



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 4.30pm
Date: Monday, 19 June 2017
Venue: Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre
Waipa District Council
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

1 PRESENT

Members

Mike Pettit, Chairperson

Elwyn Andree-Wiltens, John Bishop, Philip Coles [departed at 5.00pm], Julie Epps, Sue Milner, (Cambridge Community Board); Tom Pickering, Toni Eames, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Bill Brocklebank, Steve Tritt, Grant Middlemiss, Paul Murphy (Cambridge Brass Band), Graeme Colquhoun

Visitor

Marie Coles, helloworld [Item 5]

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

Mike Pettit advised that Mayor Mylchreest is intending to be at the meeting but is running late due to a prior meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence from Sebastien Lermercier, Sue Pickering and Delysse Storey be received.

Bishop/Murphy

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 180-06-05/3

Minutes of the Meeting held 18 April 2017 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2017, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

B Farrell/Murphy

Matters Arising were discussed as part of the following items.





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4 BASTILLE DAY, FRIDAY 14 JULY 2017

4.1 New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust

A meeting was held with Herb Farrant and Greg Moyle of the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust (NZMMT) on 31 May to discuss the possible launch of the museum project in Cambridge on Bastille Day and the format it would take.

John Bishop reported on a follow up meeting of the committee's Bastille Day Working Group which was held on 7 June and a telephone discussion with Herb Farrant today –

- Due to the time frame, suggested that the launch be held later during the year which was rejected by NZMMT.
- The website only will be launched on 14 July.
- The venue will be St Andrew's Church followed by finger food type refreshments in the church hall provided by NZMMT.
- A programme has been compiled to take place in the church consisting of speeches and a powerpoint presentation with Father Malcolm French of St Andrew's Church being the Master of Ceremonies.
- A small ceremony will be held at the plaque acknowledging the death of Curly Blythe.
- The function would commence between 4.00 to 4.30pm by invitation only.
- A list of those to be invited to be compiled with committee members suggesting those who should attend also.
- A newsletter to be distributed to members of the friendship association inviting them to attend.

4.2 "Bonjour Bastille Day"

Julie Epps reported on the proposed format as follows –

- A display and information table to be set up similar to last year.
- "Bonjour Couch" will be the focal point where people can sit and talk French with each other with local celebrities; balloons, berets, cards with French words, brochures etc.
- Children's activities or competitions to be held each hour, for example "Croissants on the Couch", eat a croissant without making crumbs; a fencing demonstration by Waikato Swords Club (TBC), "what's that cheese?", poodle promenade, Eiffel tower challenge – build an Eiffel tower with marshmallows and toothpicks or straw.
- Music will be provided by the Cambridge Brass Band and an accordion player.
- Cambridge Library is organising activities and will have a French display with books, DVDs, map of France, flags and berets for staff. A free family movie will be shown that evening also.





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- “Say Le Quesnoy” Video – a Cambridge video company will compile a video of local residents, groups and celebrities saying “Le Quesnoy”. A short version will be used prior to Bastille Day as a promotion tool and people will also be filmed on the day; both videos can be used for future events.
- Positive feedback was received from retailers last year and volunteers are required to approach them again this year.
- Committee members are required to help with the activities and the information table and a roster will be made from 11.00 to 3.00pm.
- Students of the French class of Cambridge High School may also be able to assist.
- A French film “Paris Can Wait” will be shown at the Tivoli Cinema on 19 July.

Following the conclusion of the launch of the Trust’s website at St Andrew’s Church Hall, drinks will be held at the Thornton Club followed by dinner at “Alpino” bar and restaurant. There will be a choice of two French style main courses and desserts or meals are available from the usual menu; to be pre ordered through either Julie Epps or Grant Middlemiss.

[Philip Coles departed 5.00pm]

5 VISIT TO LE QUESNOY, NOVEMBER 2018

Marie Coles, of helloworld and formerly Innovative Travel, provided an overview of the tour previously presented to the committee (5 December 2016). No further progress has been made with organising the tour and deposits should be made on accommodation sooner rather than later. Innovative Travel have compiled their own land only group tour (as follows) which the committee and members of the association can be part of.

1 – 7 November 2018

1 Nov	Brussels
2 Nov	Brussels – Mons – Valenciennes
3 Nov	Le Quesnoy – Valenciennes
4 Nov	Le Quesnoy 100 th Anniversary Commemorations – Valenciennes
5 Nov	Flanders Battlefields – Valenciennes
6 Nov	Valenciennes – Bapaume and Cambrai – Arras – Amiens
7 Nov	Amiens
Cost	\$4,995 per person twin share \$1,245 single supplement

7 – 12 November 2018, Paris, Versailles and Armistice Day Extension

7 Nov	Amiens – Paris
8 Nov	Paris
9 Nov	Versailles Palace – Paris





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10 Nov	Paris
11 Nov	Armistice Day in Paris
12 Nov	Paris
Cost	\$4,795 per person twin share (based on 9 pax) \$4,300 per person twin share (based on 14 pax)

Full details of the tour by Innovative Travel to be distributed to committee members.

Paul Murphy reported that planning for the band's tour is going well however the band has been requested to depart from Le Quesnoy on 9 November due to major security measures relating to Armistice Day commemorations.

Mike Pettit advised that there will also be an official delegation, including the Mayor and Mayoress, attending the commemorations in Le Quesnoy next year. An offer has been made by Le Quesnoy residents to provide home hosting for the members of this delegation.

A newsletter will be circulated to members of the Cambridge / Le Quesnoy Friendship Association providing an update on the Bastille Day activities and requesting anyone interested in being part of the tour to respond directly to Marie Coles marie.coles@helloworld.co.nz An outline of the Innovative Tour will be included in the newsletter.

6 GENERAL

6.1 Le Quesnoy Sister City Pull Up Promotional Banners

Steve Tritt reported that the stand on one of the pull up banners has broken and it is more cost effective to purchase new banners than to repair the existing banner. This is an opportunity to update the photos and suggested using a better image of the Cambridge Town hall and the gendarmerie instead of the current Le Quesnoy building in acknowledgment of the Trust's project. The Waipa District Council logo also needs updating and a better image of the French flag also to be sourced.

Mike Pettit suggested that the logo of the Cambridge Community Board be included and Sue Milner suggested an image of the ramparts instead of the gendarmerie be used.

To be circulated to the committee before being finalised.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 21 August 2017** commencing at **4.30pm**.





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Thereafter, meetings will occur as follows with significant dates included for your information –

Meetings

9 October 2017

4 December 2017 (a week earlier due to Christmas)

Significant Dates

Bastille Day

Friday, 14 July 2017

Anniversary of the Liberation of Le Quesnoy

Saturday, 4 November 2017

Commemorative Service for

Sunday, 12 November 2017

Armistice on Remembrance Sunday

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.17pm.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

