

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC),  
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)  
Held on Wednesday 6 September 2017 in the Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Protea  
Assurance Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town at 09:00 AM**

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

**Members of Staff**

Ms Colette Scheermeyer	(CS)
Mr Zwelibanzi Shiceka	(ZS)
Mr Jonathan Windvogel	(JW)
Ms Penelope Meyer	(PM)
Mr Andrew September	(AS)
Mr Olwethu Dlova	(OD)
Ms Heidi Boise	(HB)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay	(WD)
Mr Zethembe Khuluse	(ZK)
Ms Phindiwe Muncu	(PM)

**Visitors**

None

**Observers**

None

**Absent**

Dr Steven Walker (SW)

**3. APOLOGIES**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4.1 Dated 6 September 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 2 August 2017.**

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes with minor amendments.

**6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

**6.1 None**

## **7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

7.1 None.

## **8. APPOINTMENTS**

8.1 None

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **9.1 Heritage Survey Guidelines**

JW reported that a meeting with DEA and DMR is proving difficult to arrange because of logistics.

#### **DECISION**

JW and CSc to establish that there is sufficient motivation for pursuing HWC objections, and to liaise with SAHRA.

**JW/CSc**

### **9.2 Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) policy workshops: National Policy on the Repatriation and Restitution of Human Remains and Heritage Objects**

CSc reported that the draft document is to be presented at two forthcoming workshops organised by Museum Services in Cape Town and Mossel Bay, on dates to be announced. JW, AS and an APM representative to attend.

**JW/CSc**

### **9.3 Proposed Residential Development, Erf 460, St Helena Bay**

It was noted that the heritage consultant has conducted a scoping study only. A Later Stone Age (LSA) site of potentially high archaeological significance lies on the proposed development area. The Committee expressed an opinion that, based on other archaeological research in the Vredenburg area (such as Kasteelberg and a number of coastal shell middens), further archaeological investigation will definitely be required under the NHRA when the NID is submitted. This will involve extensive archaeological testing, and if a site of high significance is identified then appropriate protection and conservation measures will be required.

**AS**

### **9.4 Clarity about JG's appointment**

It was noted that JG has left the employment of SAHRA and joined ACO Associates cc as from 1 September 2017. CSc to get clarity on the process that must be followed if JG has to reapply as an APMCom member.

**CSc**

### **9.5 SAHRA Minimum Standards for Heritage Specialist Studies and HIAs**

ZS reported that HWC will meet with SAHRA to discuss comments on the draft document and the need for integration of existing guidelines. LW will attend to represent APM / professional practice. ZS noted that the regular DEADP/HWC meeting will also discuss these matters.

**ZS**

## **10 STANDING ITEMS**

### **10.1 Site Visit Reports**

#### **10.1.1 Amsterdam Battery**

The Committee noted the report and endorsed the recommendations.

**AS**

#### **10.1.2 Clanwilliam Dam Mitigation Project**

AS reported back on the site inspection.

It was noted that there are two main issues, the removed panels and the 'sheep' panel:

- It has not yet been decided where the removed panels are to be stored/displayed and what plans are in place for future conservation and interpretation of the panels. The official repository is IZIKO Museums but the panels are currently stored at the Living Landscape Centre in Clanwilliam. There are proposals either to establish a display and interpretation facility at Ramskop Flower Reserve, or place the panels in the Old Goal Museum in Clanwilliam. HWC requested that concrete proposals with regard to exhibition and curation of the panels be submitted for consideration.
- If the panels are to stay in Clanwilliam, a loan agreement with IZIKO Museums will be required.
- The precise location of the 'sheep' panel was identified with the help of JO. There are two options, either to leave it in place after cleaning and recording, or to clean, record and remove the panel. The Committee discussed the steps to be taken for reaching a final decision.

The local DWA representatives assured HWC that the project to raise the dam wall will be continuing once the tender process is completed and the contract awarded for the construction.

#### **DECISION**

HWC to request formal proposals for the protection and interpretation of the removed panels and any other archaeological material derived from the project.

The 'sheep' panel must be cleaned and recorded, and a decision regarding its removal can then be made in consultation between HWC, the consultant team and DWA.

**AS**

## **11. POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **11.1 Human Remains Policy**

It was noted that:

- AS to prepare a draft document outlining the main points, and APM will assist in developing the contents.
- Interim application forms based on SAHRA's Section 36 and 35 forms to be presented at next ExCo.

