



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 5.00pm
Date: Monday, 20 October 2014
Venue: Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre
Waipa District Council
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

1 PRESENT

Members

John Bishop, Chairperson

Elwyn Andree-Wiltens, Philip Coles, Julie Epps, Sue Milner, Mike Pettit, (Cambridge Community Board), Sue Pickering, Tom Pickering, Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Bill Brocklebank, Anne Lee (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Sebastian Lemercier, Steve Tritt

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

RESOLVED

That Grant Middlemiss be appointed to the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee.

Milner/Epps

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence from Miriam and Brian Farrell be received.

Eames/Coles

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-80-05

Minutes of the Meeting held 18 August 2014 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 August 2014, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Coles/S Pickering

Matters Arising





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3.1 100th Anniversary / Diorama Project - 2018

Mike Pettit reported that Eric Hill, the modeller who is undertaking the construction of the diorama, advised that between \$8,000 and \$10,000 will be required. Building the model is just part of the process as a great deal of research is required. Information is needed relating to which part of the battle is to be depicted and the size of the model, the latter determining the size of the figurines as everything is made to scale. The model will be made in sections. Sue Milner said that her son is a figurine painter and Grant Middlemiss has expertise which would be of assistance to Eric.

It has been proposed that two models be made however it is unknown if the council of Le Quesnoy has been advised of this and whether or not they have a location for it. Sue Pickering advised that she translated two letters for Rob Feisst, Chair of the Armistice in Cambridge Committee, in March 2013 regarding this. Queries to be made to the Armistice in Cambridge committee to confirm whether or not Le Quesnoy is aware of the project.

The project should be completed well in advance of the 100th anniversary of the liberation of Le Quesnoy on 4 November 2018 and funds should be put in place to ensure this occurs. Miniatures could be made and sold locally. To be progressed through the Cambridge Community Board and Council.

3.2 Promotion to French Tourists / Working Group (Sue Pickering, John Bishop)

John Bishop reported that Sebastian Lermecier has provided a French translation of the information currently held at the Cambridge iSite. The English version of the information is displayed on the wall and staff are considering how to display both versions in future.

Anne Lee provided various pamphlets and brochures relating to Le Quesnoy and environs collected during a recent visit to the area, some of which could be included on the website.

The Cambridge iSite and Cambridge Museum have both advised that requests for information are often received and queried if a brochure was available. A simple A4 folded into three format would suffice in both French and English with information relating to the background of the relationship, websites etc.

RESOLVED

That the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee recommend that the Cambridge Community Board support the publication of a brochure depicting the relationship between Le Quesnoy and Cambridge and providing general information for public inquiries.

Bishop/Pettit

Quotes to be obtained; Sebastian Lermecier, Sue Pickering and Anne Lee to review the proof to ensure that it is correctly written in French.





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3.3 Welcome Banner

The final version of the Welcome Banner was included in the agenda.

The banner will be flown with a generic Waipa banner from the portico of the Cambridge office when delegations are visiting from Le Quesnoy and other related activities.

3.4 Armistice Civic Service - Morning Tea / Light Luncheon

A quote from Gourmet Delicious for morning tea at \$12.50 per person was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the quote dated 3 October 2014 from Gourmet Delicious be received.

Coles/S Pickering

A luncheon rather than an afternoon tea will be held for the association and members of the committee following the conclusion of the Armistice Civic Service on Sunday, 9 November at approximately 12 noon in St Andrew's Parish Church Centre. Juice also to be provided. Previously there have been approximately 35 people in attendance. The funds for the luncheon to be accessed from Council's Sister City budget.

RESOLVED

That the quote from Gourmet Delicious to provide lunch at \$12.50 per person following the Armistice Civic Service be accepted.

Milner/S Pickering

Miriam Farrell has offered to display some photographs. Contact to be made to the church centre to ensure this is acceptable and whether or not there are display boards available.

3.5 Armistice Civic Service – “Liberation of Le Quesnoy” Seminar, Dr Nathalie Philippe

Mike Pettit reported that due to family commitments, Nathalie Philippe is unable to attend the Armistice Civic Service and luncheon on 9 November. However she is able to make her presentation on 6 November to school children with a view to increasing the knowledge and awareness of Le Quesnoy in this age group. A venue is being located and the event will be advertised to which the community will be invited.

It is intended to hold the presentation at 11.30am on Thursday, 6 November. Mike Pettit will provide further details when available to be distributed to committee members.





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4 MEMBERSHIP FORM – CAMBRIDGE / LE QUESNOY FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

The updated membership form of the Cambridge / Le Quesnoy Friendship Association was included in the agenda.

The form has had minor changes and is included for information purposes and comments. The Association currently has 126 members.

Sue Pickering advised that she no longer offers French culture and language classes. Anne Lee said that the Alliance Francaise de Hamilton is able to provide this therefore the website to be included in the membership form in future.

RESOLVED

That the updated membership form of the Cambridge / Le Quesnoy Friendship Association be received and approved subject to amendments as discussed.

Eames/Epps

5 ACCOMMODATION / CONTACT DETAILS – LE QUESNOY

The current list of accommodation and contacts in Le Quesnoy was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the current list of accommodation and contacts in Le Quesnoy be received.

Bishop/Pettit

Anne Lee outlined some of the brochures she'd acquired during her recent visit to Le Quesnoy and provided the contact details for the Le Quesnoy tourism office.

Sebastian Lemercier said that website for the tourism office in Le Quesnoy www.tourisme-lequesnoy.com has a lot of details regarding accommodation, restaurants etc which would be the most useful as the majority of bookings are made online.

John Bishop said that the advantage of the details of the accommodation providers on hand have usually been passed onto the committee and recommended by visitors who have experienced these first hand. Julie Epps to place some of the information on the website. The Le Quesnoy Tourism office details also to be included in the brochure, as follows -

Office de Tourisme
1 rue du Maréchal Joffre 59530
Le Quesnoy
03 27 20 54 70
Email – otsi.le.quesnoy@wanadoo.fr
www.tourisme-lequesnoy.com





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6 GENERAL

6.1 Attendance at Armistice / ANZAC – French Embassy Representative

John Bishop said that the French Ambassador is unable to attend the Armistice Civic Service, the Deputy Head of Mission is also unable to attend. The French Ambassador was unable to attend ANZAC Day services as well this year and he queried if anyone had any contacts within the French Embassy. There are not many towns in New Zealand who have a sister city relationship in France and we should ensure that attendance at these events are on their annual calendar.

6.2 Armistice Civic Service – Wreath Bearer

Sebastian Lemerrier agreed to act as the French representative and lay the wreath at the Armistice Civic Service on behalf of France.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Monday, 1 December 2014.

The meetings of the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee are scheduled to be held at 5.00pm on the third Monday of the month on a bi-monthly basis. However, as that date falls during the week before Christmas, the final meeting for the year will be held on 1 December 2014.

Julie Epps provided her apologies for absence.

The time of the meeting to be changed to 4.30pm for the benefit of the Cambridge Community Board members who have an earlier committee meeting on that same day.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.58pm.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

