

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE,
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
Held on Tuesday, 18 October 2016 at the 3rd Floor Boardroom,
Protea Assurance Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town at 09:00**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mrs Mary Leslie, officially opened the meeting at 09:05 and welcomed everyone present. ML indicated that this was probably her last meeting and the final meeting of this committee, though it is hoped that some members will be re-elected by the new Council. She thanked everyone for their contributions over the years. It is expected that the Council will be electing a new APM committee at their first meeting/ strategic workshop on 27/28 October 2016.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Mrs Mary Leslie (ML)
Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)
Ms Harriet Clift (HC)
Dr Jayson Orton (JO)
Dr Mariagrazia Galimberti (MG)

Members of Staff

Mr Zwelibanzi Shiceka (ZS)
Mr Andrew September (AS)
Mr Guy Thomas (GT)
Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)
Ms Katherine Robinson (KR)
Mr Jonathan Windvogel (JW)

Visitors

N/A

Observers

Dr Antonia Malan

3. APOLOGIES

Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CS)
Dr Lita Webley (LW)
Mr John Gribble (JG)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1 Dated 18 October 2016.

The Committee approved the agenda dated 18 October 2016 with additions.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Dated 7 September 2016.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes with minor typographical amendments.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

6.1 None.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

7.1 None.

8. APPOINTMENTS

8.1 None.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 Baboon Point

AS reported that a site visit had been undertaken with the legal advisor, Ms Penny Meyer, to familiarise the legal counsel with conditions at the site indicating that HWC was not opposed to all development.

9.4 Elandsfontein

AS indicated that the Elandsfontein reference group had met (GT had represented HWC). AS agreed to forward the reference group minutes to APM and to attach them to the minutes of this meeting. GT had reported to AS that monitoring is happening as planned. AS agreed to keep a watching brief on the monitoring process.

AS

9.5 APM Handover Report

ML summarized her draft of the APM Chairperson's Handover Report. There was some discussion of the challenges faced by APM. The report will be circulated to Committee members for comment.

ML

10. STANDING ITEMS

10.1 Site Visit Reports

A site visit was discussed under section 9.

11. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

11.1 Completed Policies: Minimum Standards Reports

The committee had recently completed a Minimum Standards policy for *Archaeology and Palaeontology Reports* which JL had converted to general standards for HIAs, both of which IACom has approved. The *Fossil Finds Policy* derived is also used by IACom. The committee was thanked for their considerable input in the development of these policies.

ML

11.2 Completed Policies: Workplan Applications and Approvals Procedures

The *Workplan Checklist* developed by the committee had been very successful. The contents must still be rationalised with the permit application data.

ML

11.3 Standard Paragraph

The planned meeting with HOMS had not eventuated and the matter of the other *Standard Paragraphs* has not been clarified. The primary *Standard Paragraph* is in regular use.

ML

11.4 Workshop Needed: Rescue of Human Remains and Communication with I&APs

APM had previously discussed that:

- A Workshop is required to establish policy about how I&APs should be informed about rescue of human remains. Mrs Scheermeyer had indicated that this had already been planned by management.
- A Discussion group with UCT Archaeology and Anatomy Departments and Iziko, as the repository, is needed to establish a collaborative rapid response process for correct protocols regarding the process of rescue of human remains. The process needs to be formalised. UCT Anatomy Department clearly now understands that precolonial burials have archaeological context and thus an archaeologist is required to be involved, but this needs to be formalised as it is on a personal level that this has been established.

11.5 Workshop Needed: Repository Issues

Wendy Black of Iziko had previously met with the APM Committee to discuss the "Permit-to-Repository Phase" for collections, indicating that many (mostly Stone Age) collections took 'some time' to reach the repository. The management of this phase is of importance. Jenna Lavin had agreed to organise a Workshop with Researchers and Contract Practitioners to unpack the ramifications and enable the development of an acceptable policy to govern the management of this process. Staff changes in APM have however prevented this being set up and the matter should be taken up by the new APM Committee.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

12.1 Proposed Rescuing of Skeletal Material, Tankwa Karoo National Park, Witzenberg: NM HM/WITZENBERG/TANKWA KAROO Case No: 16090108AS0914E

The Permit Application: *Application for a HWC permit under section 35: To investigate, rescue and excavate the Perdekloof Human Skeleton being exposed through erosion in Tankwa Karoo National Park*, from Victoria Gibbon of the UCT Human Biology Department, and addendum documents were tabled. The request is to rescue and remove the human remains which are eroding out of the ground near a trail and are still at risk. The permit should be issued to "Ryan Gibbon in association with Victoria Gibbon"

Mr Andrew September gave an introduction.

It was noted that:

- Guy Thomas had visited the site some months ago and discussed the rescue of the material, which had been eroding out for some time;
- The local police have been informed;
- SanParks have requested that this be done;

- The intention is to recover anything that is presently exposed and assess the context from which it has come. If more in depth excavation is intended this will be done in the New Year.

