

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HALSWELL QUARRY PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Friday 31 July 2009 at 9am

PRESENT: Councillors Ngaire Button, Claudia Reid,
Sue Wells, Chrissie Williams and Norm Withers.

IN ATTENDANCE: **Christchurch City Council**
Kay Holder, David Sissons, Paul Devlin, and
Kate Seabourn, Fiona Shand.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from the
Mayor and Councillor Gail Sheriff.

LEGAL BACKGROUND

On 26 March 2009 it was resolved that the Council:

“(d) Appoint a Halswell Quarry Park Special Committee from Council members who are not members of a Sister City Committee nor members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, namely the Mayor, Councillors Button, Reid, Sheriff, Wells, Williams and Withers to:

- (i) Hear any submissions on the revised Management Plan in May 2009.*
- (ii) Make a decision on the submissions and approve a new Management Plan.”*

1. ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

On the motion of Councillor Withers, seconded by Councillor Wells, it was **resolved** that Councillor Williams be the Acting Chairperson for the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Button, the minutes of the 25 and 26 May 2009 meetings were confirmed.

3. DELIBERATIONS

The Committee noted the additional information attached to the Agenda in response to questions asked by Councillor Williams. The Committee also discussed the following matters:

Purpose of the Management Plan

- The meaning of ‘botanical collection’ and the inclusion and relationship between plants and structures in the gardens – a definition in the document would be helpful.

Role and relationship of Sister City Gardens in Halswell Quarry Park

- The maps (appendix 4) require updating if included in the final Management Plan;
- Structures;
- Changes implemented since 2000;
- Activities;
- Events; and
- Governance of the park.

Role of Heritage Structures

- Use of the Managers’ House as a cafe – recognised the need to keep options open for potential future uses of the building.
- The need for a long term plan for house and other buildings in the quarry. This needs to be indicated in the Management Plan.

Traffic Management

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- Originally proposed to hold traffic at the first car park, now proposing that cars go to car park area (but not into the Findlays Green area except for special events).
- Traffic and car parking layout.
- Funding for future works.

Archaeological Status and Site

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- Relationship with the Management Plan on this matter, as well as relevant information in the South West Area Plan (SWAP).
- If sites of potential interest found, the Plan should have processes to deal with these.
- The Management Plan needs to be clear and consistent throughout with respect to archaeological sites.

Plantings

Staff tabled an updated List A with appropriate planting species, noting that the list is not exclusive.

Draft Management Plan

The Committee considered the Draft Management Plan on a page by page basis, where necessary clarification of issues was provided by staff and the Committee discussed options.

A number of changes to the Draft Management Plan were recommended and the Special Committee **agreed** that staff make the suggested changes, including those

noted below, to the Draft Management Plan for final consideration by the Special Committee.

Introduction (page 1)

- Footnote should say there are six Sister City Gardens and the Christchurch New Zealand garden.
- Use of the term ‘botanical collection’ was misleading, consider using more inclusive term of Sister City Gardens.
- Acknowledge the Park’s significance to the local community.

Purpose of the Park (page 1-2)

- Add ‘horse riding’ as an activity within the Park.
- Order and content of bullet points – clarification needed, including:
 - Reference needed to listed heritage buildings (protection and use of);
 - Reflect community use of the Park;
 - Remove repetition in the bullet points;
 - Recognise the distinct features of the Park (e.g. the Quarry);
 - Recognise the Parks use for recreation; and
 - Acknowledge the three habitats – rural, biodiversity, Sister Cities.

Botanical Collections (pages 3-4)

- Change heading to ‘Sister City Gardens’.

Map (page 6)

- Specific areas should be named e.g. Findlays Green.
- Clarity around status of dog exercise area required – it is currently a multi-use area, not a fenced ‘dog park’. The Plan needs to make specific reference to the relevant bylaw with respect to dogs.

Objectives

- Objective 1
 - Discussed and accepted.
- Objective 2
 - 2.4: Remove reference to ‘former’ Manager’s House.
 - The Plan needs to reflect further investigation of this area and be open to change over time if needed. Ensure proposed use for Park Rangers doesn’t preclude other uses at later date.
- Objective 3
 - Rename as Sister City Structures.
 - 3.1: Split and add new bullet point.
 - 3.2: Define structures.
 - 3.3: This doesn’t fit within this objective, move to elsewhere in the document.
 - Criteria should address the vista, objectives and policies of the Management Plan, cultural aspects and environmental design.
 - 3.4: Need an assessment of the artistic and contextual components of the structures, perhaps through the use of a information board.
 - 3.4: Consider pulling together a group specifically to consider proposals and evaluate landscape plans.

- 3.5: Relates to 3.2 – these objectives should be together.
- 3.5: Accepts proposal, Transport and Greenspace Manager following consultation with key stakeholders
- 3.7.1: Remove.
- Objective 4
 - Noted this includes all structures.
 - Keep original 4.2 and 4.3 (no changes).
- Objective 5
 - Consider habitats, amenity planting, botanical collections within the Sister City Gardens.
 - 5.2: Prepare a revised landscape concept plan in consultation with key stakeholders to guide plantings.
- Objective 6
 - Discussed and accepted.
- Objective 7
 - Discussed and accepted.
- Objective 8
 - 8.4: Consider the addition of cycling.
- Objective 9
 - 9.2: Should refer to the Bylaw, for example, *Dogs shall be allowed in the Park in accordance with the Dog Control Bylaw 2008*”, map as an the appendix.
 - Bring access and transport together.
- Objective 10
 - 10.3: Should be modified.
- Objective 11
 - Discussed and accepted.
- Objective 12
 - Consider adding reference to key stakeholders.
- Objective 13
 - Discussed and accepted..
- Objective 14
 - Outline how consultation will take place.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – updates species.
- Appendix 2 – remove pictures.
- Appendix 3 – new plans will be used.
- Appendix 4 – plans need to be updated.
- Appendix 5 – add reference to Dog Control Bylaw.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm.