

DRAFT MINUTES
NEW ZEALAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERITAGE PLANNERS FORUM
Meeting
10am to 4pm Wednesday 27 October 2004

Square Affair Suite, Wellington Town Hall, Wakefield Street, Wellington

PRESENT: Duane Burt, Julia Forsyth, Laura Paynter, Jo Orange, Leslie Vyfhuis,
Barbara Fill, Neil Carrie, Miriam Stacy, Vanessa Tanner, Stephen Rainbow, Rachael
Green, George Farrant, Sue Mavor, Olivia Campbell, Emily Thomson, John Holmes, Ian Grant, Kerry
Budding, Alina Hughes, Nick Karlovsky, Helen Oram, Vanessa Rodgers, Mitch Lewandowski

Minutes taken by Barbara Fill, WCC

Introduction and review of minutes of meeting of 18 June 2004. Some minor amendments were made to these minutes and the final minutes are attached.

The following speakers addressed the meeting and some discussion followed:

- Jim McKenzie, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Policy for Government Departments' Management of Historic Heritage
- Luke Troy, Ministry for the Environment, Urban Design Protocol and its relationship to heritage
- Angela Rego, Ministry for the Environment, Implications of RMA Changes on Heritage

In the afternoon the following topics were discussed by the group as a whole:

- National Policy (Facilitator: George Farrant)
- Archaeological Provisions (Facilitator: Vanessa Tanner)
- HPT/HPA, TLA/RMA and Regional Government (Facilitator: Duane Burt)

National Policy (Facilitator: George Farrant)

Some of the issues covered included:

- What is the role of local government in a National Policy Statement for heritage? There was some discussion as to whether Local Government New Zealand, Ministry of Culture and Heritage or Ministry for the Environment were the appropriate agency to take responsibility for developing a NPS for Heritage.
- Heritage covers urban and rural areas and should be interpreted within the definition in the RMA.
- Auckland and Christchurch both reported on their Councils undertaking comprehensive reviews of their heritage provisions in the District Plan and that these reviews may provide useful background information for the NPS exercise.
- ICOMOS Charter was the only national statement on heritage but this had some drawbacks e.g. no clear policy statement or heritage principles.

Action:

1. *The group concluded that there should be a two day workshop in the new year to prepare a draft outline for the parameters of a policy statement for those particularly interested in this area. George Farrant will co-ordinate.*
2. *A letter should be sent to the Ministry for the Environment setting out the group's interest in the need for a NPS and the role it might have in any preparatory work to ensure that the NPS gets on the Government's priority list.*

Archaeological Provisions (Facilitator: Vanessa Tanner)

Some of the issues covered included:

- Archaeological provisions in the Historic Places Act 2003 generally only protect archaeological information; archaeological sites are not in themselves protected.
- Local authorities have the power and statutory responsibility to protect sites through District Plans and Regional Plans and RMA provisions.
- This leads to confusion in the roles and responsibilities of the NZHPT and local authorities. The identification and protection of archaeological sites varies among local authorities with some having greater recognition and protection than others.
- There is also a need to differentiate between wahi tapu sites, Maori cultural sites and archaeological sites. These may overlap but they may also be different.
- There is an issue in resourcing for local authorities, particularly for RC applications. Some local authorities, e.g. Kapiti DC, have a large number of subdivisions in the coastal area that are impacting on archaeological sites and wahi tapu. Different Councils also have different ways of dealing with identification and protection matters, e.g. from protocols with iwi and input from NZHPT and NZAA.
- Local authorities need to do their own research to identify archaeological sites. The NZAA can help with this as part of their upgrade project.

HPT/HPA, TLA/RMA and Regional Government (Facilitator: Duane Burt)

- Local authorities had developed different working relationships with NZHPT in their area, e.g. Dunedin had established weekly meetings to review matters affecting heritage places in Dunedin.
- Territorial authorities also had different relationships with Regional Councils. Some functioned well and provided funding while others, such as Greater Wellington, had a minimal role in heritage.
- A key issue was how each local authority determines affected party status for NZHPT. There is great variation between Councils.
- Another issue was the role of the NZHPT register in determining whether a place is listed in a District Plan – some local authorities use the register as the basis for their listing while others don't.
- Is there a role for the NZHPT register in DP listings/identification of built heritage etc.?

Due to time constraints, the discussion on Education and Training was not covered at this meeting and this will be considered next time. Barbara Fill will facilitate.

Other Matters

- Miriam Stacy reported on LGNZ's offer to host the NZ Local Government Heritage Planners Forum. She also discussed National Heritage Week and the Year of the Built Environment in 2005.

Next meeting

- Dunedin City Council has offered to host – DCC to confirm
- Suggested date is 27 April 2005 around the time of the NZ Institute of Landscape Architects Conference 28 & 29 April 2005 which is being held in Dunedin and is focusing on cultural heritage landscapes.