

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 176th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 31 May 2016

Abbreviations:

WCC	Wellington City Council	BotSoc	Wellington Botanic Society
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	NCDRANgaio	Crofton Downs Residents' Association
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association
DOC	Department of Conservation	OWBT	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
WW	Wellington Water	OMB	Old man's beard
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Association	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
TPG	Trelissick Park Group		

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann	Stan Pillar
Frances Lee	Elizabeth Knopf
Jenny Lewis	Barry Durrant
Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)	Russell Tregonning (visitor)

Apologies

Cr Andy Foster	Julia Williams
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Minutes

The minutes of the 175th meeting, held on 1 March 2016, were confirmed. The year in the heading should have been 20016, not 2015.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Study - Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) has completed the study and the results have gone to Myfanwy Emeny, who is looking at WCC prioritise and where to start with fish passage enhancement or removal of structures. Is this for the whole catchment down to the estuary? Timing and details to be advised.

Myfanwy Emeny

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – WCC have received the resource consent application and are deciding whether it is to be notified, and if granted, the terms and conditions. Andrew McLellan is acting for NCDRA and local residents advocating for it to be notified.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The wall opposite No. 51 is currently being earthquake strengthened. The top section of Ngaio Gorge Road is back on the agenda for the 2015/16 budget, details to be advised. **Faiz Tawfeek/Rebecca Ramsay/Tim Harkness**

Fallen Pine Tree - WCC is currently clearing the large pine tree which fell from the southern slopes of the gorge across the stream and vehicle track near the second sewer tunnel downstream from Bridge 6. As this affects the stream, WCC will confer with GW.

Pest Plant Control

Update - WCC contractor Kaitiaki has completed further control of tradescantia, climbing asparagus, Japanese honeysuckle, OMB and Asiatic knotweed. Safety at heights contractor NZBSL has been working on control of tradescantia above the sewer tunnel and above Bridge 5. The steep areas around the original forest remnant has proved to be beyond the current contractor's ability – so will be added to abseil work 2016-17. Climbing asparagus below Oban Street: a second control was done here, including rope work – an additional area requiring abseiling has been identified. **Illona Keenan**

TPG continue with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, karaka seedlings, bindweed and buddleia by individuals, working bees and corporate groups. **TPG**

Nursery/Planting Update.

580 WCC plants delivery: Friday 27 May.

Peter Reimann's home nursery has about 150 ready to go. Around 700 seedlings should be available for next year (WCC's surplus seed trays and propagation).

Groups from three local schools want to plant 400 on 10 June in the Bridge 6 vicinity (Sustainable Coastlines and Enviroschools). Sustainable Coastlines is organising a planting day in the lower Kaiwharawhara valley in conjunction with TPG's working bee on 12 June, opposite the magazine building and near the debris trap/eel sign. [Tim Harkness has delivered mulch for the 12 June work and will organise pick-up of the diseased flax, to be piled next to the magazine building. He has organised a port-a-loo for 10 and 12 June.] **Tim Harkness**

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since 2008: 138 rats, 16 stoats, 17 hedgehogs.

A review and re-positioning of some bait stations has been carried out by WCC/GW/TPG in the light of experience with dog access. Two self-resetting A24 traps have been installed as a trial. However, the

problems of bait spillage from the bait station entrance, rain ingress and access to Norway rats (poor climbers) remain - WCC/GW to advise. **Ilona Keenan/Bernard Smith**

Bill Hester assisted Kate Guthrie of Predator Free NZ to write a website article on Trelissick Park. He also prepared a presentation for the WCC Predator Free Parks Workshop and participated in webinar seminars.

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

Abseil Access (AA) have provided a drawing, price estimate and information for the resource consents for a suspension bridge about 80 m upstream of the debris trap.

Peter Reimann has drafted the WCC and GW resource consent applications, assisted by AA.

Kate Sanders of Kept Consulting Ltd has reviewed the resource consent applications.

Jenny Lewis of WRA will assist with funding applications.

HPPA have agreed to act as an umbrella organisation for the funding transactions.

