

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 134th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 May 2008

Members present

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

Dorothy Douglass
Frances Lee
Barry Durrant

Olaf John
Stan Pillar

In attendance

Myfanwy Emeny, WCC Community Biodiversity Coordinator
Robyn Smith, GW Take-Care Coordinator

Apologies

Andy Foster, Wellington City Councillor

John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor

Minutes

The minutes of the 133rd meeting, held on 8 April 2008, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Myfanwy Emeny advised the meeting that following examination of the gulch caused by storm water discharging into the park near the Hanover Street entrance, WCC Capacity holds the view that the solution satisfactory to the group (extending the piping, diffusing the flow, filling the gulch, and over-planting) could involve a level of cost requiring a case to be stated in the next budgeting round. WCC Parks and Reserves is looking to see whether it might contribute funding to hasten the work.

Myfanwy said that following examination of the undermining of the Hanover Street bridge foundation, WCC is arranging for an engineer to examine the foundation and present an oral report.

Peter Reimann noted that WCC has installed the warning sign opposite the Rod Donald memorial rata, and that “no biking” pictographs have been installed at various locations. Peter registered thanks to Dave Halliday, WCC Project Officer Reserves and Walkways, Paulo Fuiono, Ranger, and Bill Hester, of the group.

Myfanwy Emeny was unaware whether Steven Peters, WCC Senior Park Ranger, had followed up on discussion at the group’s meeting on 8 April 2008, and looked at the case for a sign to point to the primary route where the track forks at the southern end of the grassed flat area by the lower Korimako Stream. Malcolm McDonald suggested that an adequate resolution could be the relocation of the gravel on the side track to the main track, and undertook to do the work later in the day.

Peter Reimann said he had visited Tawa Bush Reserve and examined the waterproof brochure holders in use there, they being the model quoted by the Auckland manufacturer at the price of \$48 + GST + freight. Peter said the advice from the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves was that the holders were fully satisfactory in use, although theirs had attracted vandalism. Peter said he had asked the manufacturer to confirm costs and availability. The group decided that 5 of the holders or suitable alternatives should be ordered, one for each of the Kaiwharawhara Road, Waikowhai Street and Hanover Street entrances, and two as reserves against vandalism. Myfanwy Emeny asked Peter to copy to her the advice from the manufacturer when received.

Frances Lee noted that Geovert has done a good job clearing up the site of the road strengthening work in Ngaio Gorge, although revegetation planting has yet to be undertaken. Frances noted that the shingle-

covered flat area where the contractor stored equipment has yet to be returned to grass. Myfanwy said she would check who was handling this at WCC.

Myfanwy will look into loose ends relating to WCC supplying wool sacks to the group to assist manage large accumulations of weeds and hard rubbish, and seeing whether previously-used strong plastic sacks are available from sources such as the WCC landfill for use by the group.

Peter Reimann and Frances Lee are to follow up an invitation to the group from Kelvin Hastie of Modus Homes, the new owner of the undeveloped property at 97 Waikowhai Street, to meet at the property to discuss tidying up of the site, which includes a 6 metre esplanade strip.

Peter Reimann told the meeting that WCC has undertaken to remove the willow trunk jammed between the supports at the Hanover Street bridge during recent flooding.

Myfanwy Emeny briefed the group on an initiative WCC is implementing to promote the economical trapping of mustelids (stoats, weasels, ferrets). Community groups are to be offered traps, and training in their use, provided the groups undertake to maintain the traps by removing kill and resetting. WCC will broadcast a message to community groups shortly.

Myfanwy informed the meeting that in the next couple of weeks United Group (Transpower) will be clearing foliage near the electricity pylon alongside the Northern Walkway below Trelissick Crescent.

GW items

Peter Reimann told Robyn Smith that he has not forgotten he is to provide advice to her about the group's needs for plants in 2009.

Malcolm McDonald is to enquire of Nic Conland, GW Team Leader Environmental Regulation, whether WCC has responded to GW on the matter of WCC non-compliance with the resource consent for gravel extraction immediately upstream of the detritus trap on the Kaiwharawhara Stream. Frances Lee drew attention to the article by Bethney McLennan in the *Dominion Post* of 10 May 2008 about British legislation coming into effect later in 2008 which requires planning consents for the use of non-porous materials (concrete, asphalt) on residential sections to mitigate flooding.

Robyn and Peter Reimann informed the meeting that around 12 disabled Victoria University of Wellington staff are to do infill planting in the park from 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday 30 May. The planting is to be undertaken between the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance and the historic powder magazine. Peter will liaise with Robyn over the composition of the 250 plants to be planted, which will be funded from the GW Take Care budget.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Myfanwy Emeny is preparing minutes from the Project Kaiwharawhara meeting of 12 March 2008.

Adopt-A-Spot

Peter Reimann reported that he has distributed 600 trees to spottees, not all of which have yet been planted.

Peter said that ACC employees on 15 May cleared and planted an area at the lower end of the Northern Walkway leading up to Hanover Street, and have adopted the spot.

