

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (WHC),
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
Held on Tuesday, 5 April 2017 at the 3rd Floor Boardroom,
Protea Assurance Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town at 09:00**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson, Dr Antonia Malan, officially opened the meeting at 09:15 and welcomed everyone present.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Dr Antonia Malan (AM)
Dr Jayson Orton (JO)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)
Dr Mariagrazia Galimberti (MG)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)
Dr Lita Webley (LW)

Members of Staff

Mr Zwelibanzi Shiceka (ZS)
Mr Jonathan Windvogel (JW)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Mr Andrew September (AS)
Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)
Ms Katherine Robinson (KR)

Visitors

Mr Jonathan Kaplan (JK)
Mr Tim Hart (TH)

Mr Guy Slingsby (GS)
Dr Wendy Black (WB)

Observers

None

3. APOLOGIES

Dr Steven Walker (SW)
Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CS)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1 Dated 5 April 2017.

The Committee resolved to approve the agenda with additional items and minor amendments.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Dated 1 March 2017.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes with no amendments.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

6.1 None

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

7.1 None.

8. APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1 The Committee noted the appointments of item 14.1 set for 10:00 and item 12.1 set for 10:30.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Cultural Heritage Survey Guidelines

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) and Provincial Heritage Resources Authorities (PHRAs) met on Monday to discuss the DEA guidelines document and agreed that it requires considerable review. A workshop with all PHRAs to be hosted by DEA in October.

DECISION

LW's document with comments to be circulated for further input by officials and Committee members.

AS

9.2 Prestwich Memorial Management Group (PMMG)

SAHRA has passed responsibility to HWC to be a member of PMMG. There are no formal records of mandates or agreements in place.

DECISION

CSc to prepare a *status quo* report.

AS

9.3 Workplan applicability

Mr Tim Hart was present and took part in the discussion.

The following was discussed:

- There are contradictions in the Workplan application form under Mitigation details concerning test excavations prior to a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) being submitted to HWC.
- Clarity on the requirements of Section 38 regarding preliminary archaeological assessments to inform the HIA.
- The applicability of the Section 38 Workplan process in a Section 27 application process.

DECISION

The Committee resolved for JW and AS to discuss the issues with the Workplan process with the legal advisor and CEO.

The Section 27 archaeological permit application for test excavations at Cape Agulhas, in order to identify and establish the presence and significance of archaeological sites and determine conservation worthiness, is not subject to public consultation. However, if the results of the tests indicate that a heritage resource(s) has been identified, this information will be circulated for public consultation during the impact assessment phase.

AS

10 STANDING ITEMS

10.1 Site Visit Reports

Nothing to report.

11. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

11.1 Repatriation and Restitution Workshop

Human Remains Policy still to be drafted. See also discussion under item 12.1.

11.2 Management of Archaeological Material

Policy in drafting phase and needs to be circulated for APM comment.

11.3 Repository Workshop

Policy in drafting phase and needs to be circulated for APM comment.

11.4 Meteorites Management Policy

Policy still being drafted and needs to be circulated for APM comment.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

12.1 Proposed Sampling and Analysis of Human Remains from Milnerton Beach Collection, Iziko Museums: MA HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/MILNERTON BEACH SKELETONS

Case No: 17022006AS0220E

Permit application prepared by Prof. Susan Pfeiffer was tabled.

Dr. Wendy Black took part in the discussion.

In discussion it was noted that:

- A facilitated public participation workshop must be held regarding Section 35 archaeological permit applications involving the destruction, excavation, sampling and analysis of human remains.
- City of Cape Town HRS and the Khoi-Nguni Coalition submitted comments and had no objections in principle.
- IZIKO's permission for the sampling of the hair associated with SAM-AP 608 was not attached to the application.

DECISION

The permit application was approved on condition that the formal letter containing IZIKO's permission for the sampling of the hair associated with SAM-AP 608 be submitted to HWC for approval.

AS

12.2 Proposed Shell and Associate material Destructive Analysis from Steenbokfontein, Grootdrif D and Tortoise Cave, Cederberg: NM HM/CEDERBERG/LOFTUS ANALYSIS

Case No: 17032403AS0324E

Permit application and addendum were tabled.

In discussion it was noted that:

- It was assumed that the large number of samples was for statistical purposes; however the total amount of available material is extensive.

DECISION

The permit application was approved.

