

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC)
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
HELD ON FEBRUARY, 3 WEDNESDAY 2021 ON MICROSOFT TEAMS CAPE TOWN AT
09:00 AM**



1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson, Dr Lita Webley (LW), officially opened the meeting at 9:00 and welcomed everyone present. The committee nominated Mr John Gribble as acting Chairperson at 09.30am as the chairperson (Dr Lita Webley) was having network problems. Dr Lita Webley resumed as Chairperson at 13:10.

2. Attendance

Members

Dr Lita Webley (LW)
Ms Emmylou Bailey (EB)
Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Dr Jayson Orton

Members of Staff

Ms Nosiphiwo Tafeni (NT) Secretariat
Ms Stephanie Barnardt (SB)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Ms Zikhona Sigonya (ZS)
Ms Penelope Meyer (PM)
Mr Cathy-Ann Potgieter (CAP)
Ms Sandisiwe Matole (SM)

Visitors

Dr Janette Deacon (Item 14.1)
Ms Mary Patrick (Item 13.1)
Mr Graham Jacobs (Item 13.1)
Ms Jenna Lavin (Item 13.2, 14.1)
Ms Katie Smuts (Item 13.2)
Ms Elizabeth Velliky (Item 13.3)
Ms Bridget O' Donoghue (Item 19.1)
Ms Kim Williams (Item 19.3)
Mr Jonathan Kaplan (Item 19.4)

Observers

None

3. Apologies

Dr Wendy Black

Absent

None

4 Approval of Agenda

4.1 Dated 3rd February 2021.

The Committee approved the agenda dated 3rd February 2021 with additions, with approval by JG and supported by JO.

5. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

5.1 APM Minutes dated 15th January 2021.

The Committee reviewed the minutes dated 15th January 2021 and resolved to approve them with JG approving and JO supporting the adoption.

6. Disclosure of Interest

6.1 JO 14.2 & 19.1 and JG 19.2 & 19.3

7. Confidential Matters

7.1 Baboon Point

8. Appointments

8.1 None

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Outcome of the Appeals

PM reported back on the outcomes of the following Appeals matters:

- There were two appeals, but none of them APM related
- Wherry Point, Muizenberg
- Torbay Road, Greenpoint
- Both cases had architectural issues, and the Committee requested further requirements for both.
- Cannon Breweries Tribunal: The tribunal had sent the matter back to HWC instead of taking a decision, which is a problem.

9.2 Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Amsterdam Battery

Nothing to report.

9.3 Committee Starting Times

The Committee decided that the APM meeting should start at the usual time of 09:00.

10. Standing Items

No update

10.1 Erf 4998, Sayers Lane, Simons Town (Reburial)

Chairperson to share the email report she received from John Gribble.

10.2 Kasteelberg nomination

The Chair has received the folder with the nomination documents from JG and will share them with the Committee via Dropbox.

10.3 Clanwilliam Dam

SB is compiling documents relating to the matter which will be heard at the next APM meeting.

10.4 Accidental Finds of Skeletal Remains

SB report that no skeletal remains have been covered since the last meeting
SB asked whether Committee members had heard of an informal historical graveyard in the Tygerberg Nature Reserve.

10.5 Site Inspection

10.5.1 Proposed Site Inspection

Item 13.2 Proposed upgrade of the Distillery Road Bridge, Stellenbosch.
Item 14.1 Graffiti Removal for Erf 64, Baboon Point Cave, Elands Bay.

10.5.2 Site Inspection Report

None

11. Report back on Council

Ms C Muller and Ms E Bailey gave the report back:

- Advocate Mdludlu appointed as the new HWC Council Chairperson and he resigned as Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.
- Bongani Mjijima resigned as the Council Chairperson but he is still a Council member.
- Cathy Dumbrell has been appointed the new Appeals Committee Chairperson.
- Stuart Hermanssen resigned from BELCom and has been elected as an ordinary Appeals Committee member.
- Stefan De Kock has resigned from council and Inventories, Grading and Interpretation Committee (IGIC).
- Jenna Lavin has resigned from IGIC.
- Councillor Jason Knight has been seconded to the next IGIC meeting.
- New IGIC members are in the process of being nominated.

12. Policy and Procedures

12.1 SAPS and HWC Accidental Finds Protocol and Procedure

SB to attend the monthly Anthropology meeting (MS Teams meeting) on 3rd February 2021.

12.2 Draft - Guideline for Applications for Disturbance of Human Remains

Nothing to report.

12.3 Updating minimum standard of AIA protocol

Matter to be heard at Council.