Peter said the a sizeable part of the gorse area below Trelissick Crescent was cleared and planted at two working bees held earlier in May. Tim and Julia Ryan, who have cared for adjacent plantings, are relinquishing their spot.

Three adopted spots have recently suffered damage through flooding, a burst sewer pipe, and spraying.

Weed Control Plan

Members noted that areas of Japanese honeysuckle on the south-facing slope above the convergence of the Korimako and Kaiwharawhara streams has been slashed by the contractor funded by GW/WCC. In response to enquiries as to what the next step is, Robyn Smith said that any re-growth evident next spring will be sprayed then.

Plant orders for winter 2008

In response to a question from Peter Reimann, Myfanwy Emeny said the 500 plants WCC is to provide free to the group in winter 2008 will be available from 1 July. WCC is yet to complete collating supplies available with orders for free plants across all community groups, and for commercial orders such as those from the group to be funded from GW Take Care funding and from donations from St Luke's Church. Myfanwy expects that now that the Berhampore Nursery open day has been held, advice to groups is likely to be given in the next couple of weeks or so.

Robyn will advise Peter as to the delivery of plants from Take Care funding for planting this winter as soon as she obtains clarification from WCC as to the supply situation from Berhampore nursery, and assesses alternative sources as necessary.

In the face of doubts whether Berhampore nursery will be able to supply the group's order for heritage trees, Peter Reimann has purchased some trees, from Clifton Buck in Highbury and from the Berhampore open day. There was discussion of other possible sources.

Railway Land/Otari to Trelissick Park Link Track

Malcolm McDonald reported on the meeting held with Ontrack on 14 April. Councillor Andy Foster, arranged the meeting, and Dave Halliday, WCC Project Officer Reserves and Walkways, also attended.

Kilmarston

The Environment Court has set 7 July 2008 as the date for a hearing of the outstanding appeals relating to Kilmarston Developments Limited. It was decided that the group should remain a section 274 party to the appeals. Frances Lee and Carolyn Theiler indicated their intentions to attend the hearing.

Submissions to WCC

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

Hearings on submissions are scheduled from 19 – 22 May. Some items in the group's submission have been adopted or are to be further considered.

District Plan Change 63 (Miscellaneous changes of zoning, including 99 and 101 Waikowhai Street)

The plan change has been adopted, and is being implemented.

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.

Draft Annual Plan

Peter Reimann noted that the draft plan provides for increases in tree allocations to volunteer groups and increases in the pest management budget.

Frances Lee said she was making a private submission on the draft annual plan and would seek in it that WCC moves to rezone the strip of land near the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance from road reserve to conservation reserve.

Appeals to Environment Court on District Plan Change 46 (Subdivision Design Guide Review)

Two developers have appealed to the Environment Court against WCC in relation to aspects of the Subdivision Design Guide Review. The meeting agreed that the group should register as a section 274 party, in support of the retention of provisions in the guide protecting streams from enclosure. Peter Reimann is to prepare material on behalf of the group.

District Plan Change 65 (Change to Earthworks Provisions)

The draft plan change is to be notified on 1 July, and the closing date for submissions is to be 4 August 2008. Peter Reimann provided comments on preliminary work by WCC in 2007.

Submissions to GW

Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy

The group lodged a submission.

Draft Regional Policy Statement

The group tendered support for the draft Regional Policy Statement.

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

Malcolm McDonald is to contact the new St Luke's liaison person, Mike Ormsby, to provide information and seek to arrange a meeting on the site below the Hanover Street entrance where infill planting is to be carried out, with plants funded by St Luke's.

Correspondence

Inwards

9 April	Morrison Kent – opposition on behalf of Morgan Slyfield to NPA request for extension of the evidence exchange timetable relating to Kilmarnston
10 April	Environment Court – minor change in Kilmarnston evidence exchange timetable.
10 April	WCC, Dave Halliday – advice he is meeting with Capacity at Hanover Street entrance on 15 April to look at storm water problems, and representatives of the group are welcome to be there.
10 April	WCC, Jason Jones – notification that submissions on DPC 61 have been scheduled for 19-22 May.
10 April	WCC, Jason Jones – scheduling of hearings of submissions on DPC 63; invitation to withdraw submission so as to facilitate the rezonings (which all submitters supported).
15 April	WCC, Baz Kaufman – invitation to submit views on the draft annual plan.
17 April	WCC, Paulo Fuiono – advice that the accumulation of rubbish from the will be collected by Operations on 19 April.
25 April	St Luke's Church, Gary Ward – advice that Gary is moving from Wellington and that Mike Ormsby will be the new contact for the group.
30 April	WCC, Brett McKay – possibility of the group becoming a s274 party to appeals to the Environment Court relating to the Subdivision Design Guide.
30 April	WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – confirmation that WCC is happy for the group to continue to use the Absolutely Positively Wellington logo on its website.
30 April	WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – advice of a Tuna Hikoi at Turnbull House on 8 May aimed at greater awareness and involvement in tuna (eels) and fresh water conservation locally.
30 April	Dave Halliday, WCC – advice 12 “no biking” pictographs will be delivered for the group to install.
1 May	Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves – advice on brochure holders used by FoTBR.
2 May	Solicitors for Lincoln Farms Limited – notice of appeal against DPC 46, Subdivision Guide.
2 May	Solicitors for Woodridge Estate Limited – notice of appeal against DPC 46, Subdivision Guide.

5 May	GW, Robyn Smith – species list suitable for Trelissick Park, and link to NZ Plant Conservation Network site.
6 May	WCC, Jason Jones – officers’ report on DPC 61.
7 May	GW – acknowledgment of the group’s submission on the draft Pest Management Strategy.
8 May	WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – request for information on activities between 2 and 8 June for incorporation in a list of activities around World Environment Day, 5 June.
9 May	WCC, Amber Bill – advice that the rezonings of 99 and 101 Waikowhai Street via DPC 63 have been approved.
9 May	Simpson Grierson – statement of evidence from Frank McGuire and Paul Thomas in relation to Kilmarston Developments appeals.
9 May	Chris McCallum – evidence from s274 party to the Kilmarston Developments appeals.
9 May	Ngaio Progressive Association – statement of evidence in relation to Kilmarston Developments appeals.
9 May	Kevin Hastie, Modus Homes – interest in meeting representative of group as new owner of 97 Waikowhai Street to look into any way of helping each other with tidying up of esplanade strip.
13 May	Environment Court – notice of a sitting of the Court on 7 July 2008 to hear Kilmarston proceedings.
14 May	WCC – invitation to Arbor Day and World Environment Day, 5 June, Macalister Park
14 May	WCC, Paulo Fuiono – advice that a request has gone to Capacity for removal of log jammed under Hanover Street bridge.

Outwards

10 April	Deidre Burke – thanks for paying for the Domain Name trelissickpark.org.nz as a donation.
12 April	Highland Park Progressive Association, Ian Shearer – confirmation that money held for the group by HPPA will be earmarked for more brochures, to be ordered through HPPA.
12 April	Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves – request for information on brochure holders used by FoTBR.
14 April	WCC, Jason Jones – withdrawal of submission on District Plan Change 61, to facilitate rezonings.
15 April	Otari-Wilton’s Bush Trust – briefing following the meeting with Ontrack on 14 April.
16 April	WCC, Paulo Fuiono – notification that an accumulation of rubbish from the park is available for collection by Operations.
16 April	WCC, Dave Halliday – comments from group members on the proposed WCC response to storm water problems near Hanover Street entrance following on site inspection on 15 April.
21 April	Volunteer Wellington – payment of membership fee of \$50.00.
24 April	GW – comments on proposed regional pest management strategy.
24 April	WCC, Jason Jones – advice that the group does not seek to be heard on its submission on District Plan Change 61.
26 April	Dave Halliday, WCC – advice that the number of “no biking” pictographs needed for the park is 12.
29 April	WCC – offer of support to WCC against appeals to the Environment Court relating to the Subdivision Design Guide.
30 April	Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves – follow-up request for information on brochure holders used by FoTBR.
1 May	Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves – thanks for advice on brochure holders used by FoTBR.
2 May	WCC, GW – notification of broken sewer pipe just upstream of the Hanover Street bridge on the true right [confirm number 1650831].
8 May	WCC, Myfanwy Emeny advice, in relation to activities around World Environment Day, 5 June, that the group has a working bee on Sunday 8 June near the Hanover Street entrance.
9 May	ANZ National, Michael Instone – query as to extent of intended participation of ANZ volunteers with working bee on 20 May.
9 May	Kevin Hastie, Modus Homes – acknowledgement of request to meet on site at 97 Waikowhai Street to discuss tidying up of esplanade strip.
12 May	WCC, Paulo Fuiono – notification of log jammed under Hanover Street bridge, and request it be removed.
16 May	GW – message supporting the content of the draft Regional Policy Statement.

Finance

The bank balance is \$1,546.89. This sum includes the two donations totalling \$1,132 from St Luke’s Church, Wadestown, \$300 donated by the Ngaio Progressive Association, and \$74 from Fly and Plant.

Payment to Peter Reimann of \$194:20 was approved, being reimbursement for purchases of propagating items (\$71:20) and heritage plants (\$123:00).

Other

Frances Lee reported that she has spoken again with Mike Oates, Manager Natural and Botanic Areas WCC, who has looked looking into matters relating to undeveloped land which was for sale at 19m Kabul Street. Frances said that Mike Oates would not disclose the name of the purchaser. Further enquiries are to be made.

Peter Reimann told the meeting the WCC Off Road Mountain Biking Policy is to become part of the Open Space Access Plan, submissions on which are to be sought soon by WCC.

Arbour Day is to be marked by a WCC planting session at Macalister Park on 5 June 2008.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 1 July 2008**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

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

Sunday 8 June

Hanover Street entrance

Tuesday 17 June

Hanover Street entrance