AS

12.3 Proposed Archaeological Excavations at Mertenhof 5 (Lower Heuningvlei Site 6), Farm Boontjies Berg 589, Cederberg: MA HM/CEDERBERG/FARM BOONTJIES BERG 589

Case No: 17032308

Permit application and addendum were tabled.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The application was well motivated by the accompanying report on work to date under the previous permit (130306TS13) which lapsed April 2016.
- The archaeologist expressed concerns regarding the viability of fully closing the site due to the friable nature of the deposit and potential risk of damage from using the standard method of packing bags against the sections.

DECISION

The permit was approved; however it is required that plans are developed for the long term stabilisation and protection of the site after final completion.

AS

12.4 Proposed Archaeological Excavations and Material Analysis for Duynefontein Site, Farm 1375, Farm Duynefontein 34, Farm Klein Springfontein 33, Melkbosstrand: NM HM/DUYNEFONTEIN/FARM 1375, FARM DUYNEFONTEIN 34 AND FARM SPRINGFONTEIN 33

Case No: 17031401

Permit application and addendum was tabled.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The permit application is for further excavation and material analysis at Duynefontein (DFT2) and surrounds. The progress report was tabled in the meeting.
- A detailed locality map of the excavation areas must be incorporated and integrated into the final report.

DECISION

The permit was approved; however it is required that a plan is developed for the long term stabilisation and protection of the excavation sites after final completion.

AS

12.5 Proposed destructive sampling and DNA Genome analysis of historic faunal remains, Iziko Museum Collection: NM HM/IZIKO/HEMPEL FAUNAL ANALYSIS

Case No: 17031604AS0328E

Permit application and addendum was tabled.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The application is for DNA sampling of historic blue/roan antelope remains from IZIKO collections.

DECISION

The permit was approved.

AS

12.6 Proposed excavation and demolition of remnants of 19th Century Battery, Erven 1075, 1080 and 1081, Battery Crescent, Sea Point: NM HM/SEA POINT/ERF 1075, 1080 & 1081

Case No: 17020108AS0215E

Permit application and addendum was tabled.

Mr Andrew September made a PowerPoint presentation.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The application is to expose the extent of the historic fabric and assess the significance of the remnants of the Sea Point Battery.
- The proposal is that overlying structures are demolished in such a way that *in situ* fabric and features are conserved. This will require full time presence of an archaeologist on site, and adequate opportunity for a complete record to be made during the work.
- Once sufficient information is available to determine the significance and extent of the exposed historical remains, a progress report must be submitted to HWC.
- The decision regarding the extent of demolition of the remnants of the battery can only proceed once HWC reviews the recommendations of the progress report.

DECISION

The Committee approved the permit application; and the recommendations of the consultant in the heritage statement are endorsed.

AS

13 PERMIT REPORTS

13.1 None

14 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

14.1 Erf 1, Farm Uitkamp 189, Clara Anna Fontein Werf - Vissershok Road, Durbanville: MA HM/ CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/ DURBANVILLE/ CLARA ANNA FONTEIN, FARM UITKAMP PORTION 18 (PORTION OF PORTION 17) OF FARM UITKAMP NO 189

Case No: 16032208WD

Endorsed HIA; Stop Works Order, landscaping plan and IACom record of decision were tabled.

LW was a member of IACOM in July 2016.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan and Mr Guy Slingsby were present and took part in the discussions.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The Stop Works Order issued pertains to the site as a whole, no work was permitted to continue on site.
- A Heritage Agreement is being prepared between HWC and the developers for the whole site.
- The Workplan is for the expansion of the investigations at the sewer trench towards the manor house in order to establish what the remains represent.
- If test excavations in the Pioneer precinct reveal significant material, a revised Workplan must be submitted to APM for further investigations.

DECISION

The Workplan is approved and the partial lifting of the Stop Works Order is granted for the implementation of those archaeological excavations.

WD

15 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS

15.1 None

16 SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

16.1 None

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 ERF 170902, 86 CHIAPPINI STREET, BO-KAAP TOTAL DEMOLITION: MA HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/BO-KAAP/ERF 170902

Case No: 16081001KR0810E

Heritage Statement prepared by Ron Martin dated February 2017, application document, City Heritage comment, Bo-Kaap Civic Comment, Heritage Statement prepared by Johan Cornelius dated 16 March 2015.

Ms Katherine Robinson made a PowerPoint presentation.

In discussion it was noted that:

- The heritage statements were not detailed enough in terms of site plan, existing fabric and other details to inform archaeological significance.
- It is acknowledged that there are socio-economic issues in the Bo Kaap.

DECISION

The Committee resolved to undertake a site visit on Monday 10 April 2017 at 10:00.

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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: 13H45

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3 May 2017

CHAIRPERSON _____ **DATE** _____

SECRETARY _____ **DATE** _____