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Heritage and Antiquities Act 2018

2020 Annual report.

This report has been prepared by the Heritage and Antiquities Advisory Council (HAAC), as required under Section 10 of the Heritage and Antiquities Act 2018.

The Minister for Heritage will lay a copy of this report before Parliament as specified in Subsection 10 (2).

This report covers the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

The Heritage and Antiquities Advisory Council (HAAC) was formed as part of the Heritage and Antiquities Act 2018 that commenced on 16th August 2018.

The members of the Council are-

Chairperson

The Hon Prof J Cortes - Minister for Heritage

Members

Prof Clive Finlayson - Curator of the Gibraltar National Museum

Anthony Pitaluga - Government Archivist

Dominic Lopez - Government Archaeologist

Marcello Sanguinetti - Representing the Ministry for Heritage

Dr. Liesl Mesilio - Representing the Department of the Environment.

(in her absence Stephen Warr shall be an alternate member)

Claire Montado - Representing the Board of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust.

(in her absence Ian Balestrino shall be an alternate member)

Paul Origo - Representing the Town Planning Department

(in his absence Paul Naughton-Rumbo shall be an alternate member)

Dr Keith Bensusan - Representing the Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society

(in his absence Charles Perez shall be an alternate member)

The functions of the Council are—

- (a) to make its views known to the Minister on how to promote and secure the conservation, protection and enhancement of Gibraltar's heritage, antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings, and historical conservation and archaeological areas;
- (b) to foster understanding and facilitate the enjoyment of Gibraltar's heritage, antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings, and historical conservation and archaeological areas;
- (c) to advise on anything which is to be done in relation to antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings or historical conservation and archaeological areas, including advice that such activity always be carried out in a sustainable manner by a suitably qualified person; and
- (d) to identify present and future issues which require or may require addressing in relation to heritage, antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings and historical conservation and archaeological areas.

(2) The Council shall advise the Minister on matters relating to heritage, antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings, historical conservation and archaeological areas it wishes to or which the Minister may refer to the Council.

Council to take account of certain matters.

8. It shall be the duty of the Council, in carrying out its functions under section 7(1) and (2), to take account, as may be appropriate, of—

- (a) actual or possible ecological and other environmental changes affecting heritage, antiquities or objects of interest, monuments or buildings and historical conservation and archaeological areas;
- (b) the need for social, cultural and economic changes in Gibraltar;
- (c) the interests of the community in general.

HAAC MEETINGS.

Due to Covid restrictions, the Heritage and Antiquities Advisory Council held three meetings in 2020 via Zoom.

The immense negative impact of the pandemic did not derail the work of the Ministry for Heritage nor any other heritage entity.

Archaeological monitoring, restoration, heritage assessments and technical advice through the planning system continued.

Most significantly a sub-committee to draft a heritage vision was created.

Examples of heritage projects discussed include:

1. The restoration of Nuns' Well
2. The restoration of the Old Lime Kiln
3. The repainting of the City Walls Names
4. The installation of Tampions on all our Cannon
5. Second Phase of the Fort Canada Restoration and Interpretation
6. The restoration of Woodford and Hutment Batteries together with a walking trail
7. Heritage Street Art
8. The restoration of the Koehler Gun at Casemates Square
9. The restoration of the Orange Bastion Guns
10. Genista Cave Magazine first phase of works
11. The mapping and scanning of all MOD maps and surveys for our Heritage Environment Record (HER)
12. Plaques showcasing Gibraltarian Street Names
13. Archaeological discovery of the Garrison Library original entrance
14. The first phase in the creation of a dedicated Ministry for Heritage research platform
15. The first phase in the logistical planning for the salvaging of the 9.2 inch gun

Internal meetings amongst stakeholders as well as with the Minister for Heritage continued remotely via zoom and other platforms.

The provision of heritage licences continued to be successfully discussed via round robin email, with 15 licences given for works on listed sites.

An excavation licence was also provided to the Gibraltar National Museum for their research at the Gorham's Cave Complex World Heritage Site.

Heritage Licences issued through HAAC.

1021	Xapo Bank	17/1/20	Bank premises Casemates Square
1022	C Viagas GoG	27/2/20	Commonwealth Office Unit 24a Casemates.
1023	Renovagy	6/3/20	Uni. Of Gibraltar Defensible Barracks
1024	Martin Cooper DIO MOD	6/3/20	King's Chapel roof. Pending bat survey
1025	Angela Bula GCS	6/3/20	Montagu Bastion bunker
1026	GJBS	24/6/20	Mid-Town park lift
1027	A Bula GCS	03/08/20	Wellington Front cameras
1028	T Santos MOD	03/08/20	Retrenchment Block water pipes
1029	M Ritchie Cardus	07/08/20	Cathedral of St. Mary the Crowned
1030	C Savignon GJBS	17/08/20	Straits View Terrace staircase
1031	D Sheriff DOE	19/08/20	Europa defensive wall Woodford
1032	C Savignon GJBS	25/08/20	Lathbury Barracks wall
1033	J Garcia Staged Projects	09/10/20	Unit 24 Wellington Front
1034	G Finlayson Museum	22/10/20	Lime Kiln
1035	B Brooks Civil Contingencies	23/10/20	Covid signage Orange Bastion and Chatham counterguard

Heritage Excavation Licences issued through HAAC.

LICENCE NUMBER	ISSUED TO	DATE	LOCATION
5001	The Curator GNM	28/2/20	Gorham's Cave Complex WHS