



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC)
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2021, WEDNESDAY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS CAPE TOWN AT 09:00 AM**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson, Dr Lita Webley officially opened the meeting at 9:00 and welcomed everyone present.

2. Attendance

Members

Dr Lita Webley (LW)
Dr Wendy Black (WB)
Ms Emmylou Bailey (EB)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)

Members of Staff

Ms Aneeqah Brown (AB) Secretariat
Ms Stephanie Barnardt (SB)
Ms Zikhona Sigonya (ZS)
Ms Nosiphiwo Tafeni (NT)
Ms Ayanda Mdludlu (AM)
Ms Cathy-Ann Potgieter (CAP)

Visitors

Dr Gideon de Jager
Ms Susan de Kock
Ms Andrea Gibb
Ms Omphemetse Thebe

Observers

None

3. Apologies

Dr Jayson Orton (JO)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Dr Ragna Redelstorff (RR)

Absent

None

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1 1 September 2021

The Committee approved the agenda dated 1 September 2021 with additions and amendments.

4. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

5.1 4 August 2021

The Committee reviewed the minutes dated 4 August 2021 and resolved to approve the minutes with no additions or amendments.

6. Disclosure of Interest

6.1 None

7. Confidential Matters

7.1 None

8. Appointments

8.1 None

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Outcome of the Appeals

CAP reported back on the following items;

- Proposed Alterations and Additions, Erf 55, 85 Church Street, Elim: Committee resolved to lift the Stop Works Order and enter into a Heritage Agreement with the Applicant.
- Tribunal: Proposed Development and Consolidation of Erven 28900-28902, 1, 3 & 5 Strubens Road, Mowbray: The Committee issued further requirements.
- Proposed Alterations and Additions, Erf 2911, 38 Huguenot Road, Franschoek: The Committee issued further requirements.
- Proposed Total Demolition, Erf 223, 4 Weir Road, Millerton: Appeal dismissed.
- Proposed Alterations and Additions, Erf 12255, 230 Victoria Street, Woodstock: The Committee issued further requirements.
- Proposed Minor Works, Erf 88273, 14 Main Road, and St James: Appeal dismissed.

10. Standing Items

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

- HWC staff conducted a site inspection on 10 August 2021 and have confirmed that the earthworks have started within the development footprint.
- ACO Associates have cleared the area of human remains under a permit from HWC.
- However, excavations for services within the road reserve are likely to impact below ground burials and this will trigger the requirements for a Section 35 permit.
- SB to inform the City of Cape Town (CoCT) of the Section 35 permit requirements for any work within the road reserve and surrounding areas.

10.2 Amsterdam Battery Report Back on Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and Heritage Agreement (HA)

Nothing to report back.

10.3 Clanwilliam Dam - Rock Art Panels to be moved to long term storage facility

- SB noted that the site inspection to Clanwilliam will take place on the 7th of September 2021, and will include representatives of Iziko Museums, PGS Heritage and the Department of Water Affairs.

- Wilhelmina Seconna, the Iziko Archaeology Unit's Collections Manager, and two Iziko conservators will assess the feasibility of establishing a long term loan with the local Clanwilliam Museum and help complete the required facility report on the museum. They will also assess the condition of the rock art panels to be moved.

10.4 Accidental Finds of Skeletal Remains- Hermanus

- The Forensic Officer of the South African Police Services has recovered a fragment of a human cranium outside Hermanus.
- The remains were uncovered during construction of an informal settlement.
- There are scattered marine shell fragments which may be suggestive of a midden but this is unclear.
- Since no teeth were recovered from the site, it is difficult to establish whether the cranium is archaeological or forensic.
- The remains are presently with FACT. HWC have requested the Overberg Municipality to appoint an archaeologist to investigate further.

10.5 Criteria for long term storage of human remains - held over until October 2021

Nothing to report back.

10.6 Erf 64, Baboon Point Cave, Elands Bay - Feedback to be provided

11 Site Inspection

12 Proposed Site Inspection

12.1 Clanwilliam Dam (Item 10.3) - 7 September 2021

13 Site Inspection Report

13.1 Erf 4998, Sayers Lane, Simons Town

Report back on 10 September 2021.

13.2 Lourens River

Report back on 10 September 2021.

14 Report back on Council

- LW reported that she had presented the APM report at the meeting on the 27 August. She had highlighted the issues around the absence of a HWC inventory of heritage reports. She was informed that HWC was finalizing an agreement with SAHRA, and all new reports will be uploaded to SAHRIS from the 1st March 2022.
- The following matters were discussed and resolved at Council: the HWC Risk Register, financial report, competency of local authorities, chairpersons' reports from the various HWC committees and Report on status of HWC and legislative framework commissioned by HWC and DEDAT.
- EB provided general feedback including the revision of the HWC committees' code of conduct regarding absentee members and the IGIC Committee vacancies.
- Council mandated the chair of IGIC to return with a recommendation that addresses the shortcoming of no archaeologist serving on this committee.
- HWC Council record of decision: Council resolved to appoint Ms Lynn Abrahams as an IGIC member.

15. Policy and Procedures

15.1 SAPS and HWC Accidental Finds Protocol and Procedure – added visual aid

- SB to send an email to remind Committee members to forward any images which she could use.

15.2 Draft - Guideline for Applications for Disturbance of Human Remains- To be replaced with National Policy on the Repatriation and Restitution of Human Remains and Heritage Objects

For noting.

