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WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST

Minutes

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST HELD AT 9:30 AM ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019, IN MEETING ROOM 206 OF THE HOBART COUNCIL CENTRE

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Dr C Mucha (Chairperson)
Ms R Warrener (Tourism Tasmania)
Alderman M Carlton (GCC)
Alderman D Thomas (HCC)
Mr A Rushton (PWS)
Councillor Helen Burnet (HCC deputy)

APOLOGIES: Ms L Wilson (DPIPWE)
Mr B Goodsir (DPIPWE deputy)
Mr L Stapleton (TasWater)
Alderman J Briscoe (HCC)
Mr H Woolley (TasWater deputy)

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND RELATED PARTY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman D Thomas and Councillor H Burnet declared an interest in Item 11.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2019

The Trust accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2019 as true and correct. The minutes were signed.

4. ACTION TABLE – 26 June 2019

The action table was noted and discussed including completion of the following items:

- Cultural heritage code in the Wellington Park Management Plan as this will be dealt with during the next revision of the Management Plan.
- Park Activity Assessment requirements [in the Management Plan]¹ for the proposed cable car as initial advice has been given and no PAA received.
- Induction session for new members as this will be provided as required to new members on request. A tour of the Park will be organised when weather and access is suitable.

5. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The content of the report was discussed.

The Manager advised that no Park management agency staff or contractor incidents had been reported since the last WHS report on 4 April 2019. An injury to a mountain bike rider on the North South Track and minor damage to the Trust vehicle were reported.

It was noted that the emergency services (Tasmania Police, Ambulance Tasmania) do not inform the Trust of incidents they attend in the Park. The Manager only becomes aware of incidents involving visitors when Trust or Park management agency staff are involved. As information on where and what type of accidents are occurring is important for identifying hazards that are a risk to visitor safety, the Trust asked the Manager to establish a better process for gathering WHS information.

Action: The Manager to contact the Tasmania Police and Ambulance Tasmania to see if they can provide the Trust with information on incidents they attend in the Park.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and noted.

6. INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION WITH DR DON THOMSON, PROJECT MANAGER, VISITATION AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The Manager introduced Dr Don Thomson to the Trust. Dr Thomson has been appointed to prepare a comprehensive and sustainable Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park. Issues discussed included:

- Time-frame for completion of the strategy, and
- need for quick workable solutions for current problems [due to increased visitation].

NEW BUSINESS

7. BUDGET UPDATE AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019-20

The content of the report was discussed.

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¹ Added for clarification

Item No. 7 continued

The Manager reported that the Minister had agreed to an increase in the recurrent funding the Trust receives from the State government.

Members noted the need to investigate other possible sources of revenue for the Trust.

Action: The Manager to organise a workshop for Trust members to discuss possible sources of funding for Trust operations together with the Project Manager, Visitation and Recreation Strategy.

RESOLVED

That: 1. The report be received and noted.

2. The Trust endorses the budget for the 2019-20 financial year.

8. AGENDA PRIORITIES FOR NEXT TRUST MEETING

The content of the report was discussed.

Members requested that a report on progress with the Visitation and Recreation Strategy be included on the agenda for each scheduled meeting.

Members noted that assessment of an application for a permit for the cable car would need to be added if it is received.

Actions:

- *Visitation and Recreation Strategy update to be presented at each scheduled meeting.*
- *Assessment of an application for a permit for the cable car to be included if received before the next meeting.*

RESOLVED

That: 1. The report be received and noted.

2. The Trust agrees on the priority items for the next Trust meeting listed in the report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9. TRUST STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The content of the report was discussed.

The Manager noted progress made with the various initiatives in the Trust's Strategic Plan (2017-18 to 2021-22) and that the Plan has a major review scheduled after 3 years of operation.

RESOLVED

That: 1. The report be received and noted.

2. The Trust Strategic Plan to be reviewed at the end of the 2019-20 financial year.

10. WELLINGTON PARK OFFICE FUNCTION AND RESOURCING REVIEW

The content of the report was discussed.

The Manager noted progress made with implementation of the recommendations of the Wellington Park office strategic review completed in 2018.

RESOLVED

That the report be received and noted.

11. TRUST RESPONSE TO THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION BY THE MOUNT WELLINGTON CABLEWAY COMPANY

The content of the report was discussed.

The Trust Manager explained that in accordance with Section 8.5.5 of the Wellington Park Management Plan 2013, the Hobart City Council had referred the application for a planning permit for a cableway in Wellington Park to the Trust.

Hobart City Council members present at the meeting declared an interest in this item due to the development application being before Council and did not participate in the discussion or decision.

Members discussed the requirement for landowner consent to lodge a Park Activity Assessment as part of an application for a permit for a development in the Park.

Members decided that the Trust would not make any comments on the cable car proposal being assessed by Council other than to note that the part of the proposed development within the Park would require a permit from the Trust and the Trust would carry out its own assessment of the impacts of the of the proposed cable car development through the process set out in the Management Plan.

RESOLVED

That: 1. The report be received and noted.

2. The Trust Manager respond to the referral of the development application for a cable car in the Park noting that the Trust would be carrying out its own assessment of the portion of the proposed development in Wellington Park before deciding if it would issue a permit under the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*.

12. STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE VISITATION AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The content of the report was discussed.

The Trust Manager proposed that the members of the selection panel for the position of Project Manager, Visitation and Recreation Strategy, be asked to be part of the steering committee for the Project. The Manager noted that this would ensure that Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service, as landowners and managers, would be represented on the steering committee.

RESOLVED

That: 1. The report be received and noted.

2. The Trust Manager invites the members of the selection panel for the position of Project Manager, Visitation and Recreation Strategy, to be part of the steering committee for the project.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13. TRUST PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 2019

The content of the report was discussed.

The Manager was asked to include updates on the progress of the Visitation and Recreation Strategy in the planning calendar.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and noted.

14. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH THE SPRINGS AND OTHER MASTER PLANS

Verbal report by the Trust Manager.

The Manager advised that:

- Work on implementing the Fern Tree Park Visitor Entry Node Master Plan was progressing well.
- Revision of the Springs Master Plan was on hold at the request of Hobart City Council while it considered various options for traffic management on Pinnacle Road.
- Glenorchy City Council had advised the Trust that it was about to start work on a master plan for the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.
- Hobart City Council had commenced preparation of a Mountain Bike Network Plan for the lower slopes of kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

The Manager noted the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park Master Plan and the Mountain Bike Network Plan included land outside Wellington Park.

Members were concerned at the delays in completing the revision of the Springs Master Plan. They also noted that the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park Master Plan and the Mountain Bike Network Plan will need to be compatible with the Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park.

Actions:

- *The Manager to report on progress with the revision of the Springs Master Plan at the next Trust meeting.*
- *The Manager to write to Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils advising them of the appointment of the Project Manager for Visitor Recreation Strategy and the need to incorporate their visitation and recreation planning in the Wellington Park Visitation and Recreation Strategy.*

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and noted.

15. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF BIG BEND TRAIL

Verbal report by the Trust Manager.

The Manger reported that a further meeting of the project working group had been held to continue development of the MoU.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and noted.

16. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH THE DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Deferred to the next Trust meeting.

17. REPORTS ON OFFICE ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Item for information only, no discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received and sent was noted.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4 September 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:32 am.