

HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON 01 FEBRUARY 2012, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT, 7th FLOOR, PROTEA ASSURANCE BUILDING, GREENMARKET SQUARE, CAPE TOWN

NO	SUBJECT	APPLICANT	DISCUSSION	DECISION	REF NO
A.	OPENING AND WELCOME		The Chairperson welcomed all members present.		
B.	ATTENDANCE		The following members of the Committee attended the meeting: Mrs M. Leslie (Chairperson) Mr Dave Halkett Dr J. Deacon Dr J. Almond The following members of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport were present: Miss J. Lavin		
C.	APOLOGIES		Prof J. Sealy Dr S. Chirikure Dr J. Pether		
D.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 11 JANUARY 2012			The minutes were approved	A
E	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS				
F	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES				
F.1	APM COMMITTEE MATTERS AND SECTION 38 OF THE NHRA	CHAIRPERSON	1. To stay on agenda	1. To stay on agenda	
F.2	PALAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY MAP FROM DR ALMOND	JENNA LAVIN	1. HWC is awaiting the completion of the 1:1 000 000 GIS layer	1. Can be taken off agenda	
F.3	ENCOURAGEMENT OF MITIGATION OF WAGON ROUTE ASSOCIATED	JUSTIN BRADFIELD	1. Ms Patrick will make contact with landowner Mr Rudy Coetzee. 2. However, there is now confusion	1. HWC will write a letter to the owner once ownership has been established	

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	WITH VOC BATHHOUSE, CALEDON		<p>over who owns the intact portion of the wagon route. The top portion is about to be sold and the lower portion belongs to a different land owner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confusion arose due to the wagon route being displayed in a different area in H. Vos's 1980s report, from its original location. Once M. Patrick has established on which property the wagon route falls [this is currently being done], she will contact HWC 		
F.4	REPORT BACK ON ASAPA CRM WORKSHOP	JENNA LAVIN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HWC was well represented and J. Lavin gave a presentation on HWC processes Presentations were also given by Mary Leslie, David Halkett and Andrew Hall 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A flow diagram of HWC processes should be drawn up and distributed to heritage professionals and associations 	
F.5	PERMIT REPORT DUE DATES	JUSTIN BRADFIELD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A list was provided tabling the due dates of permit reports. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The permit report database will continue to be maintained, tracking late reports, J. Lavin must inform Dr J. Pether that he has an outstanding permit report 	
F.6	OUDEPOST BKACKFILLING	CHAIRPERSON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting between HWC and representatives from Postberg Conservancy had been held on Thursday 19 January A support letter has been sent by SANParks to Dr J. Deacon. Mr Fouche has not yet sent a letter indicating the support of the Posberg Conservancy Dr J. Deacon will submit the permit application once both letters have been received 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> On approval of the permit application, backfilling of the site will be completed in May 2012 	
F.7	MITIGATION AND	JOHN ALMOND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr J. Almond indicated that there is 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr J. Almond will draft guidelines for 	

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	MONITORING OF WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES		<p>little benefit gained by monitoring for palaeontology for large renewable energy projects at a significant cost burden to the applicant. This applies particularly in the Karoo, where, although, important fossils do occur, they are sparsely distributed, often unpredictable, and difficult to recognise (even for specialists) in freshly excavated pits. On the coast and in special instances such as near the W.C.Fossil Park such monitoring would be important.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Dr J. Almond suggested a national workshop be held to discuss better ways to manage the suggested mitigation measures eg. on site monitoring during the construction phase 3. The decisions regarding assessment of impact and mitigation should be discussed at a workshop possibly held under the auspices of the PSSA. Any decisions taken in that regard could be conveyed to both HWC and SAHRA for consideration and implementation. 4. The HIA's must accurately identify the impact of a development on the heritage resource and NOT just recommend monitoring without good reason for doing so 5. Guidance is required from PSSA 	<p>discussion by PSSA consultants and report back to APM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The possibility of a combined IACOM APM meeting to discuss the implications of wind and solar energy installations will be discussed with Dr Townsend. J. Lavin is willing to organise various speakers to present to IACOM on Renewable Energy Facilities eg. GreenCape, Tim Hart and the chairperson of the Wind Energy Association 	
1	SECTION 35 PERMIT APPLICATIONS (RESEARCH) APPLICATIONS				
1.1	REQUEST FOR PERMIT	CARMEL SCHRIRE	1. A permit was granted to Dr C.	1. The permit extension is granted.	

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	EXTENSION: SAMPLING BOVID BONE FROM OUDEPOST 1 FOR DNA ANALYSIS		<p>Schrire in 2009. The work is being done by Ann Horsburgh in Otago, New Zealand</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. DNA has been extracted from both specimens 3. Each DNA sequencing run costs R16 000 and so must wait for 40 specimens to warrant a run. They anticipate doing this by mid-February. After that there are data processing tasks and phylogenic analysis before the final report will be submitted 4. This submission is meant as an interim report but it is recommended that it be taken as a request for a permit extension. 5. Ann Horsburgh will return the intact portions of the samples to Iziko in spring 2012 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The permit is valid for another 3 years 	
1.2	PERMIT APPLICATION: REMOVAL OF SPRAY PAINT GRAFFITI FROM A ROCK AT THE ENTRANCE TO ELANDS BAY CAVE, ERF 64, ELANDS BAY	JANETTE DEACON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This application is for the removal of new spray paint graffiti from a rock at the entrance of Elands Bay Cave 2. There are no rock paintings in the immediate vicinity of the graffiti 3. The signature of property owner is yet to be obtained 4. Past experience has shown that timeous removal of graffiti discourages further graffiti 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The permit application is approved 2. Mrs M. Leslie will approach Mr A. Hall regarding funding for Dr J. Deacon's efforts regarding the maintenance and upkeep of rock art in the Province 	
1.3	PERMIT APPLICATION: INTEGRATED RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM, INNER CITY	BELINDA MUTTI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An emergency Section 35 permit application was submitted by B. Mutti on behalf of the City of Cape Town 2. This application is made in response to a Stop Works Order issued in November 2011 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The permit application was approved by email 2. The APM committee requests that the cobbles be memorialized in a public display in the City centre 3. The APM committee notes that a 	

