



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

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MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH RATEPAYERS' ORGANISATION HELD AT 14 KROGSCHEEPERS STREET, BRM ON JUNE 15TH, 2009 AT 9.00

1. WELCOME

Chairman Lötter Wepener welcomed all

ATTENDANCE

- 1.1. L. Wepener, S. Swanepoel, F. Venter, C. Botha, C. Krogscheepers, B. Northrop, I. Smith, A. Murray, A Northrop
- 1.2. **Apologies:** W. Grové, P. Mouton, A. Vosloo, with D. MacTaggart not present.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - APRIL 9TH 2009

These are to be posted on the website and mailed to committee members. Proposed as read and adopted.

3. CHAIR & LEGAL

- 3.1. Pieter Mouton finalised a legal opinion regarding the proposed increase and charge format of water tariffs. **PIETER**
- 3.2. Sewage water samples have been taken, but as yet not taken to the Port Elizabeth laboratories, it was suggested that if any of the committee members were going to Port Elizabeth they take them. The samples must be carefully noted and numbered. **ALL**

“We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil”

Committee: Lötter Wepener (Chairperson), Sheila Swanepoel (Vice Chairperson), Fanie Venter (Treasurer), Wendy Grove (Secretary), Christo Botha, Corris Krogscheepers, Duncan MacTaggart, Pieter Mouton, Andrew Murray, Ian Smith, Bill Northrop, Anton Vosloo,

- 3.3. **Correspondence.** There were two letters of congratulations received, confirmation of the withdrawal of the Caravan Park plans, and a letter from Mrs Barnard, re: the Volo, see under Section 9. Two letters of thanks to be sent out to Rotary and Neat Pave for their donations. **LÖTTER**
- 3.4. The latest newsletter has been sent.
- 3.5. Correspondence from Director Sizwe Mvelwena was received by the Chairman, who will continue to pursue the items listed. **LÖTTER**
- 3.6. Correspondence from Director Xolani Masiza was received as well; to be dealt with as above. **LÖTTER** to follow in the next month. **LÖTTER**

4. **FINANCE**

- 4.1. Donation for the river walkway was not used up, and the donor has requested the balance be used towards repairs of the jetty. Additional donations have been received, so a total of R14 000 is so far available for the jetty. The cost of the garden service is covered to the end of the year.
- 4.2. Subscriptions have been steadily flowing in as a result of the membership drive, at present there are 250 paid up members, but more are needed.
- 4.3. **Sale of boat licences.** The possibility of BRRAG selling boat licences will be brought up at the next Estuary Care meeting on the 29th June. **BILL**

5. **SAFETY & SECURITY**

- 5.1. The community meeting was well attended by 70 members of the public. Ian is waiting for his plan to be approved by Commander Cannon before proceeding further.
- 5.2. The committee will be organised by Ian and Andrew

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS & BUILDING REGULATIONS

6.1 Water Board. A new water board has been elected, one of the members being George Poole, should any liaison be needed. D Nicoll was approached regarding the water problems caused by the bridge building, and he has matters well in hand.

6.2 The chairman lodged an objection to the Lester house in Kenton.

7. ROADS, VERGES, VACANT PLOTS, SIGNS, TRAFFIC

7.1. **Refuse Bins.** There was much discussion re the promise of refuse bins via communication with Richard Pote. This to be followed up with Sizwe Mvelwena. **Lötter**

7.2. **Manhole Covers.** A list has been given to Richard Pote. **Lötter**

7.3. **Potholes.** A letter giving correct specifications for repairs was submitted to Ndlambe. Any new potholes must be noted and Ndlambe advised.
CORRIS

7.4. **Missing Road Signs.** Most of the signage has been replaced. Committee to collate a list of those still missing and submit them to Richard Pote **ALL/CORRIS/OORLOG**

7.5. **Towpath.** The barrier being vandalised, **Oorlog** to discuss the matter with Fanie to erect a boom.

7.6. **Road painting.** Some progress being made. Slipway yellow lines and signage still needed. **CORRIS**

7.7. **Slipway & Jetty.** Engineers to be approached with regard to the best design for a new jetty with all quotes received from the interested parties. A Heunis to be approached regarding a donation, **Fanie**. Also Pierre Dormehl, **Ian**.

