



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 5.00pm
Date: Monday, 18 April 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), Sue Pickering, Tom Pickering, Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Anne Lee (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Grant Middlemiss

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence from John Bishop and Sebastien Lemerrier be received.

Coles/Andree-Wiltens

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 180-06-05/3

Minutes of the Meeting held 15 February 2016 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 15 February 2016, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Storey/Coles

Matters Arising

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

The delegation will now arrive in Cambridge on Friday, 17 February and depart Monday, 20 February 2017.





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As the last delegation had prearranged activities before arriving in Cambridge, Sue Milner suggested that contact be made to ensure this does not occur again. She suggested a picnic could be held in the oak arboretum where the sculpture will be located and the area renamed "Le Quesnoy Park".

Sue Pickering suggested that it would be more suitable that it be renamed in 2018 as part of the 100th Anniversary of the liberation of Le Quesnoy and when the sculpture will be in place.

The correct number of soldiers who died should be obtained from Herb Farrant as this varies in different publications and these names are to be engraved onto the sculpture. A tree could be planted during the visit.

Mike Pettit said that he will confirm dates and duration in Cambridge with Marie José Burlion, Présidente of the Association Le Quesnoy Nouvelle-Zélande and enquire if there is anything they would specifically like to do or revisit to enable a programme to be compiled.

3.2 Cambridge Autumn Festival – Carnival Day, 17 April 2016

On behalf of the Cambridge Autumn Festival Trust, Julie Epps thanked Miriam and Brian Farrell for the impressive display of Le Quesnoy memorabilia. Dynamix Dance School performed French dance to modern French music due to the French connection between the two towns.

4 GENERAL

4.1 Sister City Signage

Council had indicated that once the expressway was opened signage relating to the sister city relationships would be installed; the writing on the existing signs is difficult to read and needs to be enlarged. Signage should be installed on Victoria Road as this is now the main entry into Cambridge.

RESOLVED

That the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee recommend to the Cambridge Community Board that signage relating to the sister city relationship be installed on Victoria Road as it is now the main entry into Cambridge and the lettering on the existing signage be enlarged.

Pettit/Coles

4.2 Bastille Day – Thursday, 14 July 2016

Julie Epps suggested an early evening event (5.30pm) be held on 14 July 2016 to celebrate Bastille Day and to raise the awareness of the sister city relationship with Le Quesnoy. The town hall has been tentatively booked and a small charge should be made to cover the costs of food and wine.





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Approximately 30 people attended the French Village Lunch and the flexibility of the hall would be useful with rooms of various sizes available depending on the number of attendees.

General discussion ensued regarding Council's Sister City budget and whether a charge can be made if this was a committee activity.

In general the idea was supported and further discussion is to be held.

4.3 Alliance Francaise de Hamilton - Representative

Anne Lee advised that she would be relocating to Wellington in the near future and would ask another representative to attend.

4.4 Cambridge Le Quesnoy Friendship Association

Miriam Farrell advised that she had received six applications for new members at the Cambridge Autumn Festival.

4.5 Passchendaele Society – “New Zealand Remembrance Trail”

Miriam Farrell requested further copies of the booklet “New Zealand Remembrance Trail” which is produced by the Passchendaele Society to be part of the committee's collection. The 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele will occur next year on 12 October 2017.

www.passchendaelesociety.org

5 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 20 June 2016 at 5.00pm.

The following meeting will be held on 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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.31pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

