



# Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

**Time:** 5.00pm  
**Date:** Monday, 7 December 2015  
**Venue:** Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre  
Waipa District Council  
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

## 1 PRESENT

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### Members

Mike Pettit, Chairperson

Julie Epps (Cambridge Community Board), Sue Pickering, Tom Pickering, Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Anne Lee (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Sebastien Lemercier, Grant Middlemiss

## 2 APOLOGIES

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### RESOLVED

*That the apologies for absence from Sue Milner, Elwyn Andree-Wiltens and Philip Coles be received.*

Pettit/Middlemiss

## 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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File: 180-06-05/3

**Minutes of the Meeting held 19 October 2015 were included in the agenda.**

### RESOLVED

*That the minutes of the meeting held 19 October 2015, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Lemercier/Eames

### Matters Arising

#### 3.1 Armistice Civic Service, Sunday 8 November 2015 – Light Luncheon

Food was plentiful which enabled everyone to be included; the combination of catered food and a plate of food provided by committee members worked well. Using the town hall as a venue enabled the lunch to follow seamlessly after the service.

Dedicated seating for members of the Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Association was to the left of the main entry to the hall under the portico which also included family members of representatives from the embassies.





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## **3.2 Le Quesnoy World War I Memorial Forest Park - Official Opening, Wednesday, 4 November 2015**

Miriam and Brian Farrell reported that approximately 40 people attended the official opening including Steve Tritt and former Waipa Mayor, Alan Livingston. A Year 12 student of Thames High School, whose ancestor was at the liberation of Le Quesnoy, provided an excellent speech as part of the presentation. After the plinth was unveiled lunch was hosted by the local Returned and Services Association. Unfortunately a photo of the plinth wasn't available due to the wet weather.

## **3.3 French Village Lunch – Wednesday, 4 November 2015**

Julie Epps and Grant Middlemiss reported that the lunch created a lot of interest and was very well received. Due to the venue, numbers were restricted but it is possible to use the downstairs area of the cafe next year which could seat up to 100 people. The purpose of the lunch was to alert people to the anniversary in 2018.

## **4 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

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### **4.1 Letter of Support – Mayor Marie-Sophie Lesne**

The letter of support Mayor Mylchreest sent to Mayor Marie-Sophie Lesne of Le Quesnoy following the terrorist attacks on Paris, was included in the agenda for information purposes.

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the letter of support dated 20 November 2015 from Mayor Mylchreest to Mayor Marie-Sophie Lesne be received.*

Epps/S Pickering

The letter of support was sent to the Mayor of Le Quesnoy following the terrorist attacks on Paris; the Cambridge Town Hall was lit up in the national colours of France also in support of Paris.

## **5 CAMBRIDGE/LE QUESNOY FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION**

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File: 180-06-05/4

The most recent newsletter, dated 1 December 2015, is included in the agenda for information purposes. There are currently 125 members of the Association.

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Association Newsletter, dated 1 December 2015 be received.*

Pettit/Storey





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The newsletters will also be sent to the Mayor of Le Quesnoy, President of the Le Quesnoy/New Zealand Friendship Association and the tourism office in Le Quesnoy.

Mike Pettit advised that the Armistice Civic Service will be known as Remembrance Day next year to align with other countries and to make a distinction from the event held at Mighty River Domain.

Tom Pickering said that Remembrance Day is always held on a Sunday in the United Kingdom but there is public interest for it to be commemorated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November as it is in Europe.

Miriam Farrell said that the Cambridge iSite receive enquiries asking if a service is being held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November; Deleyse Storey advised that a service is always held in Te Awamutu on the 11<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Te Awamutu Returned and Services Association.

Mike Pettit advised that the number attending had increased from last year which hopefully will continue as more people realise that there is more to World War I than the Gallipoli campaign.

## 6 GENERAL

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### 6.1 Nga Tapuwae – New Zealand First World War Trails

Miriam Farrell reported that a display was held at the “Armistice in Cambridge” event at the Mighty River domain promoting “Nga Tapuwae, New Zealand First World War Trails”. Brochures are available providing information on the various trails including Trail 9, “Road to Le Quesnoy”. Information is able to be downloaded via smart phones or tablet devices whilst on the trails.

<http://ngatapuwa.govt.nz/>

Miriam Farrell will place Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Association Membership forms and the “Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Connection” brochures at the Cambridge iSite. Julie Epps suggested brochures are also placed in the reception area of the Avantidrome.

## 7 NEXT MEETING

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

Thereafter the meetings will be held on the third Monday of every second month at 5.00pm as follows –

18 April

20 June

15 August





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Due to the triennial elections on 8 October 2016, further notice will be given regarding meetings scheduled in October and December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.29pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATE**

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**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

