

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (HWC)
ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEOLOGY AND METEORITES COMMITTEE (APM)
HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 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 Ragna Redelstorff (RR)
Ms Emmylou Bailey (EB)
Ms Cecilene Muller (CM)
Mr John Gribble (JG)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Dr Wendy Black (WB)

Members of Staff

Ms Aneeqah Brown (AB) Secretariat
Ms Stephanie Barnardt (SB)
Mr Reagon Fortune (RF)
Mr Michael Janse van Rensburg (MJvR)
Ms Penelope Meyer (PM)
Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Ms Colette Scheermeyer (CS)

(Dr Redelstorff left: 11:00, returned: 11:30)

(Dr Black left: 9:15, returned: 10:15 then left: 12:35)

(Ms. Muller joined at 9:15 due to connection problems with the network)

Visitors

Mr Tim Hart
Ms Cathy-Salter Jansen
Mr Jonathan Kaplan
Mr Carlos De Mendonca
Mr Andries du Plessis

Observers

None

3. Apologies

Dr Jayson Orton (JO)

Absent

None

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1 6 October 2021

The Committee approved the agenda dated 6 October 2021 with additions and amendments.

5. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

5.1 10 September 2021

The Committee reviewed the minutes dated 10 September 2021 and resolved to approve the minutes with no additions or amendments.

6. Disclosure of Interest

6.1 LW: item 16.1

7. Confidential Matters

7.1 None

8. Appointments

8.1 None

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Outcome of the Appeals

Nothing to report

9.2 Rock Art vandalism of Grafskending van C. Louis Leipoldt se graf nearby Clanwilliam

- HWC had received an email from the landowner informing them that the plaque at the site had been stolen. It was not clear if the rock art had been vandalised
- Cape Nature has opened a case with the police
- A Committee member or a member of eCRAG will be requested to visit the site and report back on the condition of the rock art.

9.3 Tramlines- Bree Street

- The owner of a local business had informed HWC that remnants of the old tram system were still visible under some trees near his business and that he requested permission to uncover them and promote them as a tourist attraction
- It was noted that Katie Smuts of Rennie Scurr Addendorff had recently submitted a report on tramlines near the City Hall and could be approached for advice
- It was recommended that the owner make contact with the Cape Town Heritage Trust with a view to a partnership on the promotion of the lines
- The Committee supported the conservation of the tramlines.

9.4 Appointment of Ayanda Mdludlu

10. Standing Items

10.1 Clanwilliam Dam – -Rock Art panels to be moved to long term storage/other alternatives

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- SB to follow up with the visit by IZIKO Museum conservation staff to the Clanwilliam Museum to assess whether the Museum had the appropriate conditions for the conservation and display of the panels.
- The future of the Living Landscape building, which houses the panels, is under discussion.

10.2 Accidental Finds of Skeletal Remains

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- A human remain fragment was uncovered during excavations for fuel tanks at a garage in Green Point.
- The developers have been informed that they must follow the Section 35/36 process and appoint an archaeologist to investigate further.
- The remains will be placed in the Prestwich Memorial building.
- The Committee discussed the importance of flagging areas of high heritage sensitivity and this matter will be discussed with the City of Cape Town at the next meeting.

10.3 Criteria for long term storage of human remains - held over until November 2021

10.4 Erf 4998, Sayers Lane, Simons Town (Reburial) - Report back

Mr Tim Hart and Ms Cathy-Salter Jansen was present and took part in the discussion

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The analysis has confirmed that the remains from the site are of Western European origins.
- A draft report on the results will be submitted to HWC soon as possible.
- A press release has been prepared by the Dutch Government, ACO Associates and the Simonstown Museum
- The draft report and press release to be discussed by the HWC management team.

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

- The item of Baboon Point will be discussed at the next IACom on 20 October 2021 and members of the APM Committee are requested to attend for their expertise.

11 Site Inspection

12 Proposed Site Inspection

12.1 None

13 Site Inspection Report

13.1 Lourens River

14 Report back on Council

None

15. Policy and Procedures

- 15.1 SAPS and HWC Accidental Finds Protocol and Procedure - added visual aid**
Nothing to report
- 15.2 National Policy on the Repatriation and Restitution of Human Remains and Heritage Objects**
Nothing to report.
- 15.3 Circulation/Workshop of accidental finds of human remains protocol**
Nothing to report.
- 15.4 Heritage inspectors - APM Committee**
PM to circulate the application form for Heritage Inspectors to members of the Committee.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

16. SECTION 35 PERMIT APPLICATION

- 16.1 Proposed excavation on Akkerbos Ruins, Donkerhoek RE of Farm 956, Simondium: NM HM/CAPE WINELANDS/DRAKENSTEIN/ PAARL/ SIMONDIUM/ RE OF FARM 956**
Case No: 21083011SB0914E

Application form and relevant documentation prepared by Antonia Malan

LW recused herself from the item and JG was elected as chairperson for this item.