15.3 Circulation/Workshop of accidental finds of human remains protocol

Nothing to report.

15.4 Heritage inspectors-APM Committee

- The Committee discussed the importance of appointing heritage inspectors, particularly with regard to the recovery of human remains.
- The Committee supported the appointment of heritage inspectors and clarification of the process as soon as possible.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

16. SECTION 35 PERMIT APPLICATION

16.1 Proposed analysis and construction of a more holistic model of the PAP, by the addition of genetic data from Faunal Remains from Archaeological Sites: Boomplaas, Die Kelders, Elands Bay Cave and associated Open Sites, Klasies River Mouth and Nelson Bay Cave: NM HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/ IZIKO

Case No: 21081119SB0813E

S35 Permit Application and Associated Documents prepared by Dr Gideon Jacobus de Jager.

Dr Gideon de Jager (applicant) was present and took part in the discussion.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the case.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The application is for the destructive sampling of teeth and bone from bovid specimens for ancient DNA and stable isotope analysis from six archaeological sites which are presently housed in at Iziko Museums.
- The proposed sample size has been increased from 36 samples to 54 specimens. The Iziko Museum has been consulted on the project and supported the application.
- The analysis will be undertaken at the GLOBE Institute at the University of Copenhagen.
- The permit application is for Phase 1. Phase 2 will be implemented with effect 2022.
- An export permit will be required from SAHRA.

DECISION

The Committee resolved to approve the permit application from Dr de Jager. A revised table of the specimens with their museum accession numbers to be submitted to HWC.

SB

17. SECTION 35 PERMIT REPORTS

17.1 Closeout report for excavation at Erf 2393, 14 Una Drive Betty's Bay:MA HM/OVERSTRAND/ OVERBERG / BETTY BAY / ERF 2393

Case No: 21052505SB0614E

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the case.

Closeout report prepared by Katie Smuts of Rennie Scurr Adendorff

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee was satisfied that the site of the proposed garage has been tested archaeologically and nothing was found.

DECISION

The Committee resolved to approve the permit report by Katie Smuts of Rennie Scurr Adendorff dated 12 August 2021.

18. SECTION 35 REGISTRATION OF REPOSITORIES

18.1 None

19. SECTION 36 PERMIT APPLICATION

19.1 None

20. SECTION 36 PERMIT REPORT

20.1 None

21. SECTION 38 NID

**21.1 Proposed sandmine on Ptn 5 of Farm Woodlands 874, Malmesbury, S38 (8)-NID
HM/SWARTLAND/MALMESBURY/PTN 5 OF FARM 874: NM
Case No: 21081003AM0806E**

NID application and associated documents

Ms Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the case.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee discussed the absence of the archaeological information for the general area and the need to determine if archaeological resources will be impacted.
- The committee noted the proximity of the site to a non-perennial river which may increase the archaeological sensitivity of the site.
- Buildings of historical significance have been identified on surrounding properties which may have implications with respect to historical archaeology.
- The area is of low palaeontological significance and the proposed sand mine is unlikely to impact on palaeontological resources.
- Since there is a reason to believe that archaeological resources may be impacted, the Committee recommended an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA).

DECISION

The Committee recommends an AIA with a field survey.

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**21.2 Proposed construction of the Sandgat Sam and enlargement of an existing dam along with associated infrastructure on Farm 1033, RE of Langekloof Farm 487, Malmesbury, S38(8)-NID HM/SWARTLAND/MALMESBURY/PTN 5 OF FARM 874: NM
Case No: 21081015AM0810E**

NID application and associated documents

Ms Susan de Kock (EAP) was present and took part in the discussion.

Ms Ayanda Mdludlu introduced the case.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The proposed dam will have a footprint of 14 hectares with associated pipeline development.
- It was noted that Early Stone Age (ESA) stone tools have been reported by archaeologists on both banks of the nearby Berg River (SAHRIS reports).
- A previous desktop PIA on SAHRIS noted that the area is of very low paleo-sensitivity.
- Since there is a reason to believe that archaeological resources may be impacted, the Committee recommended an AIA.

DECISION

The Committee recommended that an AIA with a foot survey is undertaken of the proposed development footprint including the pipeline.

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22. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

22.1 None

23. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORT

23.1 None

24. SECTION 38 (8) HIA

24.1 None

25. SECTION 38 (4) HIA

25.1 None

26. Section 34 - ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS/PARTIAL DEMOLITION

26.1 None

27. SECTION 38 (1) NID

27.1 None

28. REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE

28.1 None

29. SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

29.1 None

30. SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

30.1 None

31. REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT

31.1 None

32. OTHER MATTERS

**32.1 Draft EMPr for the proposed Tooverberg Wind Energy Facility on Remainder & Portion 1 of Farm 244, Witzenberg: MA
HM/WITZENBERG/TOOVERBERG WEF
Case No: 18102909AS1108M**

Draft Environmental Management Programs (EMPr) for the two associated projects.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the case.

Ms Andrea Gibb (senior project developer) and Ms Omphemetse Thebe (project developer) were present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The committee reiterated the need for a short overview of what has changed or been amended with the project as requested previously.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS

The Committee requested the necessary documentation be submitted.

SB

33. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

The Committee adopted the resolutions and decisions. CM moved to adopt the decisions and resolutions and EB seconded.

34. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at: 12:30

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

10 September 2021

CHAIRPERSON_  _

DATE: 10 September 2021

SECRETARY: A. Brown

DATE: 10 September 2021