

Devonport Heritage Inc

Minutes of Meeting held in Library Meeting Room 25.02.09

Present:

Margot McRae, Trish Deans, Sylvia Emm, Trish Joughin, Mark Joughin, Judy Cook, Anne Allen, Scott Barnett, Graham Nixey, Raewyn Peters

Apologies:

Richard Joughin, Sue Yoffe, John Leatherby, Maggie Southeran

Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting accepted by Anne, seconded by Claudia.

Correspondence In:

1. Letter from Grant Gillon regarding the Council's heritage strategy.
2. Letter from Stefan Naude notifying us that our request to delay Masonic hearing has been denied.
3. Letter from Andrew Williams to Trish Deans regarding the Vauxhall Road demolition restating the Council's position, and requesting a meeting.
4. Letter from NSCC responding to Margot's letter regarding Victoria Wharf.

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter to Allison Geddes from Margot regarding demolition of 24 Victoria Road.
2. Letter to David Wright from Margot acknowledging DH's support of Navy Museum proposal.
3. Letter to Stefan Naude requesting that the Masonic hearing be delayed.
4. Letter to Alison Geddes calling for Masonic hearing to be adjourned due to serious problems with the Conservation Plan.
5. Letter sent to Grant Gillon regarding Heritage Strategy.

General Business:

Vauxhall Road

The Parks Department agreed to infringements of a reserve which led to the application being non-notified. A meeting with Andrew Williams is to be arranged by Trish Deans to keep up the pressure, discuss preventing the Council from making erroneous decisions, and note our interest. Margot will contact P Langdon who is a lawyer and a neighbour who may have some clout to ask him to assist us. Although feelings are still high against this development it was decided that there no reason for holding another protest.

Marine Square

Trish Deans went to a Community Board meeting. Funds are being made available to re-organise the car park. Although there will be a loss of car parks the plan will make the area neater. A proposal to remove the trees from the car park was not well received. The tree planting will be decided at a later date. No further action required.

Masonic Hearing

Trish Deans did a superb job of presenting our submission which was prepared by Margot. This was reinforced by Trish J. The Historic Places Trust filled in the gaps of our submission. The applicants dismissed the heritage expert's submissions. Duders Hill, which will be dug into under the current proposal, is not listed as a 'site of significance', it is only mentioned in the District Plan, and has no protection. Claudia will contact the Volcanic Cones Society to see if they have been consulted on this matter. NSCC Environmental Services is not doing their job properly by overlooking this. DH will make a submission to the Council that his should be redressed. The applicants are prepared to modify their application, rather than be refused outright. The proposal could be granted with conditions. There is 15 working days for a decision to be made.

Lights Rugby and Cricket Grounds

The Council proposes to increase the height of the lights to 17 metres. After some discussion as to whether this was heritage issue or not, a decision was made not to get involved in this matter, but to leave it to the community and neighbours.

24 Victoria Road

Trish Deans attended a meeting regarding the demolition of this house as an observer only. Keith Humphries drew the plan which the Engineer Surveyor said

was inadequate as it did not fill up the space. This is the oldest building in Victoria Road but has no protection as it is zoned commercial. DH hope the Council will say that the new building does not fit in. The applicant is keen to keep costs down and not get involved in a lengthy expensive consent process. The Parks Department gave consent for an infringement of a reserve which we believe was wrong. Margot will write an article for the Flagstaff.

Plan Change 33

This is in response to concern about the lack of protection of historic areas in business zones. The Council is undertaking a review; changes to the District Plan take two years. Margot will deal with this.

Heritage Strategy

Margot wrote to Grant Gillon. Confidence is needed in the Council's ability in their handling of heritage matters. There is no option but to consult. We will have to make a submission to the Long Term Plan on Heritage - March 2009. This matter will be monitored by Margot.

Newsletter/Membership Fees

- The newsletter was discussed, and it will now be issued twice a year, the next issue due Easter. Anne mentioned the \$10 membership fee/donation and it was decided that DH should mount a campaign to collect these. A sub-committee of Sylvia, Claudia and Trish J will meet to sort out the membership list with the aim of getting email addresses.
- Sylvia has accepted job of Minute Secretary to assist Sue in her duties.

Agendas/Minutes

Anne proposed that our meetings be open, and that the Meeting Agendas and Minutes be posted on DH's website. This was accepted.

Victoria Wharf

Council has only budgeted for funds to demolish Victoria Wharf, as they do not have the funds for repair and maintenance. DH should lobby for protection of the wharf by listing it. We will ask Sue to research the wharf's history. A sub-committee of Margot, Sue and Claudia has been formed to deal with this matter. The Flagstaff will be notified.

Finances:

In

Proceeds from heritage night	555.00
Membership donations	100.00
Withholding tax refund	4.86
Total in	659.86

Out

Photocopying	70.00
Annual domain name & webhosting fee	72.40
Stationery	32.92
Gifts heritage night	81.30
Stamp showing email address	48.60
Photocopying	18.00
Total out	323.22

Funds Held

Current Account	365.59
Deposit Account	1,026.95
Petty Cash	7.20
Total	1,339.74

Matters Arising:

1. Margot will collect the Agenda's for the Community Board's Monday commissioner hearings.
2. It was decided that future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm in the Library Meeting Room. We will try to maintain the meetings to one hour. The next meeting will be held on the 25th March.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm.