

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 132nd meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4 March 2008

Members present

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

Dorothy Douglass
Frances Lee

Olaf John
Stan Pillar

In attendance

Steven Peters, WCC Senior Parks Ranger

Myfanwy Emeny, WCC Community Biodiversity Coordinator

Apologies

Barry Durrant
Stu Bailey, WCC Parks Ranger

Robyn Smith, GW Take-Care Coordinator

Minutes

The minutes of the 131st meeting, held on 29 January 2008, were confirmed, subject to the second sentence under the heading "Kilmarston" being substituted by "Frances Lee advised the meeting that negotiations on some issues raised by appellants F and N McGuire and the Ngaio Progressive Association are still continuing with the applicant and/or his representative."

Frances Lee reported that she had yet to hear from Mike Oates, Manager Natural and Botanic Areas WCC, about the possible purchase by WCC for reserve purposes of undeveloped land for sale at 19m Kabul Street.

WCC Items

Steven Peters reported on the progress made with signs for the park relating to the crossing of private land, the location of the fish passage, and directions to working bee sites.

Steven said the poisoning of the willow below Waikowhai Street, missed earlier, is scheduled.

The meeting canvassed the group's concerns about erosion, and public safety, caused by storm water discharges into a gulch alongside the Northern Walkway pathway immediately below the Hanover Street entrance to the park. A photograph, taken by group member Barry Durrant, showing the discharge on 18 December 2007 was circulated. Myfanwy Emeny will draw the photograph to attention within WCC.

Another storm water discharge causing erosion, another 150 metres or so further in from the Hanover Street entrance, was also discussed. Peter Reimann will investigate aspects of the problem on the ground, and will get back with advice to Myfanwy Emeny. [Peter investigated both discharge sites on 6 March, and forwarded photographs and comments to Myfanwy, and to Stu Bailey, WCC Parks Ranger.]

Steven will arrange for another 200 copies of the group's adopt-a-spot and working bee programme for 2008, to be printed by WCC for the group.

Myfanwy said that Restoration Day this year will be held in the first week of May at Victoria University. Demand for places will exceed supply, and the group should act early to secure the maximum of three places available to each organisation.

Stu Bailey, WCC Parks Ranger, is yet to get back to the group on his investigation of the provision of a holder for the park brochure and working bee programme under the shelter for the map-board at the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance to the park.

GW items

Robyn Smith, GW Take-Care Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting. In tendering her apology, Robyn said she hoped to catch up soon with Peter Reimann and Malcolm McDonald to discuss matters of mutual interest. Those items include the mechanics of plant selection and ordering from Take-Care funding.

Malcolm McDonald is to seek from Nic Conland, GW Team Leader Environmental Regulation, a copy of the WCC reply to GW, due by 15 February, relating to non-compliance by WCC with the terms of the resource consent for gravel extraction immediately upstream of the detritus trap on the Kaiwharawhara Stream.

Rubbish bins at park entrances

At the request of John Shrapnell, president of the Wadestown Residents' Association, the group reconsidered the decision taken on 29 January 2008 not to support a bin being installed at any entrance to the park. The views of John Shrapnell on the topic, and those of group members when polled prior to the discussion in January, were pre-circulated.

The meeting reaffirmed the decision not to support a bin being installed at any entrance to the park.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Myfanwy Emeny said the agenda for the Project Kaiwharawhara meeting to be held on 12 March 2008 should be circulated within a day or two. Peter Reimann and Carolyn Theiler are likely to attend the meeting.

Adopt-A-Spot

Peter Reimann said that a change in employment has left Harry Barton without the time necessary to continue in the role of adopt-a-spot coordinator. Following discussion with members of the group, including Carolyn Theiler and Marilyn Hester, Peter has taken up the coordination role himself. Carolyn and Marilyn have undertaken to provide support for spotees with advice on plantings and on plot maintenance.

Weed Control Plan

The timing and extent of follow-up spraying for tradescantia, and the availability of the areas sprayed for planting this winter, are to be followed up with Robyn Smith of GW.

Plant order winter 2008

Peter Reimann has received responses from group members nominating appropriate plants to be ordered from the WCC allocation of 500 plants for 2008.

Peter is preparing a spreadsheet which reflects the number of plants available for planting and the indications from spotees and group members of the number and composition of plants required for plantings this winter. About 2,300 plants will be available from WCC, from Take-Care funding, from St Luke's church funding, and from a seedling by-catch nursed along by Peter. Peter has surveyed adopt-a-spotees as to the number and composition of plants they seek for their spots, and is doing a stock take of areas needing planting by working bees and members generally. The aim is to obtain a "best fit" of availability and requests. The spreadsheet will not take account of plants grown in home nurseries by members who will plant them in the park themselves.

Railway Land/Otari to Trelissick Park Link Track

Unavailing efforts have been made by Malcolm McDonald, over 6 months, to achieve a meeting 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.

Myfanwy Emeny will talk to David Halliday, WCC, about the advisability of WCC taking up further attempts.

Kilmarston

The Environment Court called for the parties to provide updated information by 29 February 2008. The group has yet to receive related papers.

Submissions to WCC

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

WCC has issued a summary of submissions on DPC 61. The 119 submitters have been invited to make further submissions based on the summary by 31 March 2008. The meeting decided that, unless members identify vital issues in the summary of submissions which they believe the group should pursue, the group will rest on its initial submission.

District Plan Change 63 (Minor amendments to District Plan maps and text)

WCC has invited submissions by Monday 7 April on DPC 63. An item of direct interest to the group is the rezoning of 99 and 101 Waikowhai Street from outer residential to conservation reserve. The group will make a submission wholeheartedly supporting this element of DPC 63.

Bowen Hospital Redevelopment

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

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

St Luke's Church, Wadestown, has made a second donation to the group, of \$397, towards the group's work with Trelissick Park. The meeting discussed possible uses for this donation, including in-planting this winter below Hanover Street (additional to planting there agreed with St Luke's to be funded by plants purchased with the first donation) or the purchase of heritage trees for areas in the park where initial plantings have taken. The latter use will be investigated ahead of further discussion at the next meeting of the group; subject to an affirmative decision, the agreement of St Luke's would then be sought.

Correspondence

Inwards

4 February	Morrison Kent – status report of behalf of Kilmarston Developments relating to the appeals before the Environment Court.
4 February	Environment Court – direction that the parties to the Kilmarston Developments appeals file another status report on Friday 29 February 2008.
4 February	Cardno TCB – invitation to comment on proposal for change of storm water detention system at Downing Street subdivision (Ridvan Garden Developments Ltd).
4 February	Barbara Hunt – acknowledgement of sympathy from the group on the death of Martin Hunt.
15 February	WCC Myfanwy Emeny – notification that there will be a Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting on 12 March 2008.

14 February	WCC Grants – approval of grant of \$250 from environmental pool for planting native species and general maintenance in Trelissick Park.
20 February	St Luke’s Church Wadestown – donation of \$397 towards work with Trelissick Park.
20 February	ANZ National, Roland Idaczyk – thanks for hosting 4 volunteers in park on 19 February.
25 February	Lionel Nunns – thanks for hosting members of Wadestown Presbyterian church and Ngaio Union church in park on 24 February.

Outwards

11 February	Jock Fleming – gratitude for services to the group.
11 February	Kerry Lee – gratitude for services to the group.
20 February	WCC Jason Jones – Notification that a summary of submissions on District Plan Change 61 is available and that submitters may make further submissions until 31 March.
20 February	WCC Myfanwy Emeny – apologies for non-attendance of Malcolm McDonald at Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting on 12 March.
21 February	Cardno TCB – comments on proposal for change of storm water detention system at Downing Street subdivision (Ridvan Garden Developments Ltd).
25 February	OnTrack – further urging that meeting be arranged to consider crossing of Johnsonville line to facilitate Sanctuary to Sea walkway through Trelissick Park.
27 February	WCC Grants – agreement to terms of grant of \$250.
28 February	St Luke’s Church Wadestown – acknowledgement and receipt for donation of \$397 towards work with Trelissick Park.
1 March	St Luke’s Church – summary of the history of the relationship between St Luke’s Church and the group

Finance

The group was successful in obtaining a grant of \$250 from the WCC’s November grants round. The grant is from the environmental pool and is for the project “planting native species and general maintenance in Trelissick Park”

Payment of \$50.00 was approved to Wairarapa Trees for karamu and pittosporum plants supplied through Carolyn Theiler. Payment of \$37.98 was approved, to reimburse Carolyn Theiler for the cost of potting mix and planter bags.

The current bank balance, after the payments as approved above, the second donation from St Luke’s, and \$74 received from fly and plant, is \$1,509.89.

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

Other

During a working bee at the Kaiwharawhara estuary on 1 March as park of Seaweek, 9 volunteers collected 45 bags of rubbish plus miscellaneous loose items. The participants were disgusted at the extent and nature of the rubbish, which reflects poorly on Centreport, Toll NZ, GW and WCC as well as the people doing the littering (culprits clearly include commercial Interislander ferry users). Participants commented on the irony of WCC moving to upgrade the walk to town for cruise ship passengers from Aotea Quay, when there is no evident concern that vehicles and their passengers assemble for Interislander ferries next to a rubbish dump. It was agreed that Malcolm McDonald should contact Councillor Wade-Brown for advice on the means by which the group could effectively represent its concerns and promote sustained action.

Community activity in the park recently has included four corporate volunteers from ANZ National Bank working for a day, the Wadestown Presbyterian and Ngaio Union churches having a combined picnic followed by walks escorted by group members, and four students from United World Colleges in NZ accompanied by four adults spending an afternoon volunteering.

Peter Reimann will provide information on the group and its activities from a stand at the Wadestown Fair on Saturday 8 March.

Lindsay Bonnett has been provided with a list of updates for the website, following Peter Reimann and Malcolm McDonald reviewing the relevance and currency of the site content.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 8 April 2008**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The subsequent meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 May 2008.

The meeting concluded at 11:20 a.m.

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

Tuesday 11 March	Hanover Street entrance
Sunday 6 April	Waikowhai Street entrance
Tuesday 15 April	Waikowhai Street entrance