

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Heritage Forum 14 November 2008

Presentation Christchurch City Council – Neil Carrie

Disappointed that the national agencies gave their presentations and then left. How can they speak on behalf of us?

Comparison of standards around the country.

It might be a good time to open up a dialogue between the TA's and New Zealand Historic Places Trust. There is a lot of information and knowledge that can be learnt from one another.

Set of standards around protection.

Nationally there is no support for young planners and they get stuck with heritage.

Central government agencies tend to design policies that ignore heritage.

Local Government Authority is very supportive of heritage. We can set up a national group where emails can be shared.

Need to look at areas where standards are required at a national level. Important because it is comparative.

Heritage has been made too complicated. There are issues around professionalism.

Any information can be sent to TLNZ.

The urban design panel don't have a heritage expert. They are waiting to see how things go and then will consider it.

Heritage Planners Forum Roundtable

Marlborough District Council - Ian Shapcott

Second generation RPS in review. Resource is an issue.

In process of setting up Strategic Policy department.

Heritage work tends to be reactive: two people do heritage work

Not much built heritage left: lost to development and earthquake regulations. Council hasn't been proactive.

South Wairarapa District Council - Shelagh Noble

Three towns, all have historic heritage precincts. There is a good inventory of historic sites and landscapes

Looking to extend the precinct into residential areas

Strong local interest groups, including well-qualified heritage architects

Christchurch City Council – Neil Carrie

Now includes Banks Peninsula so two territorial areas and two district plans. But no new resources.

Plan change for heritage: complete re-write now on hold. One issue is that senior

management is concerned that if add new listings then the grant monies won't go far
What is now called strategic policy is going to be far more effective heritage conservation policy. The operational guidelines actually provide a strategic policy.

Christchurch City Council - Amanda Ohs

Conservation areas in Akaroa based on an historic walk. Starting from scratch.

2005, urban project on urban conservation areas.

Haven't worked out how we will marry these to character areas.

Have just had heritage week – there was a lot of public interest. www.Heritageweek.co.nz

Manakau City Council – Richard Knott

There are a number of growth centres in the existing urban area. The council is carrying our heritage studies in these areas. Looking at doing a series of layered maps instead of a book.

Kapiti – Kate Dahm (Maori Issues)

The Ministry of Culture and Heritage is to help out with Maori protection. A three stage contract which is at the second stage of mapping. You may not know there is anything there until you find it. Instead of building up relationships with every iwi in the areas, protocols have been established.

Tasman District Council - Rose Biss

Began the year working on a Hop Kiln project . This was a collaboration between the council and the Historic Places Trust.

In the middle of the year conducted a major project on archaeological sites. At the moment doing heritage walks.

Porirua City – Viv Rickard

Went back to square one and approached the community on what they thought heritage was. Included the highway and state housing etc. Asked the question on what there is to represent these themes.

The churches are very important (particularly for Pacific Island communities).

A great deal of diversity within the region.

Looking with Housing New Zealand on how we can incorporate these areas.

Integrated heritage in a very way.

An inter-agency group gets together 4-5 times a year to throw ideas around.

Greater Wellington Regional Council - Scott Ihaka

A consultant is working on sites with CMA. The next stage is to refine the list. Assisted Rangitani.

Regionally significant coastal sites.

Queenstown Lakes District Council - Sue Mavor

Regional council to TA to heritage.

Writing a heritage strategy.

The Mayor is very supportive of heritage.

There is a small heritage incentive fund.

Big issues include:

Promotion and education. People see mountains and the landscape but don't notice or

understand heritage.

Archaeological sites

Future heritage sites – for example AJ Hackett bungy.

Hutt City Council – Rachel Helme

Don't know much about the policy side or heritage

The major plan is to start doing more work in this area.

Rely of Historic Places Trust and consultants a lot for advice on heritage.

There is not a lot of emphasis on heritage in planning which can be an issue.

Quite expensive with small projects.

Areas in the Hutt have good protection but not a very big list of buildings. There is potentially unlisted heritage.

The earthquake risk means that some buildings may be demolished that aren't currently protected.

List of proposed incentives.

Wellington City Council - Sarah Nelson

Not a great deal of heritage in planning and urban design.

New Zealand doesn't offer a lot of courses in conservation and heritage.

At Wellington City Council the District Plan incorporates a lot of heritage. It is seen as a positive thing.

Worked on Plan Change 53 and 58 and more buildings are listed.

From both there have been six appeals.

People have trouble comprehending the changes because they don't understand heritage. Working on heritage areas, moving away from character areas. Moving into suburban centres. Looking at a huge heritage area covering Thorndon which includes hundreds of houses.

Wellington City Council - Theresa Cooper

Resource consents with the Urban Design team. Heritage trails are gone now. Suggestion to get in touch with the Trust. Auckland own their signage with peer review by heritage.

Auckland City Council - Nicola Short

Review of all policies within the District Plan.

Thematic approach working well using GIS to map eight themes across the isthmus. There are two Maori, 3 natural and 3 cultural themes.

Are now three quarters of the way through the political process.

Future planning framework due out March 2009.

Consultation to feed into the District Plan.

Question on experience of heritage versus character.

In the past had conservation areas with a built heritage focus.

The Hauraki Gulf project is finished.

George Tarrant now advising on projects including the Art Gallery.

The Heritage Festival was successful.

Focus on regulatory, advocacy and education.

New position in the team - Heritage Coordinator.

Don't have a large incentive scheme.

Wellington City Council – Alexandra Teague

Involvement with suburban centre heritage area work and with the Thorndon potential heritage area work.

Participation in recent three day workshop organised by Urban Design team to explore options for proposed Basin Reserve road interventions as part of Ngauranga to Airport corridor plan. Included road transport engineers, planners, and other stakeholders. Outcome from a heritage perspective was disappointing as the favoured option was very similar to the original flyover proposed by Transit that passes close to the basin and demolishes heritage buildings on the corner of Kent Terrace and Ellice and possibly the listed creche. Public opposition is one avenue that hopefully will result in a positive outcome.

Participation in a three day hearing for a proposed multi-storey apartment building between the Hotel St George and St Mary's of the Angels church, and opposite Dr Henry Pollen house: all listed buildings. One of the few cases where the heritage opinion was in line with the urban design opinion (supporting the proposal). The hearing was unusual in that the atmosphere was very amiable throughout and this was noted by the commissioners.

Minutes by Kate McDavitt