



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN
CAPE, APPEALS COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST 2024, MICROSOFT TEAMS,
SCHEDULED
FOR 08:30**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson, Mr Gregory Ontong, officially opened the meeting at 08:30 and welcomed everyone present.

2. Attendance

Committee Members:

Mr Gregory Ontong (GO)
Ms Corlie Smart (CS)
Mr Dave Saunders (DS)
Dr Nicolas Baumann (NB)
Dr Andre van Graan (AvG)

Members of Staff:

Ms Nosiphiwo Tafeni (NT)
Ms Penelope Meyer (PM)
Ms Emily-Jane Vowels (EJV)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Ms Sneha Jhupsee (SJ)
Ms Stephanie Barnardt (SB)
Ms Aneeqah Brown (AB)
Ms Chane Herman (CH)
Ms Corne Nortje (CN)
Ms Chiara Singh (CSI)

Observers:

Ms. Nicolene Visser

Mr Tiaan de Toit

Visitors:

Item 11.1

Mr Jaco Van der Merwe

Item 12.1

None

3. Apologies

None

4. Acceptance of the Code of Conduct

Members re-affirmed their commitment to the Code of Conduct

5. Approval of Agenda

5.1 Dated 14th august 2024.

The agenda dated 14th August 2024 was approved. The Committee unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda.

6. Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

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None

6.1 Recusals- General

None

7. Approval previous of Minutes

7.1 Appeals Minutes dated 17th July 2024

The Committee resolved to approve the Minutes dated 17th July 2024. NB moved to adopt the Minutes and CS and AvG seconded.

8. Confidential Matters

None.

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Outcome of the Tribunal Committees and Recent Court Decisions

There were no new updates on recent Tribunal Rulings:

9.2 Report back from HWC Council

The Chair reported back on the special Council meeting of 30 July 2024, at which decisions were taken to confirm the declaration of the Green Point Common and to declare the Palmerston School a Provincial Heritage site.

9.3 Site Visits undertaken/Site Inspection Report(s)

9.3.1 None

9.4 Potential Site Visits

**9.4.1 Farm 1796, C'est La Vie, Olyvenbosch Road, Wellington
HM/DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY/ WELLINGTON/ /FARM 1796
Case No: HWC23022302SB0223**

Site inspection on 2nd September 2024 at 14 h 00 (NB, CS & SH).

Discussion of attendance at any upcoming Tribunal meetings

9.5.1 Upcoming Tribunal site inspection and hearing for matter: None

9.5 Discussion of the Agenda

9.6.1 None

9.7 Appointment

9.7.1 None

10 Matters Arising

10.1 None

11. New Matters

**11.1 Old Mossel River Post Office, Erf 2225. 56 10th Street, Voelklip, Hermanus.
HM/OVERBERG/ OVERSTRAND/ HERMANUS/ERF 2225
Case No: HWC24042301CSI0430**

A site inspection was undertaken.

Appeal against HOMs's decision.

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- The case officer, Ms Chiara Singh (CSI), introduced the item.

The appellants were not present and did not address the committee. The committee confirmed that it had considered the written appeal documents.

Mr van der Merwe, the respondent, made the following arguments:

- He understood that there is sentimental attachment to the old post office building
- He confirmed that the name of the building will reference "The Post Office".
- He indicated that the structure was unsound and could not be altered and redeveloped. There is a lot of damp.

DISCUSSION

The Committee went *in camera* to discuss the appeal.

Amongst other things, the following was taken into consideration and discussed by the Committee:

- It was considered that it was unfortunate that a representative of the appellant was not present.
- The significance of the building, as claimed by the appellant, was mainly social.
- There has been no continuity of use of the building as a post office.
- The building has lost most of its original significance, however, the respondent has made an attempt to memorialise the post office.
- There is virtually very little of the heritage context left. There was a preponderance of contemporary buildings in the context.
- There is a new building to the west of the old post office building.
- The building has been significantly altered over time and contains very little of the original fabric.
- There were no early images of the Post Office provided by the appellant.
- The Appellant accordingly did not make a strong argument regarding the heritage value of the building which would merit the retention of the building. The area in which the building is situated has no heritage value and the replacement building would be acceptable in the context.

DECISION

The appeal is dismissed, and the decision of Homs is upheld.

CSI

12. Other Matters: For Noting

12.1 Farm 1796, C'est La Vie, Olyvenbosch Road, Wellington HM/DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY/ WELLINGTON/ /FARM 1796 Case No: HWC23022302SB0223

Site inspection on 2nd September 2024 at 14 h 00 (NB, CS & SH).

Held over to the meeting of 11th of September 2024

13. Proposed next date of the meeting to be held online: 11th September 2024

14. Adoption of decisions and resolutions

The Committee resolved to adopt the decisions and resolutions dated 17th July 2024. AvG moved to adopt, and SH seconded.

Closure: The meeting was adjourned at 09: 58

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:

CHAIRPERSON  DATE 16 September 2024

SECRETARY _____ DATE _____ 2024