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MINUTES

LANDMARKS ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Date: **Monday, 18 March 2019**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Landmarks Advisory Group held on
18 March 2019 at 3.00pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANDMARKS ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON MONDAY, 18 MARCH 2019 AT 3.00PM

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Schollum
Councillors Dixon and Travers
Mrs Ruth Vincent (President, Landmarks Trust)
Landmarks Trust Executive: Joyce Barry, Barbara Brookfield and Diana McCormack

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks and Property Services Manager (Mr C Hosford)
Parks Planning & Development Manager (Ms R Stuart)
Parks Landscape and Projects Officer (Mr B Leslie)
Environmental Enhancement Officer (Mr J Clews)
Chief Financial Officer (Mr B Allan)
Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory (Mr J O'Shaughnessy)
Senior Environmental Planner - Policy (Mr J Minehan)
Team Leader Environmental Policy (Mrs M Gaffaney)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Richard Coles

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Travers/Councillor Dixon

That an apology for absence from Councillor Lawson be accepted.

CARRIED

An apology from Robin Middlebrook was noted.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Dixon/Mrs Vincent

That the minutes of the Landmarks Advisory Group held Wednesday 5 December 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

With the agreement of the meeting Item 6 was taken out of order.

7. QUARTERLY REPORT (Document 19/262)

Opera House Precinct House - The Chief Financial Officer, Mr Allan advised that he had been seconded to the role of Lead Opera House Development Project.

Mr Allan advised that the Opera House strengthening work was scheduled to be completed by September 2019 excluding the fire remediation work, which was expected to be complete by December 2019. The Code of Compliance to be issued in January/February 2020.

Plaza – Work on the Plaza structure is progressing in preparation for the roof installation which was scheduled to take place mid 2019.

Municipal Building – Mr Allan advised that the Municipal structural strengthening had been approved. Work on the strengthening was progressing with the priority focus remaining on the southern wall area to allow for the Opera House to open in February 2020 as scheduled.

The structural engineering design to strengthen the Municipal Building had been developed to allow for the full implementation of the Mathews and Mathews Architects concept to be implemented should sufficient funding be raised and Council approval be received.

The Parks Planning and Development Manager, Ms Stuart updated the Group on the following current Council and community projects that had an impact on Landmarks goals:

- **Eastbourne Street Upgrade** – Construction teams are now on site and the estimated project would take four months.
- **Flaxmere Park Playground Upgrade** – Ms Stuart advised that the new playground was delayed late last year due to concerns the new play equipment would not arrive in time for the new playground to be ready in time for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Work had now begun on the playground. Funding applications to Trust House Community Enterprise (\$25,000) and First Light Community Foundation (\$20,000) had been successful and would enable a new large slide tower to also be purchased.
- **Raureka Reserve Management Plan** – Ms Stuart advised that the Parks Asset Planner (Jennifer Leaf) who had undertaken the work on the Plan was now working for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council. There had been a lot of submissions even though it was a relatively small park as it had been proposed to not vest a portion of the Park to allow for future choices. However the Park was vested under the Reserves Act in its entirety.
- **Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan** – The Parks Planning and Development Manager, Ms Stuart advised that 35 submissions had been received relating to the provisions included in the Plan with regard to the former tea kiosk building and the lease to the playcentre. There was also a desire from some submitters to restore the historic building for future generations.

A feasibility study would be required to investigate possible solutions and the lease of the Playcentre extended to September 2020.

Prioritise and bring forward some projects. Funds were available over the next three financial years for Windsor Park and these funds would be used for Cornwall Park.

- **Haumoana Freedom Camping Area** – A grant from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of \$190,000 enabled the upgrade of the Haumoana Domain for self contained vehicles to be completed.
- **Havelock North Business Association Artwork** – Two artworks purchased by the Association “Blade Totems”, to be installed in a garden bed Joll Road and “Girl on a Swing” to be located in one of the large branches of the gum tree in the Havelock North Village Green. To ensure the health of the tree, officers are working with arborists on how to secure the artwork.
- **Façade Enhancement Scheme** – The Environmental Enhancement Officer Mr Clews advised that building façade enhancements of the East Blocks was continuing. The T & T Building, BJs Café and the DTR building were all now completed.

It was noted that Queens Park, Invercargill had a major stumpery which was made up of logs and created artwork.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Travers

A) That the report of the Parks Planning and Development Manager titled “Quarterly Report” dated 18/03/2019 be received.

CARRIED

3. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Te Ara Kahikatea Artwork – The Senior Environmental Planner – Policy, Mr Minehan displayed a concept design (CG-14-13-00056) of significant sculpture for the Whakatu arterial. Feedback on the concept designs had been very positive and was in the initial planning stage and identifying suitable sites.

HB Co-operative Garage & Heretaunga Street 200 West Laneway – The Team Leader Environmental Policy, Mrs Gaffaney advised that Council had bought the former Briscoes building previously HB Co-operative Garage at 206 Queen Street West Hastings which would enable the creation of a CBD linkage, pocket park, carpark, improved service lane access through the 200 block to Heretaunga Street West.

The preliminary concept plan was confidential at this stage and the meeting viewed this in Public Excluded.

3A. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 3**SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987**

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Travers

THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;**3. Preliminary Concept Plan – 206 Queen Street West**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this Resolution is as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION
3. Preliminary Concept Plan – 206 Queen Street West	<p>Section 7 (2) (i)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>The information in this report is commercially sensitive.</p>	Section 48(1)(a)(i) Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

CARRIED.

The meeting resumed in open Session at 3.55pm.

Landmarks Trust Update

Mrs Vincent updated the Group on the Landmarks Trust and highlighted the following points:

- The Trust enjoyed the regular updates with Rachel Stuart and Colin Hosford and being involved in the steps in the processes.
- This month saw a number of submissions, the Keirunga Trees, the inner city living Variation 5, and Cornwall park upgrades.
- The Keirunga tree work has drawn a lot of attention in Havelock North, and Council is to be commended to their responses to those concerns.
- The Amy Lynch Sculpture is now in the next stage of organising with her structural engineers, and getting pricing together by mid April, so as we can prepare some applications for funding.
- A Facebook page was being looked into to use as a platform to raise the Trust's profile, advertise events, and keep in touch with members.
- As there are parameters to consider Rachel checking with the

Communications Team, the Trust proceeds.

- The upcoming forum "Creating Magic Spaces" be at Heretaunga Women's Centre, Civic Square corner Thursday 28 March 2019.
- The Landmarks Annual General Meeting will be held on 29 August 2019.
- Derek Burns has now stepped away from his involvement in the Trust.

Mrs Vincent/Councillor Schollum

That the Landmarks Trust Update dated 18 March 2019 be received.

CARRIED

5. KEIRUNGA GARDENS - DRAFT TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN - CONSULTATION PHASE UPDATE
(Document 18/1076)

The Parks and Services Manager, Mr Hosford updated the Group on the Keirunga Gardens Draft Tree Management Plan which was released for public consultation on 8 December 2018.

Concept and ideas had been taken to a community meeting and had been well received. A Draft Plan was put together as a consultation document. During the consultation phase an independent peer review report was undertaken by Arborlab.

The draft plan, the arborlab report and addendum report were made available to the public so that their submissions could consider the wide range of options put forward. These documents could be accessed on the Council website at; www.myvoicemychoice.nz Submitters had been advised that in light of the recommendations of the Arborlab report, they may wish to withdraw and/or amend their submissions to take into account an alternative arborcultural view.

Due to public interest the submission period has been extended through to 5 April 2019. The Council would consider the submissions at its meeting on 14 May 2019. Submissions will be analysed and options put forward to Council.

Ms Vincent advised that the Arborlab report was very detailed and professional and added large amount of information. The addendum document was very useful document. On the basis of the information received Ms Vincent advised that the Landmarks Trust would amend their submission to support the Arborlab report.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Travers

- A) That the report of the Parks and Property Services Manager titled "Keirunga Gardens - Draft Tree Management Plan - Consultation Phase Update" dated 18/03/2019 be received for information and discussion purposes only.**

CARRIED

6. UPDATE ON CITY CENTRE REVITALISATION PLAN

(Document 19/263)

The Parks Planning and Development Manager, Ms Stuart displayed a powerpoint presentation (CG-14-13-00054) and updated the Group on the Hastings City Centre Public Spaces Revitalisation Plan (the Plan) to the Group that was adopted by Council on 26 February 2019.

The Revitalisation Plan identified a total of 9 areas to assist with the improvement of the city centre through urban design initiatives and these areas are listed below:

- Central Plaza
- Heretaunga Street East Hospitality Precinct
- Heretaunga Street West amenity Improvements
- Railway Road Entrance Gateway
- Civic Square
- Karamu Road Precinct and Entrance Gateway
- Pocket Parks
- Laneways and Accessibility Connections
- Street Upgrades

All 23 projects with exception of the West Laneways and King Street Pocket Park were funded by the Planning and Regulatory team. The only other project not funded was Karamu and Eastbourne Roads. A submission would be made to the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan for the funding.

A workshop is planned for 1 April, being facilitated by Karl Wixon that members of the Landmarks Executive were invited to that would discuss these items in relation to the City Centre Strategy.

A Working Group would be established to assist with design features and implementation of individual projects contained within this Plan consistent with the framework and design guide. This group could include representation from: Council, the Landmarks Trust, Mana Whenua, Arts & Culture Sector, Hastings City Business Association, and Youth Council.

Councillor Schollum/Ms Brookfield

- A) **That the report of the Parks Planning and Development Manager titled "Update on City Centre Revitalisation Plan" dated 18/03/2019 be received.**
- B) **That the Landmarks Trust have two members of the Landmarks Executive to be part of the City Centre Working Group that will be established.**

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

8. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: