

**MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE,  
INVENTORIES, GRADING AND INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE**

**Approved Minutes of a meeting of the Inventories, Grading and Interpretation Committee  
of Heritage Western Cape held on 9 July 2015, at 09H30 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Boardroom at the  
Offices of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Protea Assurance Building,  
Greenmarket Square, Cape Town**

**1. Opening and Welcoming**

The Chairperson, Dr Antonia Malan, opened the meeting at 09h40 and welcomed everyone present.

**2. Attendance**

**Inventories, Grading and Interpretation Committee:**

Dr Antonia Malan  
Mr Ignatius de Swardt  
Mr Stefan de Kock  
Dr Stephen Townsend  
Ms Maureen Wolters  
Ms Quahnita Samie  
Mr Rowen Ruiters

**HWC Staff**

Ms Jenna Lavin  
Ms Lithalethu Mshoti

**Visitors**

Mr M Alexander  
Mr S Appleby  
Mr F Te Waternaude

**Observers**

None

**3. Apologies**

Ms Laura Robinson  
Dr Errol Myburg  
Ms Penny Meyer

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

QS: 12.5

## **5 Approval of the agenda**

The Committee resolved to approve the agenda dated 9 July 2015 with one additional item.

## **6. Approval of the previous minutes dated 6 May 2015**

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes dated 6 May 2014 with no amendments.

## **7 Confidential matters**

7.1 None

## **8. Administration Matters**

### **8.1 Draft guide to Heritage Registers**

#### **It was noted that:**

- JCL reported that draft guideline documents for Grading and Surveys were prepared for presentation at ExCo.,
  - The new drafts include separate guides explaining elements of inventory taking.
  - HWC officials need a central digital data base of heritage resources that must comply with SAHRIS.
  - The Committee was asked to decide on the basic information necessary to create and assess an inventory.

#### **DECISION**

The Committee resolved that the documents will be redrafted for approval at the next IGIC meeting on 20 August 2015 by JCL, ST and SDK.

JCL

### **8.2 Draft guide to grading**

#### **It was noted that:**

- The version 13 of the draft guide to grading is available for public comment until 10 July 2015.
- Any comments received will be noted and incorporated for discussion in the next IGIC meeting.

## **9. Appointments**

**9.1 Kramats Nominations: Muslim Judicial Council  
10H30**

**9.2 Blomboschfontein Nomination: Mr F Naude  
11H30**

## **10. Surveys**

### **10.1. Church Street, Tulbagh**

JCL gave a verbal report back

### **10.2 Swartland, Rural Heritage Survey**

**In the discussion it was noted that:**

- The Swartland Rural Survey was carried out as part of the Provincial BESP program to assist municipalities in establishing SDF's.
- The urban heritage survey is still to be completed.

#### **DECISION**

The Committee agreed that the survey complies with methodology requirements of HWC and is well presented.

The Committee has concerns with difficulties in assessing grading if they are unfamiliar with the sites.

The Committee decided to undertake a site visit along with Mr Pentz, JCL to liaise with AP on a date for area visit.

**JCL**

## **11. GRADING OF PREVIOUS NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

### **11.1 Erf 277, 17 Long Street, Montagu, 6720**

In the discussion it was noted that:

- The Committee did not have information as to the reason why the building was originally declared a national monument, nor a comprehensive heritage statement in the application template form.

- There is no Heritage Survey in place for Montagu and there is no heritage conservation body to consult.
- The information supplied indicates that the property is likely to be of high provincial significance. However heritage significance has to be assessed in relation to other resources in the area.
- Therefore the site remains a provincial heritage site under NHRA, but unfortunately HWC cannot issue a new badge at this time.

#### **DECISION**

The Committee is unable to make a decision on the grading of this property without a broader municipal survey that provides current heritage context and significances.

JCL is to inform the municipality.

JCL

#### **11.2 Erf 28002, top of Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray, Cape Town**

#### **DECISION**

The Committee agreed to grade Mosterts Mill as a grade II heritage site

JCL

### **12. NOMINATIONS OF PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITES.**

#### **12.1 230, 2<sup>ND</sup> Avenue, Lotus River/Grassy Park, Cape Town**

#### **In the discussion it was noted that:**

- The committee is unsure as to when the nomination was submitted to HWC and if it is still active.