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted the significance of the site and supported the application for excavation.
- The Committee took note of possible plans to open the site to public in the future and indicated the need for strict management protocols to be considered.

RECORD OF DECISION

The Committee resolved to approve the permit application prepared by Dr Malan.

SB

17. SECTION 35 PERMIT REPORTS

- 17.1 Report on Graffiti Removal at Bastiaans Kloof 210, Kerala, Estate, Bain's Kloof Pass, Witzenberg: NM HM/ CAPE WINELANDS/ WITZENBERG/ BAIN'S KLOOF PASS/KERALA ESTATE/ BASTIAANS KLOOF 210**
Case No: 21072313SB0726E

Report prepared by Dr Janette Deacon

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee commented that if the site is publicly accessible then a more formal management plan is required to protect the rock art.
- Visitors to the site should be made aware that rock art is a valuable heritage resource and must be protected in order to ensure its future conservation.
- The Committee would like to commend eCrag for their volunteer work in cleaning the graffiti.

COMMENT

The Committee resolved to approve the permit report by Dr Deacon dated August 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee further recommended that if the site is publicly accessible, that a management plan for the site be submitted to the APM Committee of HWC.

SB

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 WORKPLAN APPLICATIONS

21.1 None

22. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORT

**22.1 Report on Archaeological Monitoring Village Lane Development on Erf 5737, Kommetjie: NM HM/CAPE METROPOLITAN/KOMMETJIE/ERF 5737
Case No: N/A**

Report prepared by Jonathan Kaplan

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that very few stone artefacts were recovered during monitoring.
- The results of the test excavations were discussed. The test excavation report will be submitted shortly.

COMMENT

The Committee resolved to approve the monitoring report by ACRM dated August 2021.

SB

23. SECTION 38 (4) HIA

23.1 None

24. SECTION 38 (8) HIA

24.1 None

25. Section 34 - ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS/PARTIAL DEMOLITION

**25.1 Proposed removal of a crane on Erf 10256, Tanker Basin Monument Road, Table Bay Harbour:MA
HM/CAPE METROPOLITAN/ TABLE BAY HARBOUR / ERF 10256
Case No: 21052709SB0528E**

Application form and relevant documentation prepared by Carlos De Mendonca

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

Mr Carlos De Mendonca was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that the document which has been presented, provides evidence that the crane had been taken into service in 1959, which means that it is approximately 62 years old and therefore outside the mandate of the APM.
- The Committee expressed concern that the significance (i.e. possible rarity) of the crane had not been sufficiently assessed.
- BELCom will assess the application.

COMMENT

The Committee is not in a position to comment, since the age of the crane means that it is outside of the APM mandate.

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26. SECTION 38 (1) NID

**26.1 Proposed rezoning and subdivision on Erf 2100, Hartenbos, Mossel Bay: NM
HM/GARDEN ROUTE/MOSSEL BAY/HARTENBOS/ERF 2100
Case No: 21091406SB0914E**

Application form and relevant documentation prepared by Andries du Plessis

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

Mr Andries du Plessis was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that insufficient information was provided in the NID.
- An AIA which was downloaded by HWC staff from SAHRIS indicates that there are stone tools on a nearby property and that they suggest ESA and MSA artefacts in possible primary context.
- According to the SAHRIS paleo map, a portion of the site falls within the red zone.

RECORD OF DECISION

Since there is reason to believe that heritage resources may be impacted, the Committee requests an HIA comprising a specialist AIA and a desktop PIA.

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26.2 Proposed residential development on Erf 3927, Main Road, 331 Still Bay & Jongensfontein, Riversdale: NM HM/GARDEN ROUTE/HESSEQUA/STILL BAY/ERF3927 Case No: 20190809SB0909E

Application form and relevant documentation prepared by Perception Planning

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that the Still Bay area of the Southern Cape is of high archaeological significance.
- While a survey of a nearby property did not find any archaeological resources, this does not mean that the Erf under consideration contains no heritage resources.
- The study area lies within the clear zone of the SAHRIS paleo map which requires a desktop PIA.

RECORD OF DECISION

Since there is reason to believe that heritage resources may be impacted, the Committee requests an HIA comprising a specialist AIA and a desktop PIA.

