

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC),
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
Held on Thursday 1 March 2018 in the Boardroom, 1st Floor Protea Assurance
Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town at 09:00 AM**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson, Dr Antonia Malan, officially opened the meeting at 09:07 and welcomed everyone present.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Dr Antonia Malan (AM)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)
Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)
Dr Lita Webley (LW)

Members of Staff

Mr Jonathan Windvogel (JW)
Mr Andrew September (AS)
Ms Heidi Boise (HB)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Ms Stephanie-Anne Barnardt (SB)
Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)
Ms Aneeqah Brown (AB)

Visitors

Ms Harriet Clift (HC)
Mr Chris Snelling (CSn)
Mr Jonathan Kaplan (JK)

Observers

None

3. APOLOGIES

Dr Mariagrazia Galimberti (MG)
Dr Jayson Orton (JO)
Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CSc)
Mr Zwelibanzi Shiceka (ZS)
Ms Penelope Meyer (PM)

Absent

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1 Dated 1 March 2018.

The Committee resolved to approve the agenda with additional items: Battery Crescent, Sea Point; Hominid Footprints at Brenton-on-Sea; and Lion Street, Bo-Kaap.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Dated 7 February 2018.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

- JG: item 9.3

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

7.1 None

8. APPOINTMENTS

8.1 Ms Harriet Clift item 9.3; Mr Jonathan Kaplan items 15.1 and 16.3.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 Outstanding Mitigation and Workplan Reports

DECISION

Outstanding Permit reports and Workplan reports to be fully tabulated and reminders sent to the permit holders.

AS

9.2 Registration of Repositories

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The *Registration of Repositories* document to be further developed.
- The management of human remains requires a policy and management plan. HWC is in discussion with South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).
- The final version of *Management of Archaeological Material* to be submitted to the HWC Council for approval.

9.3 Rem Erf 1076 and 1081, No.6 Battery Crescent, Sea Point

Ms Stephanie Barnardt gave a PowerPoint presentation.

After presenting an update on findings at the site, JG recused himself and left the room.

Ms Harriet Clift of the City of Cape Town (CoCT) and Mr Chris Snelling (heritage consultant) were present and took part in the discussion.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The original Heritage Assessment for this site and other developments in the area of the old Sea Point Battery in the same street, by Mr Snelling, pointed out the high probability of significant fabric remaining throughout the footprint.
- The discovery of substantial and well-preserved remains of a gun emplacement and raising/lowering mechanism was presented.
- The surviving material is of special significance as an example of both a particular form and size of 'disappearing gun' that is now rare, and of local military history in a global context, and is therefore of high local heritage significance.
- Two options are:
 - Option 1: The site is recorded and preserved in situ, but this will require amendment to the building plans which are currently being processed by CoCT.

Option 2: The remains that can be removed, to be taken to another place for conservation and display, at the expense of the developer.

DECISION

1. Grade IIIA is appropriate for these findings.
2. The emplacement and its contents must be conserved and retained in place after a full record and documentation has been carried out.
3. A formal permit application to be submitted by ACO for forthcoming archaeological mitigation work if so required.
4. The building plans must be amended or re-designed to accommodate the entire remaining gun emplacement, and the new plans to be submitted to APM for approval.
5. HWC to inform the City and developer and ACO of these decisions.
6. A written indication is required from the developer that they will comply with the mitigation measures and re-design of the building.

SB

9.4 Brenton-on-Sea Hominid Footprints

This item is for noting. An article about the site of hominid footprints is being published in *Nature (Scientific Reports)*, and is to be circulated to the Committee for their information.

10 STANDING ITEMS

10.1 Site Visit Reports

10.1.1 Robben Island Burials

AS reported on findings during a site inspection by HWC staff on Robben Island. Human remains had become exposed and were reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS), but not before being disturbed by Robben Island Museum (RIM) staff. HWC was alerted to the find by the attending pathologist after the SAPS visit.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The remains were found in the context of a historic burial ground which is now within a fenced-off portion outside of the prisoned complex. It is well known and documented that there is an extensive unmarked burial ground on the island, as well as formal cemeteries.
- It is not clear whether RIM Heritage Resources Management has a formal procedure in place for such events.
- Robben Island is a Grade I heritage resource and therefore the matter is the responsibility of SAHRA. The APM and Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) sections to be advised.

DECISION

A site visit report and recommendations to be compiled by HWC and communicated to SAHRA and RIM Heritage Resources Management.

AS

10.2 Report back on ExCo and Council

AM made a verbal report which was noted.

11. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

11.1 None

MATTERS DISCUSSED

12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

12.1 Proposed demolition of an archaeological feature (old quarry) on Erf 2970, Lion Street, Bo-Kaap HM/BOKAAP/ERF 2970

I&AP comments were tabled.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- AS reported that CoCT and Bo-Kaap Civic Association have no objections to the proposed archaeological mitigation.

