



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC) ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY
AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
HELD ON 6 JULY 2022, MONDAY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS AT 09:00 AM**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson, Dr Lita Webley officially opened the meeting at 9:00 and welcomed everyone present.

2. Attendance

Members

Dr Lita Webley (LW)
Dr Romala Govender (RG)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Prof Simon Hall (SLB)

Members of Staff

Mr Nosiphiwo Tafeni (NT)
Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CS)
Ms Stephanie Barnardt-Delport (SBD)
Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)
Ms Reagon Fortune (RF)
Ms Ayanda Mdludlu (AM)
Ms Sneha Jhupsee (SJ)
Ms Natalie Kendrick (NK)
Mr Robin George (RG)
Ms Sneha Jhupsee (SJ)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)

Visitors

Mr Tim Hart
Dr Peter Nilssen
Ms Cathy Salter-Jansen
Ms Jenna Lavin
Mr Richard Myburgh
Ms Harriet Clift
Mr David Halkett
Ms F Smit
Mr T Mlilo

Observers

None

3. Apologies

Dr Wendy Black (WB)
Dr Jayson Orton
Ms Emmylou Bailey

Absent

None

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1 Dated 6 July 2022

The Committee approved the agenda dated 6 July 2022 with additions and amendments. Approved and JG and RG seconded.

5. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

5.1 APM Minutes dated 4 May 2022.

The Committee approved the minutes dated 4 May 2022. JG proposed and RG seconded.

5.2 APM Minutes dated 1 June 2022

The Committee approved the minutes dated 1 June 2022. JG proposed and RG seconded.

6. Disclosure of Interest

JG 25.1

7. Confidential Matters

7.1 None

8. Appointments

8.1 None

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Outcome of Appeals

Feedback was provided on the following items:PM

9.1.1 Erven 117431&153536, 24A & 26 Main Road, Rondebosch

9.1.2 NID: PROPOSED WATER PIPELINE AND SEWER PIPELINE WILL FORM PART OF THE PROPOSED MOUNT PEARL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PTN 3 AND 4 OF FARM 527, PTN 2 OF FARM 600, PTN 1 OF FARM 602, REMAINDER OF FARM 602, PTN 2 OF FARM 527, PTN 45 OF FARM 527, PAARL

9.1.3 Proposed Alteration and Additions on Erf 2042, 25 Avenue Le Sueur, Cape Town -(S.34)

9.1.4 NID: Erf 5025, Leopard Rock Estate, Chanteclair, Onrus, Hermanus.

9.2 Kolkies PV Suite.

The Committee noted that the Erica and Lily Wind farms were not relocated as required by the IACom Final Comments. However, the time for an appeal had expired. The Committee noted the cumulative impacts of wind farms in the area.

9.3 Pay slips

JG noted that Committee members would like to receive a payslip in order to see the breakdown of payments. The CEO noted that due to capacity constraints, this was not possible for all Committee members but individuals could request this. With respect to Wi-Fi invoices, these should be submitted by the 15th of every month. It was possible to provide an Excel spreadsheet of payments, but this would be a single document with the payments for everyone visible. The Committee would be provided with the email addresses of Ms Vallie and Ms Ebrahim

LW asked about the IRP5 documents for 2021/2022. Also whether Committee members could start claiming for 5 hours of reading, in place of the current 3 hours.

10. Standing Items

10.1 Clanwilliam Dam – Rock Art panels

Report by SB

- The rock art panels were meant to be temporarily stored at 16 Park St, Clanwilliam (The Living Landscape Museum). However, the delay in the construction of the dam has meant that the panels are still in the building.
- 16 Park St is in the process of being sold by the owner, the University of Cape Town. They have asked for the panels to be removed from the building. This has once again put pressure on finding a new home for the panels.
- HWC have held a meeting with all interested parties June and they have given the Department of Water Affairs a deadline to find an alternative venue for the panels, preferably in Clanwilliam. The deadline for a response from the Department is today, the 6th July.
- The HWC management team are hopeful that the issue will be solved by the end of the year, if not sooner.
- The Deputy Director has indicated that SB will be present during the removal of the panels from the Living Landscape Museum to ensure that they are not damaged in any way.

SB

10.2 Accidental Finds of Skeletal Remains: None

10.3 Published Papers/Report Results: Mitochondrial Haplogroup

The Committee noted that further research had been undertaken on existing samples, under a permit issued some years ago, and Dr Horsburgh of the Southern Methodist University in the USA, has submitted an academic paper on the results to HWC.