Following a meeting between Tim Harkness, Frances Lee and Peter Reimann on 23 May, the next step is for TPG to develop a proposal for WCC approval of the project. This will include:

Summary

Purpose/need for bridge and track

Consultation with residents (how it will be done)

Funding/fundraising/budget/build costs

Resource consent/pre-application meeting

Build of bridge and stream bank retaining,

Oban St exit

Project management

Environmental assessment/impact of bridge and track

Project timeline

Any other information TPG feel is helpful. **Peter Reimann**

Tim Harkness has provided a copy of the proposal prepared for a bridge/track at Makara Peak Mountain Biking Park as a guide to what is required from TPG.

Tim Harkness later advised as follows:

David Halliday/WCC would project manage and most likely pay for resource consents from GW and WCC. A WCC building permit would also be needed. The GW consent for bridge and gabions would be very complex and require an engineer's report and specialist to write it. WCC would not pay for this. An engineer would also need to decide if gabions are required on both sides of the bridge.

In regard to funding or resource consents, first WCC would not want to commit to the cost and time to get resource consents without secure funding in place for the project. So as part of the project plan timeline fundraising will come before consent applications.

Proposed sequence of actions if project proceeds through all stages:

1. Carry out residents' survey to verify need for the track/bridge, eg using websites, newsletters, route map. Estimate user numbers (HPPA/WRA).
2. Obtain a price estimate from a hydrology engineer to (a) do an assessment on gabions/erosion protection of banks and (b) to provide specialist input into the GW resource consent (separate prices) (TPG).
3. Employ the engineer in 2 to carry out (a) (TPG).
4. Obtain price estimate for gabions (TPG).
5. Plan Oban St entrance arrangement in conjunction with WCC and residents. To be resolved: costs by WCC or TPG? (WCC/TPG/HPPA)
6. Compile price estimate (TPG).
7. Obtain committed funding (WRA).
8. Write project plan for WCC agreement (TPG).
9. Employ the engineer in 2 to carry out (b) (TPG)
10. Resource consent pre-application meetings (TPG/WCC)..

To be resolved: do TPG need to fundraise for Oban St exit construction/fencing. **Tim Harkness**

Tim Harkness will advise recommended engineers (eg Cardno did a hydrology assessment for the 131 Silverstream development). **Tim Harkness**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - Conservation Volunteers are willing to clean this area up, Tim Harkness is to advise when this will be ready to start. Subsequent maintenance to be resolved. **Tim Harkness**

Estuary Clean-up - Completed.

Kaiwharawhara Point - CentrePort have a plan for this area, tabled and discussed at a recent meeting with interested parties. The aim is to have extra space to store logs and containers. This will include asphalt surfacing, a new rail siding, erosion protection, fencing and stormwater pipes into the sea. It is yet to be decided whether the resource consent will be notified.

Submissions

None..

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran/Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Volunteer Wellington news	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Bait station and trap reports	Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Branch Out Autumn 2016	WCC
GW Regional Plan Reviews 13 & 14	GW
Use of site adjacent to Kaiwharawhara Stream - 57 Kaiwharawhara Road	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Access to Kaiwharawhara estuary for Beach Week cleanup Sunday 6 March 2016	Angela Watty (Interislander), John Curran (WCC), William Woods (Centreport), Don Richards
Kaiwharawhara Point development meeting and TPG representation on Wlg Civic Trust	Toni Izzard,/Craig Palmer,/Alan Smith (Wlg Civic Trust), Barbara Mitcalfe, Chris Horne
Bait station rearrangements	Illona Keenan,/Bernard Smith (WCC), Bruce Brewer,/Gary Sue (GW)
Predator free on-line seminars	Predator Free NZ
Predator control stories	Rebecca Bell,/Kate Guthrie (predator Free NZ)
Predator free workshop presentation	Illona Keenan,/Fran McEwan (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara bridge	Martin Wilson (Abseil Access), Kate Sanders (Kept Consulting Ltd), Tim Harkness (WCC), Jenny Lewis (WRA), Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)
Buddleia leaf weevil	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Removal of karaka	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Tradescantia piles in Trelissick Park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
OMB on railway slope	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Freshwater hui	Zoe Studd (The Whitebait Connection), Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines), Tim Harkness (WCC)
Freeparking renewal for domain name	The Freeparking team
Garden dumping summer scholarship results	Miriam Sherratt
Corporate responsiveness survey	Eric Pyle (Walking Access Commission)
Restoration Day 2016 registrations now open.	Rebecca Bird (GW)
Wadestown Village Fair - Stallholder information	Fiona Shrapnell (WRA)
Weedbusters: some \$\$ available to support active groups	Carolyn Lewis (Weedbusters)
April ecological restoration workshops and events	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Extra seedlings available Berhmapore Nursery	Helen Mechen (WCC)
Seed collection for Wellington ecological restoration projects	Tim Park/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Proposed Natural Resources Plan - Further Submissions	Copies from various organisations
Annual Plan 2016/17 - Your Ideas	Neil McInnes (WCC)
Feedback wanted pre-consultation on Annual Plan	WCC
Further submission from TPG - Proposed Natural Resources Plan	Emily Greenberg (GW)
Further Conservation Volunteers work in Trelissick Park	Edward Tregidga (Conservation Volunteers)
MPI Visit to Trelissick Park	Jennifer Websdale (MPI)
Plant delivery	Tim Harkness/ Brian Thomas (WCC)

