

HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE HELD AT 09:15 AM ON 4 MAY 2016,
AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT, 3RD FLOOR, PROTEA ASSURANCE BUILDING, GREENMARKET SQUARE,
CAPE TOWN

NO	SUBJECT	APPLICANT	DISCUSSION	DECISION	CASE OFFICER
A.	OPENING AND WELCOME		The Chairperson, Mrs Mary Leslie, opened the meeting at 09:10 and welcomed everyone present.		
B.	ATTENDANCE		<p>APM Committee: Mrs Mary Leslie (Chairperson) (ML) Dr Mariagrazia Galimberti (MG) Dr Jayson Orton (JO) Mr John Gribble (JG) Ms Harriet Clift (HC)</p> <p>Staff: Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CS) Ms Jenna Lavin (JL) Mr Guy Thomas (GT) Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)</p> <p>Observers: Dr Wendy Black (WB) (for discussion of Human Remains and Repositories)</p> <p>Visitors: Mr Jonathan Kaplan (JK)</p>		

C.1	APOLOGIES		Dr Lita Webley (LW) Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)		
C.2	ABSENT		Dr John Pether		
D	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA			The Committee approved the agenda with minor corrections.	
E.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DATED 6 April 2016			The Committee agreed to adopt the minutes of 6 April 2016 provided that the date of the next meeting was corrected.	
F	DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST				
F.1			JO: 1.1		
G	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS				
G.1	None				
H	ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
H.1	REPOSITORIES		JL had drafted a 'Management' document and some comments have been made. However not everyone had received these.	ML will circulate an updated document for further comment. Comments should be finalised by the 13 th May.	
H.2	ELANDSFONTEIN		Nothing had been heard from Elandsfontein	A meeting will be arranged with the developer and the consultant to discuss progress, before the next APM	
H.3	BLOMBOS		The Blombos team have been presented with an enormous quote for the proposed fencing and protection of the site. They are endeavouring to organise a more reasonable quote. Unfortunately they will be overseas for some months. The forthcoming CMP will need to focus on this.		
I	SITE VISIT REPORTS				
I.1	NONE				

J	APPOINTMENTS				
J.1	NONE				
K	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES				
K.1	RESCUING OF HUMAN REMAINS		<p>Dr Wendy Black indicated that after the retirement of Prof Morris, the chain of contacts to inform HWC of the discovery of human remains older than 100 years is no longer working. The consequence is that no archaeological work is done and neither is any permit being obtained as required by the legislation. The lack of archaeological involvement means that the context (burial shaft, position and associated objects in the grave) is not being noted at all.</p> <p>This matter needs to be settled with urgency. The agreement between SAHRA and HWC regarding Section 36 must be updated.</p>	<p>APM recommends that a meeting must be arranged with Professor Lorna Martin of the Forensic Pathology Services and Dr Victoria Gibbon for the Department of Human Biology at UCT; the Archaeology Department of IZIKO; the Archaeology Department of UCT; and HWC, as well as a representative from SAPS to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discuss the legislative implications and the process to be followed after the discovery of human remains that may be older than 100 years. 2) Provide a 'HWC & Rescue Archaeologist' phone list of archaeologists who can be contacted (GT, AS, JL, who may include WB and HC) 	GT
L	POLICY AND PROCEDURE				
L.1	MINIMUM STANDARDS REPORTS		The most recent draft of the document has been circulated.	Everyone is asked to comment, preferably by the 13 th May, so that the amended document can be circulated by ML for ratification at the 1 June 2016 APM meeting.	GT
L.2	FOSSIL FINDS PROCEDURE		The Committee considers that the document should aim to be included in the EMPR for the use of workers on site. It needs to be as simple (language) and streamlined as possible. JG indicated that similar protocols for the UK are available on the web (BMAPA)	MG will draft a version of the document with input from JG for discussion at an informal meeting on 17 th May 2016 at 11:00.	ML
L.3	WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS AND			Carried forward. GT will forward the permit conditions to ML today.	ML