12.4 Circulation/Workshop of accidental finds of human remains protocol

Matter to be tabled at today's monthly Anthropology meeting.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

13. SECTION 35 PERMIT APPLICATION

13.1 Proposed ruins rehabilitation and stabilisation of part of the Skuifraam Archaeological Interpretation Site, Farm Skuifraam 11149 and 1629, Berg River Dam, Franschhoek: MA HM/FRANSCHHOEK/ERVEN 11149 AND 1629

Case No: 18021318AS0215M

S35 Permit Application and Associated Documents including previous approvals.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Ms Mary Patrick (Cape Archaeological Survey) and Mr Graham Jacobs (ARCON) were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- Due to delays associated with Covid-19 the permit work has not yet commenced and hence the application for an extension of the permit.
- The Committee noted that the project is currently in Phase four and that the required CMP will be produced in Phase six.

DECISION

The Committee approved the application for the permit extension to Ms Mary Patrick of Cape Archaeological Survey for a further three years.

13.2 **Proposed upgrade of the Distillery Road Bridge, Stellenbosch: NM
HM/CAPE WINELANDS/DRAKENSTEIN/STELLENBOSCH/RE ERF 183
Case No: 2101112SB0111E**

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Application form and relevant documentation prepared by CTS Heritage.

Ms Jenna Lavin (CTS Heritage) and Ms Katie Smuts (Heritage Consultant) were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that there was a S35 permit application to APM as well as a linked S34 application to BELCom for the Distillery Road Bridge upgrade.
- It was noted that no direct impacts are expected to the Bosman's Crossing Provincial Heritage Site (PHS) but that the Early Stone Age (ESA) layer is likely to extend beyond the PHS boundary and may be intersected by the upgrade of the bridge.
- Members of the Committee expressed concern at the state of the PHS after the site was used as a construction camp during a recent bulk sewer upgrade.
- Reference was also made to the theft of the PHS plaque
- A site inspection by HWC staff was proposed.

DECISION

The Committee approved the S35 permit application with the following recommendations:

1. Archaeological monitoring of all excavation activities is to be undertaken by a Stone Age archaeologist, and an archaeological monitoring report must be submitted to HWC on completion of the excavation activities.
2. The boundary of the Bosman's Crossing PHS is to be demarcated in danger tape for the duration of development activities to ensure that it is not impacted by development.

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13.3 **Proposed analysis of material from Klipdrift Complex, Portion 20 of Farm 516, De Hoop
Nature Reserve, Swellendam:
HM/OVERBERG/SWELLENDAM/PTN 20/516
Case No: 20113001SB1223E**

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Ms Elizabeth Velliky (Applicant) was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The application is for an ochre and pigment study which will compare archaeological material with geological samples collected in the vicinity of the site.
- The proposal is to courier 477 samples from Iziko Museum of South Africa to the University of Bergen in Norway in two tranches.

DECISION

The committee approved the application by Dr Velliky of the University of Bergen.

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14. SECTION 35 PERMIT REPORTS

14.1 Graffiti Removal for Erf 64, Baboon Point Cave, Elands Bay: NM HM\WEST COAST\CEDERBERG\ERF 64 ELANDS BAY Case No: 19031929AS0320E

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Dr Janette Deacon (Archaeologist) and Jenna Lavin (CTS Heritage) were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The permit report by Janette Deacon was tabled and discussed by the Committee.
- The concerns she raised regarding the current state of the site and the recurring incidence of graffiti were noted.
- The implementation of the CMP for the Baboon Point PHS was also discussed.

Comment

The Committee approved Dr Deacon's permit report.

- The Committee requested that this item be added as a standing item on the APM agenda.
- There was also a request for a formal report back to the Committee by Mr Windvogel for discussion at the next meeting.
- A site inspection by HWC staff accompanied by Dr Deacon and any APM Committee members who are able to attend will take place before the next meeting.

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14.2 Excavation report for Erf 24639, 209 Main Road, Paarl: NM HM\CAPE WINLEND\DRACKENSTEIN\PAARL\ERF 24639 Case No: 20200505SM0511E

Dr Jayson Orton recused himself and left the meeting.

Ms Sandisiwe Matole introduced the matter.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted the results of Dr Orton's excavation on Erf 24639 in Paarl.
- The ruins uncovered by Dr Orton were graded IIIC in his report.
- In the event that significant archaeological remains are found during the monitoring process, the Committee recommended that some arrangements be made for the loan of this material from the Iziko Museum for public display on site.

DECISION

The Committee endorsed Dr Orton's S35 permit report and supported his recommendations:

1. All earthworks are to be monitored by a professional archaeologist who must liaise with HWC if potentially significant materials are discovered.
2. Further test excavations should be done where possible during the monitoring, both with and without the assistance of a mechanical excavator, with the aim of recording more information about the site while this is still possible, including the extent of the cobbled surface and further information about the distribution of artefacts in the eastern part of the site;

3. If any significant or otherwise interesting finds (such as the cobbled surface) are made then the ground floor layout (parking, detention pond, etc) may need to be revised to protect these finds; and
4. If any dense archaeological materials are uncovered during the course of development, then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

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15. SECTION 35 PERMIT

15.1 None

16. SECTION 36 PERMIT APPLICATION

16.1 None

17. SECTION 38 (4) HIA

17.1 None

18. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

18.1 None

19. SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

19.1 **Proposed Boutique Hotel Development, Franschhoek Pass Winery, Farm No 1545 Paarl, Franschhoek: NM
HM/CAPE WINELANDS/STELLENBOSCH/FRANSCHHOEK/FARM NO 1545 PAARL
Case No: 20013103AS0210E**

Dr J. Orton recused himself and left the meeting.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Ms Bridget O' Donoghue (Heritage Consultant) was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted the archaeological impact assessment (AIA) by Dr Orton and the almost total absence of archaeological finds on the site.
- The Committee noted that the public participating process (PPP) for the HIA which contains the AIA has been completed. The results of the PPP will be submitted to HWC for tabling at the upcoming IACom meeting. No archaeological issues were raised by I&AP's.
- No PIA was specifically requested by HWC as part of the HIA.

COMMENT

- The Committee supports the AIA by ASHA Consulting dated 18th December 2020.
- The Committee notes that no PIA comment was included in the HIA, however due to low palaeontological sensitivity as confirmed by APM, an inclusion of the fossil finds protocol in the EMP/EMPr is adequate.

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19.2 **Proposed Expansion of The Sand Mine on Portion 4 of The Farm Zandbergfontein, Robertson: MA**
HM/CAPE WINELANDS/ROBERTSON/PTN 4 OF ZANDERBERGFONTEIN FARM 97
Case No: 16112202AS1124E

J. Gribble recused himself and left the meeting.

HIA and associated documentation prepared by ACO

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The revised HIA also considered the cultural landscape and socio-economic benefits of the project as requested.

COMMENT

The Committee endorsed the revised HIA (ACO Associates December 2020) and the PIA by Bamford (April 20202) on condition that the Fossil Finds Protocol is included in the EMP/EMPr.

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19.3 **Proposed tourist accommodation Farm 96, Farm Groenfontein, Ceres: NM**
HM/CAPE WINELANDS/WITZENBURG/CERES/PTN 481/12
Case No: 2012703SB1223E

J. Gribble recused himself and left the meeting.

HIA and associated documentation prepared by ACO.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Ms Kim Williams (Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants) was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- A HIA consisting of a specialist AIA was submitted.
- Although the NID response requested a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Groenfontein, the Committee feels this request is premature at this time.
- The significant rock art site of Stompiesfontein will not be impacted and the landowner currently has a strict set of visitor's guidelines.
- However, a CPM may be required in future if increased visitor numbers impact on the site.
- The AIA found no significant archaeological resources within the development footprint.
- The Committee noted that the fossil heritage of the area is graded as moderate on the Palaeontological Sensitivity Map but that no impact to palaeontology has been assessed.
- The HIA has not considered the potential impacts of the proposed development on the Cultural Landscape of the area.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS

The HIA does not meet the requirements of section 38(3) as does not adequately address the potential impact on Palaeontology or the Cultural Landscape.

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19.4 **Proposed New Swartvlei Dam on Remainder of Portion 1 Of Farm 494 Clanwilliam Road Near Citrusdal: NM**
HM/WEST COAST/CEDERBERG/CLANWILLIAM/RE PTN 1/494
Case No: 20051801SB1029E

HIA and associated documentation prepared by ACRM dated November 2020.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the matter.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan (Archaeologist ACRM) was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee discussed the probability of ESA implements being uncovered during the excavations for the dam.
- They noted the value of having a sample collection analysed by an archaeologist familiar with ESA stone typology, if this was possible.

FINAL COMMENT

The Committee endorsed the HIA by Kaplan (November 2020) and the PIA by Almond (December 2020) with the following recommendations:

- The Fossil Find Protocol must be implemented.
- Archaeological monitoring of the excavation of the dam basin with the collection of Stone Age material under a work plan issued by HWC.

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21. SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

21.1 None

22. REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE

22.1 None

23. REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT

23.1 None

24. OTHER MATTERS

24.1 None

25. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

The Committee adopted the resolutions and decisions.

JO moved to endorse and adopted the resolution and decisions and RR supported.

26. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at: 14:23

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

3 March 2021

CHAIRPERSON

L. E. Wesley

DATE 3 March 2021

SECRETARY: N.Tafeni/A.Brown

DATE: 3 March 2021

APPROVED