



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 5.00pm
Date: Monday, 19 October 2015
Venue: Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre
Waipa District Council
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

1 PRESENT

Members

Mike Pettit, Chairperson

Philip Coles (Cambridge Community Board), John Bishop, Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Anne Lee (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Sebastien Lemercier, Grant Middlemiss

In Attendance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence from Grant Middlemiss, Elwyn Andree-Wiltens, Julie Epps, Tom and Sue Pickering be received.

Bishop/Pettit

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 180-06-05/3

Minutes of the Meeting held 17 August 2015 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 17 August 2015, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Coles/Eames

Matter Arising

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

A light luncheon to be provided following the service for members of the Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Association, military personnel and others who have assisted with the ceremony. This will be held in the Edwardian Room of the Cambridge Town Hall.





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Members of the ANZAC Day and Armistice Organising Committee elected to provide a plate of sweet food with the caterer providing savoury food along with tea, coffee, crockery and cutlery.

The quote dated 15 October 2015 from Gourmet Delicious was distributed at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the quote from Gourmet Delicious to provide catering for the luncheon following the Armistice Civic Service at \$12.50 per person be received and authorise up to \$1,000 for this purpose.

Pettit/Coles

Members to provide a plate of sweet food on paper plates to be left in the Edwardian Room prior to the service.

4 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

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

The invitation from Thames-Coromandel District Council to the official opening of the Le Quesnoy World War I Memorial Forest Park was included in the agenda.

Invitations have been issued by the Thames-Coromandel District Council, Whangamata Area Office, to members of the committee to attend the official opening of the Le Quesnoy World War I Memorial Forest Park. There are ten memorial forest park sites commemorating specific battles.

RESOLVED

That the invitation from Thames-Coromandel District Council to attend the official opening of the Le Quesnoy World War I Memorial Forest Park be received.

Bishop/Coles

Due to other commitments, including the meeting of the Cambridge Community Board, three members of the committee indicated their intention to attend the official opening.

5 FRENCH VILLAGE LUNCH

A French Village Lunch, organised by Julie Epps and Grant Middlemiss, is to be held on Wednesday, 4 November 2015 to commemorate the 97th Anniversary of the Liberation of Le Quesnoy.





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The lunch is being held in the function room at the Onyx Restaurant Café and Bar located at 70 Alpha Street in Cambridge.

A written update was provided at the meeting by Grant Middlemiss which stated that 35 people have indicated they wanted to purchase tickets and that entertainment options were being explored. Recent photos of Le Quesnoy were requested to be part of a Powerpoint presentation. Delysse Storey provided bunting which could be used as decoration and donated it for future use by the committee.

6 GENERAL

6.1 Armistice Civic Service

Mike Pettit provided a brief outline of the Armistice Civic Service –

- 9.30am Invited guests to assemble for briefing
- 9.45am Pipe band to commence from the Cambridge Town Hall
- 10.00am Service to commence

A rehearsal is being held the day before and members of the New Zealand Cadet Force will be available to act as escorts of wreath bearers. Seating will be available for general public and some gazebos will be in place to create shade for school children. Photos and memorabilia will be on display in the Edwardian Room.

Miriam and Brian Farrell will host their usual display at the Mighty River Domain as part of the “Armistice in Cambridge” event including the two pull up banners; the banners to be returned to the Cambridge Town Hall prior to the service to be included in the display on Sunday.

Mike Pettit advised that all school principals had been advised and flyers will be distributed to the eldest or only child of each family. Contact to be made with the French Ambassador as a response has not as yet been received.

6.2 Exhibition - “Heartlanders, New Zealanders of The Great War”

John Bishop reported that the travelling museum exhibition in containers, hosted by the National Army Museum, was well attended. It was located at the Cambridge Town Hall plaza and Cambridge was the only Waikato destination due to the connection with Le Quesnoy.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7 December 2015 at 5.00pm (scheduled earlier in the month due to Christmas).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.41pm.





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CHAIRPERSON

DATE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