	APPROVALS PROCEDURE				
L.4	STANDARD PARAGRAPH		Three new paragraphs had been drafted for the standard paragraph document. However, it appears that only one (mitigation through IACOM) may be useful at this stage..	It was determined that the paragraph designed for BELCOM to request monitoring was not the appropriate way to proceed. GT indicated that it was not appropriate for BELCom to make decisions about archaeological monitoring and mitigation. The matter still needs to be discussed at HOMS. At the next APM meeting there should be discussion around how best to communicate between the committees regarding archaeological mitigation or monitoring. At the same time APM would appreciate a report back on the discussion at HOMS.	
1.	PERMIT REPORT				
1.1	SECTION 35 PERMIT: PROPOSED DESTRUCTION OF 25 OES FOR ANALYSIS AND DATING FROM VARSCHE RIVER (VR003) ROCK SHELTER	JAYSON ORTON	Dr Jayson Orton, in conjunction with Dr Teresa Steele and Dr Alex Mackay, has applied for the sampling of 25 ostrich eggshell (OES) fragments from rock shelter VR003 on the Farm Varsche River 206 in the Knersvlakte. The sampling is for U-series dating, stable isotope analysis and palaeoenvironmental reconstruction. The dating and analysis will be undertaken at the Berkeley Geochronology Centre in the USA with the intention of better characterising the chronology of and palaeoenvironment at the site. The samples form only a fraction of the abundant OES at the site. JO recused himself.	The permit is approved.	GT
1.2	SECTION 35 PERMIT: PROPOSED	EMMANUEL DISCAMPS/		The permit application to sample the teeth is approved on condition that:	GT

	DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE FOR ANALYSIS OF ELAND TEETH FROM BLOMBOS CAVE.	CHRIS HENSHILWOOD		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The teeth will be cast prior to any damage and the casts housed at IZIKO 2) All teeth, fragments and residues, will be returned to the IZIKO collection on expiry of the permit, which should be one year 3) An export permit from SAHRA will be required 4) A report on the work is required. 	
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2	SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS				
2.1	NONE				
3	SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS				
3.1	HIA: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF WESKUSFLEUR SUBSTATION ON FARM 34, DUYNEFONTEIN, CAPE TOWN	GRAHAM AVERY JONATHAN KAPLAN/	Heritage Western Cape had received an application for the development of the Weskusfleur Substation at Brakkefontein 32, Melkbosstrand. The options, Alternative 1 and Alternative 4, were presented to HWC. HWC, in the absence of information about the archaeological and palaeontological sensitivity of Alternative 4 asked for subsurface testing.	<p>Subsurface exploration has indicated that it is unlikely that significant archaeological or palaeontological resources will be impacted by the development of Alternative 4, whereas Alternative 1 is known to include archaeological remains and palaeontological remains in the Springfontyn and earlier Varswater Formations.</p> <p>The report (GA and JK dated March 2016) on the testing is endorsed.</p> <p>Recommendation to IACOM: The development of Alternative 4 would have the least impact on archaeological and palaeontological resources. However, given the broader heritage context of the area, Alternative 1 may be the preferred option.</p>	GT

also appreciate the opportunity to comment on documentation produced by the staff.

There was enthusiastic discussion about the importance of the following:

- 1. A LOCAL GUIDE/ CUSTODIAN:** The importance of establishing a local guide cannot be over-emphasised. Guides who are part of the local community have proven to be the most effective way of protecting archaeological sites. It was suggested that the most sustainable way forward would be to partner with authorities such as Cape Nature. Heritage authorities have failed to support such guides sustainably. Success has however been achieved where heritage has partnered with other authorities, and in particular with Cape Nature and the Department of the Environment Affairs and Development Planning for the long term appointment of guides. Unless HWC sees its way clear to the employment of permanent Heritage Inspectors, the LOTTO funding should contribute to the identification and training of these guides. A number of archaeologists/ palaeontologists have suitable experience in training guides. The employment of local guides will contribute to the transformation of the cultural landscape and promotion of the importance of heritage resources in stimulating local economies.
- 2. HERITAGE SIGNAGE AND INTERPRETATION:** A range of options must be investigated as there will need to be a multifaceted approach to the interpretation of the site. These include site information boards similar to the Coastal

Management Boards”. Pamphlets have proved successful at sites such as Matjies River and Nelson Bay and should form the basis of a self-guided walking tour that could include the pamphlet and QR codes. There are other options such as an augmented reality interface.

2A The wording for the main sign will set the parameters for the other sites.

3. A RANGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROTECT THE SITES: This may include the board-walks, bollards etc.

4. PARTNERSHIPS: Partnerships such as with the Living Landscape project may lead to other useful contributions. Partnerships with local municipalities and other initiatives will assist with sustainability of any tourism interventions.

9	FORMAL ADOPTION OF DECISIONS				
9.1	The minutes will be amended and extended and the recommendations approved by email.				
9.2	Adoption of the decisions taken subject to confirmation via email.				
10	CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 14:00				
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		1 June 2016		

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