

CENTRAL OTAGO HERITAGE TRUST

Minutes of the Board Meeting
4pm Wednesday 9 November 2022
Clyde Museum Blyth St



PRESENT: David Ritchie (Acting Chair), Russell Garbutt, Lynda Gray, Kristy Rusher (via Teams), Ross Naylor, Graye Shattky, Warwick Hawker.
Ann Rodgers (CODC Liaison). Maggie Hope (Heritage Coordinator).

APOLOGIES: John Kerr

WELCOME

David Ritchie welcomed Trustees to the meeting. He then handed over to Maggie Hope to manage the nomination and election of the Chair, as is required by the COHT Trust Deed after each AGM.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR

David Ritchie was nominated for re-election by Lynda Gray. No other nominations were received. Graye Shattky moved that the nomination be accepted.
Carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i. The Minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 April 2022 were reviewed and confirmed as a true and accurate record of this meeting.
Moved: David Ritchie
Seconded: Warwick Hawker
Carried
- ii. The Minutes from the AGM held on 20 July 2022 were reviewed and confirmed as a true and accurate record of this meeting.
Moved: Graye Shattky
Seconded: Lynda Gray
Carried
- iii. The Minutes of the Board meeting held on 27 September 2022 were reviewed. As this meeting did not achieve a quorum, the minutes cannot be confirmed.

FINANCIAL

The Draft End of Year Accounts and Charities Return (30 June 2022), and the September GST return were presented for review. As at 30 June 2022, the total COHT Cash and Bank Assets were \$82,412.

Moved: David Ritchie - Financial Statements and Charities Return be accepted
Seconded: Ross Naylor
Carried

BUSINESS:

1. Central Otago Museums Trust (MOCO) Update

Maggie Hope gave an update on the progress of the Trust. Two key projects underway are:

- i. Funding application to the MCH Regenerative Fund for a mini 'Project Ark' type programme that will involve all five museums.
- ii. Completion of the Draft Strategic Plan.

Trustees enquired whether reporting accountability requirements to CODC have been met.

Action:

Maggie will send COHT Trustees the latest MOCO accountability report to CODC.

2. Cromwell and Districts Community Trust - Proposed Chinese settlement at Old Cromwell

Ali Ballentine (Trust Chair) and Janeen Wood joined the meeting at 4:30pm to present the Trusts' proposal to reconstruct a Chinese Settlement at Old Cromwell.

- The Chinese Settlement (1866- 1920) was once home to around 400 Chinese. This settlement was flooded when Lake Dunstan was formed. The proposed site for the reconstruction is directly above the original site, which is adjacent to the proposed Cromwell Culture Centre.
- The research undertaken by archaeologist Neville Ritchie will guide the reconstruction.
- Otago Polytechnic stonemasonry students will be engaged to build a dwelling that was reconstructed at the original site during Neville Ritchie's research.
- The proposal is supported by the local community, the Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust, and the Chinese Consulate. Finding and connecting with descendants of the settlement is an ongoing challenge.
- It is hoped that this site will become part of the Otago Chinese Heritage Tour.
- The Cromwell and Districts Community Trust is in the process of changing their constitution to become eligible for applying for community-based funding.

Discussion

COHT Trustees expressed support for the project, offering assistance with funding applications, conducting oral histories and ongoing promotions.

Al Ballentine and Janeen Wood left the meeting.

3. Earthquake Strengthening Requirements

Maggie Hope has received enquiries on funding for earthquake engineering assessments as a result of Council's notification to owners of potentially earthquake prone buildings. Heritage NZ only provides financial assistance to privately owned properties for engineering assessments or remedial work.

Action:

Maggie to prepare a document to help community-based organisations understand the process and potential avenues for funding.

4. Otago Regional Council Meeting 9 November 2022 - Public Forum

Graye Shattky presented at this meeting to stress the importance of heritage as a regional asset and proposed that a Regional Heritage Fund be established. Grayes' presentation can be viewed on YouTube by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyJge8APJ4M>

5. Heritage Precinct Guidelines

The Draft Heritage Precinct Guidelines were circulated prior to the meeting.

- These guidelines will sit outside the District Plan, which enables ongoing updates. Guidelines for the Cambrians and Ranfurly could potentially be included as precincts at a later date.

- The document will provide guidance for resource consent applications for new builds and alterations within heritage precincts.
- The guidelines will go out for public consultation alongside Plan Change 20 (March/April 2023).

Other Heritage Planning Matters

- i. Updating Schedule 19.4 in the District Plan (Register of Heritage Buildings, Places, Sites and Objects and Notable Trees) will commence in early 2023 and will include a nomination process for new entries to the register. The first task is to review the existing list.
- ii. The review of Heritage Matters within the District Plan is scheduled for 2023 – 2024
- iii. The Natural and Built Environment Legislation is due out for consultation in the coming weeks. Ann Rogers recommended reading the [summary Randerson Report](#).
- iv. The implementation of the legislation is predicted to take around 7-8 years.

MEETING CLOSED:

6:10pm

NEXT MEETING

Early 2023(TBC)

David Ritchie
Chair