DECISION

The application for a permit to conduct archaeological mitigation is approved.

AS

13. PERMIT REPORTS

13.1 None

14. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS

15.1 Proposed Archaeological Mitigation under a Workplan for Proposed Sand Mining on Portion 3 of Farm Doornfontein 249, Mossel Bay: MA HM/MOSSEL BAY/FARM 249

Case No: 17092818AS1002

Workplan application and addendum documents were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan was present and took part in the discussion.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- A map to show which of the test excavations contained archaeological material and the relative density of the finds to be added to the report.
- The eastern portion of the proposed mine must be archaeologically monitored while vegetation is being cleared.
- The relevant condition(s) in the EMP to be checked by Jonathan Kaplan.

DECISION

The recommendations of the Report on Test Excavations are endorsed with the addition of the following requirements:

1. The briefing for staff and the ECO must point out that works can be stopped if it becomes necessary for mitigation to take place.
2. Any evidence of concentrations of archaeological material or clear stratigraphic context will require work to stop and possible mitigation.

AS

16 SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

16.1 Proposed Photovoltaic Facility and Abalone Farm on Portion 6 of Farm Langefontein 453, Gouritzmond: MA HM/HESSEQUA/PORITION 6 OF FARM LANGEFONTEIN 453

Case No: 16100429AS1006E

A revised Heritage Impact Assessment and associated documents prepared by ACRM and Cedar Towers were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The historical and archaeological background lacks specific relevance to the site and the known sites in the region have not been mapped.
- The cultural landscape is not adequately defined or graded.

COMMENT

The revised Heritage Impact Assessment must address the following issues and add further recommendations:

- The Committee raised concerns over the expected and inadvertent impacts to archaeological resources throughout the proposed development site and towards the shoreline, and stressed that these must be addressed in the recommendations for mitigation.
- The dates of reports and associated documentation to be updated on the title pages and in the file names.
- There is no plan for addressing archaeological implications arising from the results of shovel testing. A review of the grading is necessary after test excavations.
- An archaeological presence on the site during bush clearance is recommended.
- An assessment of the archaeological sensitivity of the buffer and coastal zones is required.

AS

16.2 Proposed Extension of Dolomitic Limestone Mine and Construction of Lime Kilns on Farm Welverdiend 511, Vanrhynsdorp: MA HM/MATZIKAMA/FARM WELVERDIEND 511

Case No: 1603109AS1129M

Surface Collections Mitigation Report prepared by Dr Foreman Bandama dated 28 January 2018 was tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The new consultant carried out mitigation work at the site and submitted a report.
- The work was carried out without submission of a Workplan, which was required under the final comment from HWC dated 17 August 2017.
- There are further concerns regarding compliance with the requirement for recognised and relevant expertise in Stone Age archaeology.

RESPONSE

A letter to be sent to the practitioner raising concerns and requiring a written response, together with an invitation to discuss the matter with APM at the April meeting.

A letter to be sent to the mining operator and DMR explaining the need to postpone the HWC decision.

AS

16.3 Proposed Upgrade of the Kraalbaai Day Visitor Facilities, Farm 365/C Stofbergfontein, West Coast National Park, Langebaan Western Cape: NM HM/ WEST COAST/ SALDANAH BAY/ LANGEBAAN/ FARM 365 STOFBERGSFONTEIN PORTION C WEST COST NATIONAL PARK

Case No: 16030410WD0318M

Application documents were tabled.

Ms Waseefa Dhansay gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan was present and took part in the discussion.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The palaeontological study was conducted in 2006 for a previous proposal. One of the proposed boardwalks has therefore not specifically been inspected. For this reason, work on new infrastructure and boardwalks must be monitored by a palaeontologist on the basis of an agreed plan as detailed below.
- The revised recommendations and monitoring plan may be submitted to HOMS for approval.

FURTHER REQUIREMENT

The application is approved in principle and the recommendations endorsed, with the addition of the requirement for a comprehensive plan for monitoring all sub-surface work by a palaeontologist. This must be agreed before excavations commence and the plan to be submitted to HWC for final approval.

WD

17 SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

17.1 Short Conservation Management Plan for Mussel Point PHS (Mike Taylors Midden), Farm Mosselbaai, Portion 18 & 12 of Farm Verlorenvlei, Cederberg: MA HM/CEDERBERG/FARM MOSSELBAAI

Case No: 120905JL01M

Revised Short Conservation Management Plan for Mussel Point PHS prepared by ACO Associates / Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants was tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

DECISION

The short Conservation Management Plan for Mussel Point PHS (20200_Mussel Point CMP Draft 2_2018.01.11 duly amended) is approved.

AS

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 None

21. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

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

22 CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at: 13:29

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

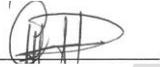
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