11. Site Inspection

None

12. Proposed Site Inspection(s)

None

13. Site Inspection Report

13.1 Portion 87 of Farm 135, McGregor on 2 June 2022

Report by NK

- The report relates to the accidental finds of human remains in McGregor. The landowner was digging a fire pit in front of a train carriage when the mechanical digger uncovered parts of a human skeleton. The police identified it as being not of forensic interest and notified HWC. They collected the bones from SAPS and visited the farm to determine if there were more remains.
- HWC discussed the option of removing the remains and storing them at either FACT, or at Iziko Museums. Another option, which was agreed with the landowner, was to rebury the remains on the farm in terms of the NHRA.
- HWC staff returned to the farm in May and recovered the rest of the remains. Unfortunately, the most diagnostic bones were missing or incomplete. Without the complete cranium and pelvis, the sex of the skeleton could not be determined. The presence of only two teeth in the mandible, suggested an individual of senior years.
- In addition, a metal button was found between the arm and the ribs, which confirmed an historical burial. A second button and some shoe leather were also recovered. The burial itself was very unusual and not typical of farm burials.
- HWC arranged for a wooden coffin which were taken up to McGregor. Once all the bones have been collected and photographed, they were reburied on the farm. A GPS location was obtained.
- HWC have initiated a public participation process to see if anyone comes forward with further information.

13.2 Farm 103/ RE/85, Voliere, Stellenbosch on 2 June 2022

SB noted:

- Although the human remains had been recovered from a trench which was being filled with soil in Stellenbosch, the soil had been introduced from the Blue Downs area. The HWC staff undertook to visit the sand mine in Blue Downs once they were able to enrol the assistance of SAPS for a site inspection as this is not a safe area. Further information would be provided to the Committee by AM once it became available.

13.3 Erf 2338, Yzerfontein on 7 June 2022

Report by SB

- The human remains were recovered close to an old farm werf at Yzerfontein. The remains were removed by SAPS and no further remains were recovered by HWC staff.
- HWC collected the remains, dug through the spoil heap and monitored the digging..
- In addition a few fragments of shell, and some fauna remains with cut marks were recorded.
- The remains were uncovered on a private property and the owner was not in favour of reburial on the property. For this reason, the remains were removed and placed in temporary storage at Iziko Museums with the intention of reburial at a later date.
- A public participation process will be undertaken.

13.4 Erf 1518, Paternoster on 7 June 2022

Report by SB

This site inspection relates to a shell midden identified by Dr J Orton. It does not appear that it is threatened at this stage as there are no proposals to start development. However, SB will contact the municipality to make sure that a buffer is placed around the midden.

14. Report back on Council

None

15. Policy and Procedures

- 15.1 Updating HWC Accidental Finds Protocol
SB intended to update the Protocol to include the results of the McGregor experience with respect to reburial.
- 15.2 National Policy on Human Remains
NK noted that further information was not available from WB of the Committee. LW requested that she make further enquiries, perhaps with FACT.
- 15.3 Record of decision for HIA
WD explained that HWC Committees have not been including periods of validity for ROD's which they have issued. It has been proposed at IACom that RODs should have a validity of 5 years and that this should be included as a standard condition in all RODs issued. Thereafter, the developer would have to request an extension, or reapply.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

16. SECTION 35 PERMIT APPLICATION

16.1 None

17. SECTION 36 PERMIT APPLICATION

17.1 None

18. SECTION 36 PERMIT REPORT

18.1 Report on the reburial process as permit conditions: Matter arising
HM / CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/ SIMON'S TOWN / ERF 4998
Case No: 18061907SB0704E

Report prepared by ACO Associates

Ms Stephanie Barnardt-Delport introduced the item.

Ms H Cliff, Ms C Salter-Jansen, Mr T Hart and Mr D Halkett were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- It is requested that the CEO of HWC and the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport from the Western Cape government should attend the reburial of the remains and the unveiling of the head stones.
- The confirmation of attendance by government officials is required as this will determine the lettering on the headstone.
- Ms Salter Jansen to communicate directly with the CEO to set a tentative date for both.

RECORD OF DECISION

The Committee approved the final permit report and the letter outlining the reburial plan from ACO Associates dated 3rd June 2022.

