January WCC Rebecca Scannell – acknowledgement of advice on subdivision of 97 Waikowhai Street.
- 15 January Family of Martin Hunt – condolences on the death of Martin.
- 17 January GW, Glen Falconer – request for empty bait stations to be replenished.
- 17 January OnTrack – reminder of WCC, Otari-Wilton and TPG wish to discuss crossing point on Johnsonville line.
- 20 January NPA – invitation to sign umbrella organisation agreement in support of TPG's application for a WCC general grant of \$250 towards TPG administration expenses.
- 21 January St Luke's Church – acknowledgement of St Luke's agreement for donated funds to be used on plants for planting below Hanover Street entrance, and agreement to provide a photo of the finished work.
- 26 January St Luke's Church – acknowledgement of kind offer to become involved with park restoration.
- 28 January WCC Grants – supporting items for General Grant application (umbrella organisation agreement with NPA, bank deposit slip, set of accounts).

Finance

The current bank balance is \$1,213.87 (including the \$735 donation from St Luke's Church).

The Highland Park Progressive Association holds \$1,000 for the group.

Other

It was noted that the web-site needs updating. Malcolm McDonald will follow up with Deidre Burke and Lindsay Bonnett concerning continued website updates. (Peter Reimann will provide Malcolm with suggested updates)

Peter Reimann will check with Harry Barton about status/follow-up with the adopt-a-spot scheme.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 4 March 2008**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

Dates have also been set for two subsequent meetings: Tuesday 8 April 2008
Tuesday 20 May 2008.

The meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Dates for working bees in February and March 2008, and general location details, are:

Sunday 10 February	Kaiwharawhara Road entrance
Tuesday 19 February	Kaiwharawhara Road entrance
Saturday 1 March – Seaweed beach cleanup	Kaiwharawhara estuary
Sunday 2 March	Hanover Street entrance
Tuesday 11 March	Hanover Street entrance