

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC),
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
Held on Wednesday 10 January 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 09:10 and welcomed everyone present.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

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

Members of Staff

Ms Penelope Meyer (PMe)
Ms. Colette Scheermeyer (CS)
Mr Andrew September (AS)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Mr. Zethembe Khuluse (ZK)
Ms. Heidi Boise (HB)
Ms. Katherine Robinson (KR)
Ms Stephanie-Anne Barnardt (SB)

Visitors

Observers

Ms Clarice Arendse

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)
Dr Jayson Orton (JO)
Dr Lita Webley (LW)
Dr Mariagrazia Galimberti

Absent

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1 Dated 10 January 2018.

The Committee resolved to approve the agenda with additional items.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Dated 1 December 2017.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

12.2. (JG)

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

7.1 None

8. APPOINTMENTS

8.1 None

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 New Heritage Officer

Stephanie-Anne Barnardt has been appointed as the new heritage officer and she was introduced to the Committee.

10 STANDING ITEMS

10.1 Site Visit Reports

10.1.1 Erf 30, 4 Heldray Road, Noordhoek

AS presented the report of his site visit following the discovery and removal of human remains.

Amongst other things the following was discussed:

- The remains of a human skeleton were found in an isolated place during excavations for a septic tank. They were removed by the property owner, taken away by South African Police Service (SAPS) and are to be sent to UCT for analysis. AS observed no archaeological material or evidence of burial context remaining on the site.
- The site visit report will be annexed to the minutes.
- Communication between SAPS (Local Police and Forensic Teams) and HWC to be formally established regarding correct reporting and disturbance procedures.

RESPONSE:

The findings of the site inspection were noted and AS is to follow up once the final skeletal report from SAPS Forensics Team is received. AS to collect previously written information brochures and procedures for distribution to SAPS and other relevant parties. Conservation bodies, local police forums etc. to be included in the information network.

AS

11. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

11.1 Temporary Section 36 Form

Draft Section 36 Application Form to have minor edits and to be circulated to the Committee for consideration before being submitted for consideration and approval at Council/ExCO.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

12.1 Proposed destructive sampling of ostrich eggshells from Diepkloof Rock Shelter, Portion 3 of Farm Groote Drift, Cederberg: NM HM/DIEPKLOOF SHELTER/TRIBOLO 2017

Case No: 17101803AS1215E

A Permit application and addendum was tabled.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- Due to the ambiguities of the wording of the permit application, it is recommended that two separate subsections are inserted in the form asking for (1) the applicant's institutional affiliation and (2) the collaborating institution in South Africa (if the applicant is not based at or affiliated with a South African institution). These amendments to the application form to be submitted to Council for approval.
- Prof. Parkington to be asked to submit a formal letter of confirmation from the local collaborating institution.

RECORD OF DECISION

The application to sample OES for dating purposes is approved.

AS

12.2 Proposed demolition of an archaeological feature (old historic quarry) on Erf 2970, LionStreet, Bo-Kaap: MA HM/BOKAAP/ERF 2970

Case No: 17101214AS1018E

A Permit application and addendum was tabled.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee notes the supplementary information supplied by ACO Associates, which satisfies the concerns raised by the Committee.

RECORD OF DECISION

AS to write to Mr. Lillie requesting evidence that the Bo-Kaap Civic Association was notified of the archaeological application for monitoring; such evidence (and any comments received) to be supplied within 7 working days.

AS

13 PERMIT REPORTS

None

AS

14 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

14.1 Proposed archaeological mitigation under a workplan for proposed sand mining on Portion 3 of Farm Doornfontein 249, Mossel Bay: NM HM/MOSSEL BAY/FARM 249

Case No: 17092818AS1002E

A Workplan application and additional information was tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The distribution of the proposed test excavations is constrained by lack of access to the surface of the easternmost portion of the site, which has not been archaeologically surveyed. When vegetation can be cleared by machinery in that area, testing may proceed.
- Some hand excavation and sieving is required in all test pits.
- The depth of the test pits should ideally reach the interface between sand and underlying surface or bedrock. It is noted that this could have safety implications. It may therefore be necessary to monitor mining activities at the lower depths after the testing phase has been concluded.

RECORD OF DECISION

The workplan is approved on condition that some test pits are to be excavated in the uncleared portions of the site (eastern section of the proposed sand mine). A sample from each test pit must be sieved.

AS

15 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS

15.1 Permit Report for the Archaeological Mitigation for Remainder of Erf 1694, Melkbosstrand HM\CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN\MELKBOSSTRAND\REMAINDER OF ERF 1694 SPORTS FIELD

Case No: 14050602AS0506M

A Permit Report and addendum was tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- It was noted that full faunal analysis has not been carried out but is planned, and the Committee encouraged efforts to get it completed.

RECORD OF DECISION

The Committee endorsed the report and commended the author for a professional and informative document.

16 SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

6.1 None

17 SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

17.1 Additions and Alterations on Farm 733, Bokkierivier Malmesbury: NM HM/ WEST COAST/SWARTLAND/MALMESBURY/ FARM 733

Case No: 17112016WD1122M

A S27 permit application and additional information was tabled.

Ms Waseefa Dhansay gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms Clarice Arendse was present on behalf of the applicant.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- BELCOM and APM will conduct a joint site visit on the 30th January 2018 (RR, CM, JG).
- JG to check location of wreck of the *British Peer* circa 1900.

INTERIM RESPONSE

The Committee resolved to undertake a site inspection (CM, RR, JG).

WD

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: 11:13

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

7 February 2018

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

SECRETARY _____

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