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27. REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE

27.1 None

28. SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

28.1 Proposed Gravel and Rock Mine on REM of Portion of Farm 298, Mossel Bay:MA HM/GARDEN ROUTE/ MOSEL BAY / FARM 298 Case No: 20134062SB0720E

Report and previous HIA and associated documentation prepared by ACRM

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The proposed gravel and rock mine will be less than 5ha in size and on undeveloped land
- The fossil sensitivity is regarded as low
- Small numbers of ESA and MSA flakes and cores (IIIC/NCW) were found scattered across the area and impacts to archaeology are considered low.
- The revised report contained the comments of the municipality and conservation bodies as requested.

COMMENT

The Committee endorsed the HIA by ACRM dated August 2021 and the recommendations on page 19 of the report.

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28.2 Prospecting Right Application on Farm Grasberg 273, Portion 14 of Farm 270, Bynes Klip 411 And Rem. Tent Klip 408, Near Strandfontein: NM HM/WEST COAST /CEDERBERG/FARM 273, PTN 14 OF FARM 270, FARM 411 AND REM. 408 Case No: 21071902SB0728E

HIA and associated documentation prepared by ACRM

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

Mr Jonathan Kaplan was present and took part in the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The Committee noted that small numbers of stone artefacts in area 001 but a large number of artefacts in a nearby burrow pit.
- Site 002 contains large number of artefacts on the Dorbank which appears to be of high significance and will require further archaeological investigation if mining commences in this area.
- The PIA indicated the possibility of pollen material in organic layers and the importance of collecting core samples for further analysis. The Committee discussed the need for storage arrangements with repositories such as Iziko Museums and the Council for Geoscience so that they could be retained.
- The Committee noted the potential negative impact to the cultural landscape if mining commences.

COMMENT

The Committee endorses the HIA by ACRM dated September 2021 with the following recommendations on pages 28-29;

Doring 001

1. No archaeological mitigation is required prior to prospecting/drilling operations commencing. Impacts on important archaeological resources are not expected.
2. Should prospecting lead to bulk sampling or mining, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted.

Doring 002

1. Given the sensitive and potentially threatened archaeological landscape, the final drill sites must be verified and approved by an archaeologist.
2. Access roads to the drill sites must be verified and approved by the archaeologist.

3. Should prospecting lead to bulk sampling or mining, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted.

Palaeontology:

1. As per the recommendation of the PIA any fossil material extracted from the boreholes must be kept and if drilling into the Koingnaas formation occurs the organic contents must be preserved for future analysis.

In addition, the Committee recommended the following:

2. The archaeologist must meet with the mining engineer to discuss final drill locations and access roads to the drill sites.
3. A sample from the drill core to be retained for further analysis.

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**28.3 Proposed agricultural and tourist development on Viljoensdrift Wine Farm (Farm 2/127 and Farm 38/116): NM HM / CAPE WINELANDS/ LANGEBERG/ ROBERTSON/ VILJOENSDRIFT/ FARM 2/127 AND FARM 38/116
Case No: 19101709SB1101E**

HIA and associated documentation prepared by Ancient Places Pty. Heritage Consultancy

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the item.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The HIA contains no AIA or PIA assessments as required in the response to the NID. Separate reports should be attached to the HIA and the minimum standards for reports to APM (dated to June 2021) applies. The standards are available online.
- There is no evidence of an archaeological survey (i.e track logs) and the images of stone artefacts are from other reports. The Khoisan foot-paths and the structures identified as Khoisan circles and isivivane need to be supported with photographic evidence and further discussion.
- There is no assessment of the potential impact to the cultural landscape.
- Heritage resources are not graded as per the HWC grading system which applies (see Guidelines to Grading online)
- The comments of the registered conservation bodies and local municipality have not been included.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS

The HIA does not comply with Section 38 (3) of the NHRA or the minimum standards set out by HWC (February 2021). A compliant HIA must include a specialist AIA by a suitably qualified and experienced professional archaeologist. The HIA must consider all aspects of heritage, including palaeontology and the cultural landscape. The comments of the registered conservation bodies and local municipality must be included.

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29. SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

30. REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT

31. OTHER MATTERS

32. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Committee adopted the resolutions and decisions. CM moves to adopt the decisions and resolutions and JG seconded.

33. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at: 13:40

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3 November 2021

CHAIRPERSON *L. E. Webber* **DATE** 3 November 2021

SECRETARY: A. Brown **DATE: 3 November 2021**

APPROVED