131 Silverstream Rd subdivision consent application - notification and update	Andrew McLellan, Toby Green, Cr Andy foster (WCC)
Makererua Orleans St reserve newsletter	Robin White (NCDRA)
Kaiwharawhara Stream - DOC riparian strip	Brent Tandy (DOC), Chris Horne
A meeting with your group	Russell Tregonning
Submitter Information Days on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan	GW
Planting event in Trelissick Park	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Digital Story Telling forum	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Replacement brochure holder and mulch	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Stoat remains	Bernard Smith (WCC)
'In Safe Hands' Workshop	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Trelissick Park Group Newsletter re epiphytes and kaka	Helen Mechen (WCC)
Titoki seedlings	Russell Robinson
Practical outdoor first aid workshop	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Archiving with OHS	Judy Siers (OHS)
Actions/summary from meeting on Oban St track and Kaiwharawhara Stream bridge	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Makara bridge proposal and bridge project questions	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Wellington Airport Community Awards 2016	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Triumph herbicide for Trelissick Park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Tree down over Trelissick Park track	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Trelissick Park pest plant control update	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Mulch & Port-a-loo for June 10th & 12th - Trelissick Park plantings	Tim Harkness (WCC)

Inwards Letters

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.

1 March - Erin Campbell (GW). Proposed Natural Resources Plan - Summary of Decisions Requested.

9 March - Hayley Scurr (WCC). Concerned neighbour update, 131 Silverstream Rd.

1 April - William Woods (CentrePort). Proposed Natural Resources Plan for Wellington Region - Further Submission.

5 April - Jonathan Streat (GW). Proposed Natural Resources Plan for Wellington Region Errors and Omissions Addendum for Summary of Decisions requested.

3 May - Erin Campbell (GW). Proposed Natural Resources Plan Information Days.

Outward Letters

None.

Finance

Thanks to Deidre Burke for her donated payment of \$127.82 to Freeparking for renewal of the TPG website domain name. She has kindly donated similar amounts over the past years as her contribution to TPG.

The bank balance at 4 May was \$1,509.95. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Water Quality Monitoring Station - No advice yet (see last Minutes for details). **Tim Harkness**

Fresh Water Hui by The Whitebail Connection - Attended by Oliver Vetter and Peter Reimann.

OHS Archives - Judy Siers advises that OHS is running out of space for further archiving of TPG records. This should be no problem because we have digitised onto CDs all our emails and documents since 2010, apart from some letters and reports that arrived in hard copy. There are also some paper records being kept by TPG because the subjects are still on-going or useful - only about 1 m of shelf space in all.

Memorandum of Understanding - Tim Harkness will be updating this in conjunction with TPG within the next 12 - 18 months. **Tim Harkness**

Project Kaiwharawhara - Frances Lee is keen to see this rekindled. **Myfanwy Emeny**

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 2 August 2016** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.