



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 5.00pm
Date: Monday, 20 June 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 [departed 6.14pm] , Julie Epps, Sue Milner [departed 6.14pm], (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), Sebastien Lemercier, Steve Tritt, Grant Middlemiss

Visitors

Herb and Ruth Farrant
Liz Stolwyk, Armistice in Cambridge [Item 6.1]
Linda Robinson

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Minutes of the Meeting held 18 April 2016 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2016, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Storey/Eames

Matters Arising





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3.1 Sister City Signage

Larger lettering can be considered when the existing signage is changed or updated. Changes are not being considered at the present time as it has recently been updated.

3.2 Bastille Day – Thursday 14 July 2016

Council staff advise that the Board can charge a fee for an event and use those proceeds to cover costs for that event. However, ratepayer funds cannot subsidise any alcohol related purchases. Similarly with sponsorship this is also possible but the Board would need to work with Finance staff to allocate the appropriate cost centre for this.

Julie Epps and Grant Middlemiss provided an update of plans to date -

- “Bonjour Bastille Day” – cafes and shop keepers have been invited to be part of the French theme either by window displays or serving French food.
- A stall outside the Bank of New Zealand building displaying Le Quesnoy memorabilia, promotional material and entertainment.
- Committee members requested to look after the stall during the hours of 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- Everyone to have dinner together at one or several of the restaurants in a progressive style; further details to be advised by email.
- A petanque court is being constructed at the Cambridge Bowling Club.
- A request to be made to light up the Cambridge Town Hall and clock tower in French colours and a display to be held in the library.

3.3 The Passchendaele Society – “New Zealand Remembrance Trail”

The Secretary of The Passchendaele Society advises that copies of the “New Zealand Remembrance Trail” booklet are available for a donation of \$5 each plus post, depending on quantity and weight.

RESOLVED

That the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee recommend to the Cambridge Community Board that ten copies of the New Zealand Remembrance Trail are purchased from The Passchendaele Society at \$5 each plus postage.

M Farrell/Bishop

4 LE QUESNOY NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION – VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE, FEBRUARY 2017

Correspondence has been received from Marie José Burlion, President of the Le Quesnoy New Zealand Association confirming the dates of their visit to Cambridge as being 17 to 20 February 2017. The delegation arrives in Christchurch on 8 February 2017 and depart from Auckland, 23 February 2017.





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A list of delegates, consisting of 26 persons, was circulated and discussed at the meeting. A working group consisting of Sue Milner, Linda Robinson, Mike Pettit and John Bishop will organise the itinerary for the groups visit to Cambridge in February 2017.

5 LE QUESNOY UPDATE

Herb Farrant, President of the New Zealand Military Historical Society said that the Tag Along tour went off very well and successful meetings were held with the Mayor and Town Council of Le Quesnoy regarding the New Zealand Memorial Museum. A presentation was made which included the services for ANZAC Day held in Le Quesnoy.

Herb presented The Brick, which was hand cut and at least 200 years old, which he had brought from Le Quesnoy as suggested by John Bishop. The Brick is to be used by Fred Graham the sculptor as a comparison to the bricks used in the sculpture commissioned by Armistice in Cambridge which is to be unveiled in 2018.

A design and construction team has been formed in Le Quesnoy for the New Zealand Memorial Museum which includes members who have had experience building museums. As the site is owned by the French Government it is a complex procedure to purchase the land; the site will be vacated during August/September 2017 when it is anticipated that settlement of the purchase will take place. Considerable progress has been made and the project will be relaunched from Cambridge in October 2016.

Delysse Storey and Herb Farrant, two of the three authors of "A Strong Sense of Duty – The First World War Letters of Chaplain The Reverend Clive Mortimer Jones 1917-1920", presented a signed copy of the book to the committee to be displayed in the Sister Cities cabinet. Due to Reverend Clive Mortimer-Jones connections with Cambridge it needed to be written and documented for the town. The book was published by the New Zealand Military Historical Society and has been well received.

6 GENERAL

6.1 Update - Armistice in Cambridge 2018

Liz Stolwyk reported that the grant to the Department of Internal Affairs was successful with \$135,000 being approved. Planning is under way for a number of projects -

- Large mural (16 metres wide) to be displayed on the exterior wall of the Cambridge Town Hall facing Queen Street; Heritage New Zealand has concerns regarding the adhesive to be used.
- A stainless steel sculpture designed dedicated to the long term relationship between Cambridge and Le Quesnoy designed Fred Graham which will be a permanent location in the oak arboretum; 15 metres high made of stainless steel which a local firm will manufacture.





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- An art exhibition is being organised by Sue Milner in the Cambridge Town Hall.
- Light and sound show on the exterior of the Cambridge Town Hall is being organised by Julie Epps.
- Street Party

[Item taken at 5.18pm]

6.2 Alliance Francaise de Hamilton - Representative

Anne Lee introduced Linda Robinson as the new representative; appreciation was expressed to Anne for her time and input .

[Sue Milner and Philip Coles departed 6.14pm]

6.3 New Zealand Youth Choir – Concerts in Le Quesnoy

Steve Tritt reported that the New Zealand Youth Choir will be touring Europe in July and will perform two concerns in Le Quesnoy. The choir is competing in an international choir competition in the Czech Republic.

6.4 Delegation to Le Quesnoy November 2018

Mike Pettit reported that interest has been expressed in a trip to Le Quesnoy in November 2018. A travel consultant who specialises in large groups has offered her services and, due to forward and financial planning involved, will be invited to attend the next meeting.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15 August 2016 at 5.00pm.

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 6.19pm.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