DECISION

The permit is approved on the understanding that:

- The permit is initially for the rescuing of exposed skeletal material or material at risk and any immediately associated artefacts. Before excavation of buried material proceeds, relevant stakeholders must be consulted.
- The progress report on this initial collection work must be sent to HWC and circulated to relevant I&APs before further work is undertaken. AS will supply the necessary information on this.
- It is understood that the site will be assessed to establish what (if any) further work needs to be done.

AS

12.2 Proposed Reopening and Sediment Sampling at Faraoskop Rock Shelter, Remainder of Portion 20 of Farm 97, Graaftwater: NM HM/CEDERBERG/GRAAFWATER/FARAOSKOP Case No: 16090615AS0909E

The Permit Application from Professor JE Parkington for *Reopening and Sediment Sampling at Faraoskop Rock Shelter* and addendum documents were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave an introduction.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The intention is to clean the section and take a small block of sediment for micromorphological analysis by Dr Mareike Stahlschmidt of the University College Dublin in order to better to understand the history of interment of skeletal material at the site, which is undergoing multidisciplinary study.

DECISION

The permit is approved.

AS

12.3 Permit Area Extension for Archaeological Surveying and Test Excavations Permit for the Battle of Blaauwberg Site, various Portions on Cape Farm 431 & 1141, Blaauwberg: HM/BLAAUWBERG/BLAAUWBERG NATURE RESERVE Case No: 130730TS01

A motivation for an extension of the permit and associated permits were tabled with a progress report Louisa Hutten & Willem Hutten (August 2016) titled *Progress Report on 1806 Battle Of Blaauwberg Archaeological Research (in fulfilment of HWC permit # 130725TS33 to apply for extension of permit conditions)*.

Mr Andrew September gave an introduction.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The Committee cannot issue a permit where there is no landowner permission.
- The old permit remains valid but a new permit application form is required for the new area.

DECISION

The Committee supports the work. However:

- This Committee can issue and approve this permit via email if the update required reaches the committee in time for a decision by Friday 21 October 2016.
- Thereafter, the matter will come before the new Committee.

AS

12.4 Proposed Isotope Analysis of Faunal Material from Erf 5010, Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town: NM HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/CITY CBD/ERF 5010 Case No: 16090209AS0929E

The permit application and addendum documents were tabled.

In discussion it was noted that:

- Linda Mbeki, a PHD candidate in Organic Chemistry at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, wishes to sample 80 faunal mandibles from the Castle collection to extract bone collagen for the analysis of d13C and d15N.
- It is not clear what the research question is or what the establishment of the 'background signals for colonial Cape Town' will contribute to academic research.

INTERIM RESPONSE

The Committee requests further information about how the establishment of the background isotopic signal in the Cape will be applied. The Committee also needs a list of the bones to be sampled, with the relevant accession numbers (a photographic record will be needed eventually), and an assessment of what percentage of the complete collection the sample will form.

AS

12.5 Proposed Enamel Sampling of Faunal Material from PP30, Boplaas, Erf 3438, Mossel Bay: NM HM/MOSSEL BAY/BOPLAAS ERF 3438 Case No: 16060808AS0929E

The permit application and addendum documents were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave an introduction.

In discussion it was noted that:

- PP30 is a fossil hyaena den dated to about 150 000 years old with an outstanding fauna that have been shown to have lived primarily on the Palaeo-Agulhas Plain.
- The intention is to drill serially "at high resolution the teeth of fossil antelope and conduct d13C and d18O measurements" to determine whether the antelope were migrating east and west seasonally".

It was also noted that:

- There is no clarity about the status of the Pinnacle Point collections in the Dias Museum. AS will investigate to assess whether that is the long term repository.

DECISION

The permit is approved, subject to clarification regarding the repository.

AS

12.6 Proposed Sampling of Holocene Skeletal Material throughout Western Cape, Iziko Museum, Cape Town: NM HM/IZIKO MUSEUM/ACKERMANN SAMPLING PERMIT (2016) Case No: 16092603AS0926E

Permit application and addendum documents, including a *Research proposal: Examining evidence for genetic continuity and admixture among Holocene Khoesan skeletons* by Dr Becky Ackermann, were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave an introduction.

In discussion it was noted that this project had already provided exiting results.

DECISION

The Committee approved the permit, subject to the current process for informing I&APs. AS will provide the applicant with the relevant information.

AS

12.7 Proposed Microscopic Analysis of Mastics from LSA Material from Boomplaas, Steenbokfontein and Renbaan Cave, Housed at Iziko Museums Collection: NM HM/SAMPLING PERMIT/VEALL 2016

The Committee ratified the email decision on this application, as follows:

DECISION

This sampling permit APPROVES sampling of the following items:

- i) The Renbaan samples;
- ii) BPA01 and BPA03.

The permit DOES NOT APPROVE sampling of the 'complete' hafted artefacts and significant mastic shapes: SAM AA7344, SAM1588, SAM AA5355, BPA02 and BPA04 at this point, or of any loosening fragments on them.