#### **DECISION**

The Committee resolved that JCL will follow up by a site visit.

JCL

#### **12.2 Blomboschfontein, Nature Reserve**

Mr Naude was present and presented a nomination

In discussion it was noted that:

- Blombos Cave sites are a declared PHS, this nomination is for the surrounding environment for Blomboschfontein.

- The area is managed by Cape Nature in conjunction with Blombos Estates which manage the coastal strip. There is no fence and public access is by road and foot path from land and by low water access or boat from the coast.
- Visitors have been damaging the archaeological sites.
- Issues raised include security and management of access and the incorporation of heritage resources as an integral part of the natural environment

#### **DECISION**

The Committee agreed that the Blomsboschfontein Nature Reserve is gradable as grade II heritage resource due to its high archaeological and natural heritage significance particularly pertaining to the time depth represented by the resources (Holocene to Middle Stone Age).

JCL

### **12.3 Twee Plaatdamme, Albertinia**

In discussion it was noted that:

- These are interesting local solution to capturing and storing water in a particular environment
- They are known occur throughout Duineveld region
- These structures date from the 1930's.

#### **DECISION**

The Committee agreed that the structures, while interesting, do not meet the criteria of a grade II heritage resource.

JCL

### **12.4 Prince Albert Water Furrow**

JCL reported back on responses received from the Prince Albert Municipality and KUWA.

#### **It was noted that:**

- KUWA has a new EXCO and has requested revised deadlines and wider consultation.
- The municipality strongly opposes declaration.
- If there is no land owner consent HWC is required to follow the process outlined in S27 of the Act.

## **DECISION**

The Committee agreed to that JCL is to inform the Prince Albert Heritage Foundation that objections have been received to the nomination and all three parties are to be invited to the next IGIC meeting.

**JCL**

## **12.5 Kramats Nominations**

### **QS recused herself**

Representatives from the MJC and QS presented the background to the project which has been on-going since 2007

### **It was noted that:**

- The MJC and Cape Mazaar society have formed an umbrella body to prepared nominations for Robben Island, Simons' Town and Faure.
- The Tana Barro Trust has decided to pursue a separate process.
- The development of CMP's is underway. The committee recommended that these are brief and simple guides to maintenance and repairs.
- The historical background is being extensively researched.
- Mr Appleby pointed out that Kramats symbolise Muslim history in South Africa and create recognition for Muslim contributions to the Western Cape and individual roles in society.
- The Kramats indicate that a particular community was present even if it is no longer there.
- The declaration as a PHS will encourage historical understanding and pride.
- International interest has been expressed to DAC (e,g Turkey and Indonesia ) all such enquiries are being redirected to Mr Appleby.
- Discussion occurred around misconceptions of the implications of heritage status in terms of restrictions to activities on a declared heritage site.
- The committee explained that its role is to oversee impacts to heritage resources rather than prevent activities.
- The Committee looks forward to receiving the nominations.

**JCL**

## **13. De-proclamation of existing Provincial Heritage Sites.**

### **13.1 None**

## **14. OTHER MATTERS**

#### **14.1 Table Mountain Management Plan**

JCL gave a verbal report on this matter.

It was noted that:

- SAHRA has commented but did not point out that HWC must approve the management plan in terms of the NHRA.
- JCL will contact TMNP and invite them to present at the next IGIC meeting.

**JCL**

#### **14.2 Liberation Route**

JCL gave a verbal report back on this matter.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The liberation route is to be marked by declared heritage sites.
- Nominations include iconic sites such as Robben Island and local sites such as Rocklands and District Six, some of which are already declared and some of which will be coming before the committee in the future.
- The NHC will nominate the outstanding heritage sites and submit them to HWC.
- The Committee warmly endorses the project.

**JCL**

**15. DATE OF NEXT IGIC MEETING: 20 August 2015**

**16. CLOSURE 14H30**