**AS**

## 11.2 Repository Workshop

The repository workshop will be held Monday 30 October 2017 or 6 November 2017 at 09:00, with the date and venue to be confirmed.

AS

## MATTERS DISCUSSED

### 12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

#### 12.1 Proposed Enamel Sampling of Teeth from Human Remains from Oakhurst Shelter, Oudtshoorn: NM HM/OUTSHOORN/OAKHURST SHELTER

**Case No:** 17071302AS0718E

S35 Application, UCT Repository Details and Evidence of PPP were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The public participation report was submitted by Dr Gibbon. Both of the consulted bodies acknowledged receipt of her request for comment but did not respond further within the stipulated commenting period.

#### **DECISION**

The application was approved.

AS

#### 12.2 Proposed resistivity survey and percussion drilling at Steenbokfontein Cave, Lamberts Bay, Cederberg: NM HM/CEDERBERG/STEENBOKFONTEIN CAVE

**Case No:** 17072001AS0802E

S35 Permit Application, Motivation and Supporting Documents were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- In general APM encourages proposals to introduce minimally invasive survey and testing techniques into South Africa. The Committee, however, requires more information about the particular techniques to be applied.

#### **FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Further information about the drilling equipment and methodology must be supplied in order to address the following concerns:

- Can any examples of the successful archaeological application of these procedures be provided to assist the Committee in gaining a better understanding of what it entails?
- Will the drilling produce a core sample of the deposit or is it a merely a probe?
- What plans would be put in place for filling the holes created by the drilling after testing has taken place. A plan for back-filling the holes should be presented with the additional information requested.

AS

**12.3 Proposed Geochemical Study on Late Stone Age Individuals from various locations in the Southern Cape, housed at Iziko Museum: NM HM/IZIKO MUSEUM**

**Case No:** 17080407AS0816E

S35 Permit, Iziko Repository and Motivation were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- Iziko Museums has an agreement with the Khoi-Nguni Coalition regarding consultation on human remains. APM assumes that the necessary consultation was conducted under that agreement, but requires evidence that this has taken place..
- The Committee expressed its concern about long term impacts of repeated resampling of human remains.

**FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Evidence for consultation with interest groups to be provided.

Stronger motivation for the need to conduct further sampling is required. How significantly will the results contribute to existing knowledge?

**AS**

**12.4 Proposed sampling of ochre pieces from Pinnacle Point 5-6, Erf 15387 (Portion of Erf 2001), Boplaas, Mossel Bay: NM HM/MOSSEL BAY/ERF 15387 (PTN OF ERF 2001)**

**Case No:** 17062203AS0816E

S35 Permit Application, Motivation and Supporting Documents were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- Normally it is required that a local collaborating institution or individual affiliated with a relevant South African institution takes responsibility for compliance when the applicant is based overseas and the samples are to be exported for research purposes.
- The applicant should take into consideration the possibility that geological sources of origin on the continental shelf may now be underwater.

**FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**

A letter indicating collaboration / support from a local institution or individual is required.

**AS**

**13 PERMIT REPORTS**

**13.1** None

**14 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS**

14.1 None

**15 SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORTS**

15.1 None

**16 SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES**

**16.1 Proposed rehabilitation and parking area for The Point, Erven 90005(RE), 9007, 9005, 90016, Kalk Bay: NM  
HM/KAL BAY/ERVEN 90005 (RE), 9007, 9005, 90016**

**Case No:** 17020109AS0314E

HIA, VIA and Public Participation reports were tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- Given the fact that there are no surviving shell middens along this stretch of coast, any chance of finding such remains should be thoroughly explored. However, the area has been closely investigated and continues to be heavily impacted by natural and human activities.

**DECISION**

The archaeological findings are endorsed together with recommendations for conserving the remaining built fabric and deposits associated with historic structures.

**AS**

**16.2 Erf 195, Elands Bay: NM  
HM/ELANDS BAY/ERF 195**

**Case No:** 16081013GT0812M

Final Heritage Impact Assessment was tabled.

Mr Andrew September gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- A second HIA was submitted to report on excavations to test the possibility of significant archaeological remains in an area marked by a surface scatter. The excavations produced no further evidence of archaeological material.

**FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Further information is required to support the findings. Photographs of the sections of the test pits to be sent to the case officer for adding to the record.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Proposed residential development at Elands Bay, Erf 195 is supported.

**AS**

**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 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: 13:10

**23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**4 October 2017**

**CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_