- i) Some of the composition differences in the Boomplaas samples cited by the applicant are potentially explicable as a result of mastic handling methods (use of ochre or soot) that the applicant does not discuss.

The permit DOES NOT APPROVE sampling of any "loosening fragments" on the 'complete' hafted artefacts and significant mastic shapes: SAM AA7344, SAM1588, SAM AA5355, BPA02 and BPA04, at this point, BUT:

The permit APPROVES the use of the associated "Completely Detached Material or Dust" associated with SAM1588, BPA02 and BPA04 (Table 1 of Veall letter to HWC of 27.9.16 (16052308AS05E.ADD2.VEALL.pdf)).

No sampling of mastic may occur before adequate morphological photographic and descriptive recording of the specimens, as well as recording of the extent of mastic staining or residue, has taken place, i.e., a full BEFORE and AFTER record must be kept.

Any diagnostic features in the mastic must be avoided, e.g. fingerprints and artefact or haft imprints.

HWC requires a full permit report. The report must provide full photographic and descriptive information about the morphology and condition of the samples BEFORE and AFTER sampling. The applicant is reminded that HWC requires a copy of the completed thesis.

The sampling of the artefacts must be undertaken in collaboration with the IZIKO staff who must be fully informed of the permit conditions.

AS

13 PERMIT REPORTS

13.1 Emergency Graffiti Removal for Sevilla Trail Site 09, Cederberg: MA HM/CEDERBERG/SEVILLA SITE 09 Case No: 16070702AS0707E

The permit report by Janette Deacon: *Report to Heritage Western Cape on the Removal of Graffiti from Site 9 on the Sevilla Trail, Sevilla 135, Cederberg Municipality in terms of HWC Permit Case number 16070702as0707e* and dated September 2016 was tabled.

In discussion the dissemination of information associated with this report was noted.

DECISION

The report was acknowledged. AS will contact the authors to indicate that the APM Committee approved the report.

AS

13.2 Permit Report for Graffiti Removal for PHK001, Phillipskop Mountain Reserve, Stanford: MA HM/STANFORD/PHILLIPSKOP MOUNTAIN RESERVE Case No: 16062110AS0622E

The permit report by Cedar Tower Services: *Permit Report Case 16062110AS0622E at site: Phillipskop Rock Art Site (PHK001) for Phillipskop Mountain Reserve* dated August 2016 was tabled.

DECISION

The report was acknowledged. AS will contact the authors to indicate that the APM Committee approved the report.

AS

14 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS

15.1 None

16 SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

- 16.1 Proposed Total Demolition, Erven 177651 (5044, 5046, 5047, 5048, 5050, 5052 & 5053), 44, 46 & 48 Commercial Street, Cape Town CBD: NM HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/Erven 177651 (5044, 5046, 5047, 5048, 5050, 5052 & 5053)
Case No: 16021507KR0804M**

The Heritage Impact Assessment by Chris Snelling and Rae Regensberg was tabled with a workplan for through-the-floor archaeological test pits.

Ms Katherine Robinson made a power-point presentation.

In discussion it was noted that the Committee accepts that the location of the trenches can be adapted according to sub-surface conditions and that if further trenches or test holes are deemed to be required then these are allowed.

DECISION

The workplan is supported in principle. It will be considered approved only once AS has received and approved the documentation from the Iziko repository.

KR

17 SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

- 17.1** None.

18 REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE

- 18.1** None.

19 REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT

- 19.1** None.

20 OTHER MATTERS

- 20.1 Rock Art Management Plan for PHK001, Portion 1 of Farm 627, Phillipskop Mountain Reserve, Stanford: MA HM/OVERBERG/OVERSTRAND/STANFORD/PORCION 1 OF FARM PHILLIPSKOP 627, STANFORD
Case No: 16062110AS0622E**

MG recused herself from this item.

The Rock Art Management Plan was tabled.

Mr Andrew September made a power-point presentation.

DECISION

The Committee indicated that its concerns had been addressed and supported the Rock Art Management Plan. However the "Do's and Don'ts" of the pamphlet and the signage should be reversed as it is always more effective to acknowledge the positive first.

AS

**20.2 Conservation Management Plan for Diepkloof Shelter, Verlorenvlei, Cederberg:
MA
HM/CEDERBERG/DIEPKLOOF ROCK SHELTER**

ICMP was tabled.

In discussion the CMP was commended.

DECISION

A word version will be circulated for comment.

JW

**20.3 Conservation Management Plan Blombos Cave, Farm Blomboschfontein 495,
Hessequa: NM
HM/STILL BAY/FARM BLOMBOSCHFONTEIN 495**

ICMP was tabled.

In discussion the CMP was commended.

DECISION

A word version will be circulated for comment.

JW

20.4. Comment Review of Paternoster CBA Development

The review letter is to be circulated via email. Comments must reach AS by Friday.

21. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

The Committee adopted the resolution and decisions and the minutes will be circulated for editing.

22 CLOSURE The meeting adjourned at: 12:00

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2 November 2016

CHAIRPERSON _____ **DATE** _____

SECRETARY _____ **DATE** _____