SB

19. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

19.1 Workplan: New Matter
HM/ CAPE WINELANDS/LANGEBERG/MCGREGOR/ERF 357
21090603SB1001E

Workplan application prepared by ASHA Consulting

Natalie Kendrick introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The workplan relates to an HIA which was discussed at APM in December 2021.
- Five dense scatters of stone artefacts were recorded in the northern part of the vineyard.
- The workplan outlined the process of sampling the scatters.

RECORD OF DECISION

The Committee endorsed the workplan application by ASHA Consulting dated 12 May 2022.

NK

20. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORT

20.1 None

21. SECTION 38 (4) HIA

21.1 None

22. Section 34 - ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS/DEMOLITION

22.1 None

23. SECTION 38 (1) NID

23.1 None

24. REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE

24.1 None

25. SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

25.1 Proposed Overberg Wind Energy Facility South-West of Swellendam, Western Cape. New matter HM/OVERBERG/SWELLENDAM/ RE PORTIONS 3 AND 7, AND PORTION 8 OF FARM 251, RE 2 AND PORTION 5 OF FARM 256, KLUITJIESKRAAL, RE AND VARIOUS OTHERS
Case No: 22041402AM0504E

Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by ACO Associates cc to be tabled

Cecilene Muller introduced the item.

Mr J Gribble was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The comment on the submission to be issued by HOMS.
- HOMS had noted that the area was of high palaeosensitivity, particularly below 2m. The Committee discussed the possibility that excavations for the turbines could impact important fossils below 2 metres and the need for monitoring during this process.
- The Committee agreed with the potential impact assessments on stone tools scatters and the need avoid them during construction.

COMMENT TO HOMS

The APM Committee supported the recommendations for archaeology and palaeontology on page 48 of the HIA (ACO Associates June 2022):

1. The EAP and ECO must be informed of the very high palaeontological significance of the WEF area,
2. The Chance Find Protocol in the PIA (Groenewald 2022) designed to record all unexpected fossils associated with the geological formations on site must be implemented during the lifetime of the WEF and must be included as part of the EMPr of this project.
3. If fossils are exposed during the lifetime of the project, a suitably qualified palaeontological specialist must be appointed to collect them and to upgrade the Chance Find Protocol document, if required.
4. Fossils must be reported immediately to HWC.
5. Recommendations contained in the PIA must be approved by HWC for inclusion in the EMPr for the project.
6. Each identified archaeological site within the WEF boundary (J003-J009, G001) must be buffered by 50m and these buffers declared no-go areas during the construction of the WEF.
7. If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of the development, then work in the immediate area must be halted. The find will need to be reported to HWC and may require inspection and mitigation by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

CM

- 25.2 Proposed rezoning and residential development on Erf 155 Keurboomstrand, Plettenberg Bay. Matter arising HM/ EDEN/ BITOU/ PLETTENBERG BAY/KEURBOOMSTRAND/ ERF 155
Case No: 21060110AM0615E

Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Hearth Heritage to be tabled

Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the item.

Ms Smit, who had prepared the VIA, was present for the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The APM Committee noted the potential for fossil material below 2 metres.
- The Committee noted that the area appeared to be archaeologically sterile.

COMMENT TO IACOM

The APM Committee endorsed the recommendations for mitigation of archaeology and palaeontology on page 43 of the HIA (Hearth Heritage dated June 2022):

1. Due to the dense vegetation and limited archaeological visibility, a suitably qualified archaeologist should do a foot survey of the site intermittently during clearing of vegetation and once vegetation has been finally cleared before any earthworks are to commence.
2. Although unlikely, there may be buried or currently hidden archaeological material including human remains, present on site and should these be uncovered or exposed during excavations or vegetation clearing, HWC should be notified immediately and all development work on site (preconstruction included) should be halted until these finds are investigated by HWC (Att: Ms Waseefa Dhansay 021 483 9685).
3. No negative impact to significant palaeontological heritage is anticipated as the palaeontological sensitivity of the geology of the development area is considered to be very low and there are no

objections on palaeontological heritage grounds. In the event of important fossil material being identified during excavations, the HWC Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented.

AM

- 25.3 Proposed prospecting right for limestone mining on Farm Widouw 309, Vanrhynsdorp. Matter arising HM/ WEST COAST/ MATZIKAMA/ VANRHYNSDORP/ FARM WIDOUW 309
Case No: 21092903AM0103E

Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Sativa Travel and Environmental Consultants to be tabled.

Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the item.