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The disturbed wooden paving cobbles have already been removed from site and so limited mitigation is possible 4. Assurance from the City of Cape Town is given that further IRT stops will be monitored by the City Archaeologist, B. Mutti. Any permit applications must have a repository signature. 	<p>repository was not included in the permit application form and as per HWC policy, the committee requests that a sample of the wooden bricks be stored at Iziko should the public display not prove viable</p>	
PERMIT REPORTS					
1.4	SUMMARY REPORT ON EXCAVATIONS AT THE SUIDERKRUIS DUNE SITE, GREAT BRAK	ERICH FISHER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The permit was granted to assess the midden deposits eroding out of the sand dune, assess its integrity and to assess its state of preservation 2. The excavated material is curated at Munro house at the Diaz Museum in Mossel Bay 3. The midden has been badly impacted by dune buggy and dirt bike activity. Off-road vehicles are the primary catalyst for destruction of the site 4. Piles of brushwood were placed over the dune to prevent vehicular access to the dune and midden 5. The removal of rooikrans from the dune has re-activated dune field 6. The site contains abundant palaeosols and rhyzoliths, significant for palaeoenvironmental records but very few artefacts were recovered 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The APM committee accepts the permit report 2. J. Lavin will engage with the Mossel Bay municipality regarding the restriction of vehicular access to the site 	
1.5	BUFFELJAGS ABALONE FARM INTERIM EXCAVATION REPORT	LIEZL VAN PLETZEN-VOS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This permit report arises from a Section 38 application for the establishment of an abalone farm in Buffeljags 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The APM committee noted that a 5mm sieve is not adequate for this kind of work. A minimum of a 3mm sieve, preferably a 1mm 	

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The AIA submitted recommended sampling and a permit was issued to L. van Pletzen-Vos in October 2011 3. 22 test pits were dug and it was established that the shell remains are largely limited to the surface layers 4. Pottery, Ostrich Egg Shell and stone artefacts are rare in all the samples 5. No further sampling is required 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> sieve, is appropriate to recover ostrich eggshell beads and stone fragments 2. No further mitigation is required, the report provides an adequate record of the archaeological material on the site 3. A final report describing the mitigation process and the cultural material must still be submitted 	
2	SECTION 35 (RESEARCH) REFUSAL				
3	SECTION 35 PERMIT ARISING FROM SECTION 38 APPLICATION				
3.1	SUBMISSION OF S35 APPLICATION IN FULFILLMENT OF IACOM DECISION 14 DECEMBER 2011; CORNER OF BREE AND PRESTWICH STREETS, ERF 173682, CAPE TOWN	UTE SEEMAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This application originally came to HWC as Section 38(4) HIA for the total demolition of three structures on the site dated to c.1800s and the construction of a 60 m high structure (19 floors) with basement parking 2. The IACom decision taken on 14 December required archaeological monitoring 3. This Section 35 application by Ute Seeman is to fulfill this requirement 4. Any significant excavated material is to be housed at Iziko. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The permit application is approved 	
4	ADVICE TO IARCOM RELATING TO SECTION 38 APPLICATIONS				
4.1	REVIEW AND COMMENT ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SECTION 38 IMPACT ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING: 8 FEBRUARY 2012	TEAM EAST		See addendum	
4.2	REVIEW AND COMMENT ON IMPACT	TEAM WEST		See addendum	

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	ASSESSMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SECTION 38 IMPACT ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING: 8 FEBRUARY 2012				
5	REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION/OPINION/ADVICE				
6.1	OTHER MATTERS				
6.1.1	NEW HWC FORMS FOR SECTIONS 27, 28, 34 AND 35	MARY LESLIE	1. This item is to stay on the agenda for discussion	1. This item is to stay on the agenda for discussion	
6.1.2	SECOND HO FOR ARCHAEOLOGY	MARY LESLIE	1. This item is to stay on the agenda for discussion regarding salaries and the proposed new HWC structure	1. Issues around lack of capacity must be addressed	
6.2	SECTION 27 APPLICATIONS: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITES				
6.2.1	ELANDSFONTEIN: NOMINATION AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE	JENNA LAVIN	1. J. Lavin has not yet initiated the nomination process for Elandsfontein 2. The site is under pressure from proposed phosphate mining	1. J. Lavin will initiate the nomination process for Elandsfontein at the earliest opportunity 2. Both Blombos and Pinnacle Point should also be nominated as PHS's.	
7	FORMAL ADOPTION OF DECISIONS				
8	CLOSURE: The meeting adjourned at 13.00				
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		7 MARCH 2012		

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