7.8. **Traffic humps.** Some of these appear to be built; painting is still needed in some cases. **CORRIS/ LÖTTER**

7.9. **Garden and Refuse Collection.** The refuse is lying on the sidewalks, it is impossible to determine which home owners are littering Bushmans in this manner, but it would help to have a specified day when the municipal tractor and trailer come. A letter to be

sent to H Dredge requesting better service to be done. **LÖTTER. OORLOG** to talk to relevant director. Also rubbish has not been collected on Tuesdays for the last 3 weeks, striking workers is not an adequate reason.

7.10. Tenders for 2010 garden services to be postponed for August meeting

8. **RIVER, ESTUARY CARE, DEAT, BEACHES, HEALTH, SEWAGE, HYGIENE, REFUSE**

8.1. **Seepage on Towpath.** A letter has been submitted to the municipality

8.2. **Jetty signs.** Signs will be organised by **CORRIS.**

8.3. **Public toilets.** This matter is to being followed up. **LÖTTER**

8.4. **Volo Parts.** These are at present stored at the Municipal Offices, the plan is to have them cleaned up and placed in a suitable public location, and permission is needed to be given by the Maritime Heritage Department. **LÖTTER**

8.5. **Slipway pavement repairs.** Thanks were given to Corrie Swanepoel for the wonderful job he voluntarily did on the necessary repairs.

8.6. **River Walkway.** Thanks given for the excellent job done by all involved.

8.7. **Skinderboom.** A ramp is needed to ease the passage of wheelchairs/prams at the Loader steps. Bricks to be purchased from Neat Pave for this. **CORRIS/OORLOG**

8.8. **Extension of River Car Park.** After a discussion it was decided that it could be very problematic to try and increase parking in this area, and more detailed information is needed to get involved in such a project.

8.9. **Cement Bags.** This problem is to be discussed at the Estuary Care meeting. **ANTON**

9. **WEBSITE**

9.1. **Advertising** There is little interest in this at present, but possible advertisers will be approached. Due to their generous donations, it was approved that Build It and Neat Pave receive free advertising to the end of the year. **IAN/FANIE**

10. **NRF & DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

- 10.1. **Valuation Letter.** The supplementary role should be out in the near future; Ndlambe is still awaiting it from the valuers.
- 10.2. **Services letter.** Nothing has been heard yet, but the mandatory 30 days for a response is not yet up.
- 10.3. It was not felt acceptable to contribute financially to the NRF for Port Alfred's sewage problem.

11. WARD COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The Ward 3 committee is working as well as can be expected. Comment was requested on the water by-laws, but no comment will be given by BRRAG as there is nothing to contribute.

13 GENERAL

- 13.1 **Tennis courts.** Negotiations are ongoing. **LÖTTER**
- 13.2 **Cement blocks.** These are to be used at the beach to prevent vehicles gaining direct access onto the beach. **ANDREW**
- 13.3 **Fire hydrant locations.** Richard Pote is arranging to give the co-ordinates of every fire hydrant. **BILL**
- 13.4 **Services for Christmas period.** It was felt that cleaners should be employed to clean the beach areas every morning, and then do the ablution blocks throughout the day. The financing of this is to be discussed in greater detail nearer the time.
- 13.5 **Database.** A database of all owners of houses needs to be compiled; **Andrew** is currently working on this.
- 13.6 **Recognition.** Recognition of the work done by C Sprong and of the walkway work is to be given. **OORLOG**
- 13.7 **Grass at river car park.** Jan Kap and/or Estuary Care to be approached with regard to whether this grass can be removed. **ANTON/BILL**

13.8 Gary Loader to be approached with regard to assistance with dredging/river care.
LÖTTER

13.9 **Trailer.** The trailer needs to be licensed. **Oorlog** is to get the necessary paperwork from the seller, and then **Bill** will start the procedure to get it licensed.

13.10 Fundraising. More ideas requested for a fundraiser to be held at Christmas. **ALL**

13.11 The abandoned trailer needs to be removed from the park. **CORRIS**

13.12 **Channel dredging.** The initial paper has been collated for comments, but there seems to be various problems in it.

13.13 **Steps.** The newly constructed steps by at the sea end need some repairs. **OORLOG**

13.14 **Petrol Station.** The application for the petrol station on the R72 at Bushmans is proceeding.

14 **CLOSE**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.30.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 9.00 at 14 Krogscheepers Street.

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