Richard Myburgh and Trust Mlilo were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that only Prospecting Area 1 had been surveyed by the archaeologist although there are four prospecting areas included in the report.
 - The other three areas could not be surveyed due to the landowner denying access .
 - The Committee noted that the results from Area 1 cannot be extrapolated to the other three areas.
 - The Committee commented that it was important that the lithics be clearly identified in the light of previous surveys in the area as the information could provide significant information on pre-colonial settlement.
 - A revised report must contain maps which clearly indicate the area which has been surveyed.
 - The title of the report must also indicate the prospecting area under discussion.
 - The Committee noted that the AIA did not contain recommendations. The recommendations in the AIA should align with those in the HIA.
 - The SAHRIS palaeo map indicates that the palaeontology is in the clear/white zone of unknown significance and blue zone of low significance.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS

The APM Committee requires a revised report which is limited to Area 1 and provides the information discussed above.

AM

- 25.4 Proposed development of an eco-estate on Remainder Erf 220, Still Bay East. New matter HM/ EDEN/ HESSEQUA/ STILL BAY/ RE ERF 220
Case No: 21052101AM1108E

Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Dr Peter Nilssen to be tabled

Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the item.

Dr Peter Nilssen was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The PIA noted that the area is of low palaeontological importance but if the development intersects with shell beds, bulk samples should be collected for further analyses.
- The AIA did not identify any archaeological remains of significance.
- The ruin of a building made of calcrete was recorded but the historical research indicated that it did not appear to have high significance
- The Committee commented that the colonial period midden might be of interest in providing interesting information on early settlement in Still Bay

Comments to IACom:

The APM Committee endorses the recommendations 2, 8, 9 and 10 as included for mitigation in the archaeology and palaeontology sections on pg. 70 and 71 by Dr Nilssen dated March 2022:

2. There is some possibility of fossil bone finds in the Wankoe Formation but evidently of low likelihood. Nevertheless, earth works personnel must be involved in mitigation by watching for fossils as excavations are made. It is recommended that a protocol for finds of buried fossil bones, the Fossil Finds Procedure (FFP) is included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed development. See further details in Section 7 and Appendix 3 of the accompanying palaeontology report (Appendix A).
8. If the current proposal for development – low density and low profile – is adhered to, then there will be little to negligible negative impact to the aesthetic value of the cultural landscape and scenic route and hence there are no further requirements in terms of the NHRA.
9. The ECO must be briefed about the potential of sub-surface archaeological resources (e.g. stone tools, fossil shells and bones) and should report any discovery of such heritage resources during the construction phase to HWC. Any such resources are protected under Section 35(4) of the NHRA and must be protected from further disturbance until investigated by HWC and/or a suitable qualified archaeologist. Any work in mitigation will require a work plan and, if deemed appropriate, should be commissioned and completed before construction continues in the affected area and will be at the expense of the developer.
10. In the event of exposing human remains during construction, then the find should be protected from further disturbance and work in the immediate area should be halted. The find will fall under the authority of HWC and must be reported to them, and will require inspection by a professional archaeologist to determine the way forward. Any disturbance to a human burial older than 60 years will require a permit in terms of Section 36(3)(a). Graves and burial grounds are the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution. Any work associated with the find will also be at the cost of the developer.

AM

25.5 Proposed housing development on Remainder Farm 382, Redelinghuys. New matter HM/ WEST COAST/ BERGRIVER/ REDELINGHUYS/ RE FARM 382
Case No:21081902AM0820E

Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by CTS Heritage to be tabled.

Ms Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the item.

Ms Jenna Lavin was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The likelihood of finding fossil deposit is low
- Dense vegetation made the survey work difficult
- There are many significant archaeological sites in the general area.

COMMENT TO IACOM

The APM Committee endorses the recommendations on pg. 20 of the AIA of CTS dated June 2022:

1. An archaeologist must undertake a site inspection once vegetation clearing has been completed to record any significant archaeological heritage present within the development area.
2. If any archaeological resources, unmarked Khoisan or battlefield graves are uncovered or exposed during bulk earthworks, these must be immediately reported to the contracted archaeologist or Heritage Western Cape (att. Mrs Colette Scheermeyer 021 483 9685).

AM

26. SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

26.1 None

27. REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT

27.1 None

28. OTHER MATTERS

29. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Committee adopted the resolutions and decisions JG moved to adopt the decisions and resolutions and RG seconded.

30. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at: 12:50

31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

3 August 2022

CHAIRPERSON _____ *L. E. Webber*

DATE 23 August 2022

SECRETARY _____ *[Signature]*

DATE 3 August 2022