



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 5.00pm
Date: Monday, 15 February 2016
Venue: Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre
Waipa District Council
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

1 PRESENT

Members

Mike Pettit, Chairperson

Elwyn Andree-Wiltens, Philip Coles, Julie Epps, Sue Milner, (Cambridge Community Board), John Bishop, Sue Pickering, Tom Pickering, Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Bill Brocklebank, Anne Lee (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Steve Tritt, Grant Middlemiss

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology for absence from Sebastien Lemercier be received.

Coles/Bishop

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 180-06-05/3

Minutes of the Meeting held 7 December 2015 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 7 December 2015, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Eames/Coles

4 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Association Le Quesnoy Nouvelle-Zélande – Visit to Cambridge, February 2017

The letter from Marie José Burlion, Présidente of the Association Le Quesnoy Nouvelle-Zélande, advising that a delegation will be visiting New Zealand in February 2017, was included in the agenda.





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RESOLVED

That the letters dated 11 January 2016 from Association Le Quesnoy Nouvelle-Zélande and the Mayoral response dated 26 January 2016 be received.

Storey/S Pickering

During their visit the delegation will spend three nights in Cambridge, arriving Thursday, 16 February and departing Sunday, 19 February. Following an indication from committee members, it was concluded that accommodation could be provided for the delegation of 25 people. Members of Alliance Francaise de Hamilton could also provide accommodation if required.

5 GENERAL

5.1 New Zealand Memorial Museum, Le Quesnoy

Delysse Storey provided an email update from Herb Farrant, of the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust, which advised that –

“Following the lodging of our development proposal and meetings in France, primarily with the Sous le Prefet for Nord, Pas de Calais, a means of disposal was established (bypassing several issues to do with “State Requirements for Sale to a Foreign Buyer”) whereby the Gendarmerie Property could be acquired by the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust as “Preferred Purchaser” still at a price yet to be agreed. On 8 February we received from the Maire of Le Quesnoy, Marie-Sophie Lesne confirmation of the manner in which such a transaction could be arranged. The Trust will, I believe, respond positively to this suggestion and as such then opens the way forward on the project. Clearly once measures are firmly in place, Mike Pettit and the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee will be one of the first to know.”

5.2 Armistice in Cambridge 2018

Sue Milner advised that the Armistice in Cambridge Committee were successful in obtaining a grant from the WWI fund to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the liberation of Le Quesnoy in 2018. The grant will cover the cost of the sculpture, town hall graphic, art exhibition panelling for the interior of the Cambridge Town Hall, the light and sound show and the mural. The street party and parade had not been funded but it was considered that this was something the community could contribute to. The sculpture will be located in the oak arboretum in Taylor Street. The sculptor is intending to use a red brick on the base of the sculpture to link in with the walls/ramparts of Le Quesnoy. A copy of the memorial that is located on the walls of Le Quesnoy is also being sought to use this in the base also.

Mike Pettit indicated that the Cambridge Community Board would support the street party and parade. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Liz Stolwyk and the Armistice in Cambridge committee.





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5.3 Cambridge Autumn Festival – Carnival Day, Sunday 17 April 2016

Julie Epps advised that the Carnival Day, as part of the Autumn Festival, will be held on Sunday, 17 April and queried if a display of Le Quesnoy memorabilia could be included again this year. The display received a lot of attention last year but there wasn't anyone to provide any verbal information and requested some assistance on the day.

5.4 French Village Lunch / Bastille Day, 14 July 2016

The inaugural French Village Lunch was very successful last year and to keep the momentum going and looking forward to 2018, Julie Epps suggested that an event be planned for Bastille Day which is on Thursday, 14 July 2016. It could be in the guise of getting people together in the evening, or in another format, with a presentation and talking about the Le Quesnoy story.

Sarnia Park has held celebrations for Bastille Day previously which were quite successful; Sebastien Lemercier would be able to help with any queries.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18 April 2016 at 5.00pm.

Thereafter the meetings will be held on the third Monday of every second month at 5.00pm on 20 June and 15 August. Further meetings cannot be scheduled due to the triennial Local Government Elections on 8 October 2016 and the disestablishment of the Cambridge Community Board and committees.

John Bishop provided his apologies for absence.

There being no further business the meeting closed on 5.29pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

