



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

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MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT 14 KROGSCHEEPERS STREET AT 08.00 ON 7 FEBRUARY 2009

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman Lötter Wepener welcomed all and expressed the wish that the new committee will have a successful and fruitful year.

2. **PRESENT**

L Wepener, S Swanepoel, C Botha, C Krogscheepers, P Mouton, B Northrop, I Smith, A Vosloo. In attendance: A Northrop.

The committee co-opted Corris Krogscheepers as a committee member.

3. **APOLOGIES**

W Grove, D MacTaggart, A Murray, E Smith

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved.

5. CHAIR AND LEGAL

- 5.1. The report back on the sewage case has resulted in a rigid schedule of pumping of conservancy tank to be done on a regular basis, and no overflow to be allowed. There is a possibility of a pumping station being constructed in the future, possibly on Erf 636.
- 5.2. A report on the effect and pollution of aquifers as well as the river as a result of sewage spillage at the municipal office toilets is to be done. **BILL.**
- 5.3. The sewage tanks at Riversbend, Erf 1024 could be in contravention to the municipal laws, **IAN** to investigate and supply all info to Lötter. The affected person is to first be signed up as a member.
- 5.4. Meeting with Doug Walters went well. The two Associations will combine efforts on certain issues when necessary, but not merge.
- 5.5. Updated bylaws have not yet been received from Ndlambe Municipality, follow up - **LÖTTER**
- 5.6. Traffic portfolio will go to Oorlog, potable water portfolio to Bill, and the disaster management portfolio to be part of the NRF portfolio.
- 5.7. The amendments to the constitution now comply with the requirements of the Act regarding NGO's as well as requirements to tax exemption. The committee approved the proposed amendments. A special meeting will be called for the 11th

April at 9.00 in the town hall. The acronym of the Association will then be BRRAG.
IAN / WENDY.

- 5.8. Nature's Landing residents to be approached as to whether they wish to be part of BRRAG. **BILL**
- 5.9. The Committee approved the motion to register BRRAG as an NGO and apply for tax exemption. **LÖTTER**
- 5.10. It was decided that BRRAG would employ an employee to do ad hoc jobs in the area under the supervision of Oorlog. Approval was given for the necessary tools to be acquired. A monthly employment contract is to be drawn up **LÖTTER**
- 5.11. Lötter offered to donate a Landrover to the Association subject to it being registered in BRRAG's name and the monthly insurance premium (3rd party, fire and theft) to be paid from the Association funds. In addition an account would be opened at Nicoll's Supermarket to buy petrol and a driver would be sourced to work one day a week to take rubbish to the dumps and any other jobs necessary. The roadworthy and registration will be done by **OORLOG**. The committee accepted the aforementioned. Oorlog will be the solely responsible for the labourer and all requests, etc to be channelled through Oorlog.
- 5.12. The Loader passage payment was investigated, and there is no record of a payment to BRRAG being offered, resulting in this matter now being closed.
- 5.13. Committee members who are not receiving their emails from Ian must investigate what the problem is and liase with Ian.

- 5.14. The Ndlambe representatives, including Clr Mike will be invited to the next AGM.
- 5.15. Lötter met with Maria Mike, she is very supportive, and she will try to arrange that some of the 4 senior Ndlambe managers including her self attend the meeting on the 9th April. In addition she will be invited to the monthly committee meetings.

6. FINANCES

- 6.1. It was decided there would be no subscription increase, but instead a membership drive was to be done with **ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS** approaching at least one person by the next meeting. **DUNCAN AND BILL** to try to get more of the Riversbend homeowners to join. A list of paid up members would be compiled and distributed to committee members. **ANNABELLE.**
- 6.2. A postal drive would be done with the next newsletter for potential members who don't have emails. **WENDY**
- 6.3. It was decided Eric, Sheila and Ian would be the cheque account signatories, and if viable a new account would be opened, or the name of the existing account would be changed. **ERIC**

7. HEALTH, HYGIENE, SEWAGE, REFUSE REMOVAL

- 7.1. New bins are to be sourced from Richard Pote and installed if acquired. A plan of the best placement for them is to be done. **VOSSIE/CORRIS**
- 7.2. Refuse removal problems will be dealt with at a future time.

7.3. Public toilet repairs are to be promoted in conjunction with Estuary Care. **CORRIS**

7.4. Decided that this portfolio will merge with River/ Estuary Care / DEAT/ Beaches and that the new bigger portfolio will be dealt with by Vossie, Bill, Andrew and Corris.

8. **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

8.1. Ian attended the police forum. Bushmans, Riversbend and Marcelle have reasonably low crime rate, but there is a difficult element on the Kenton side.

8.2. Closer to the Christmas holidays additional private security personnel will be discussed.

8.3. The availability / training of police reservists are to be discussed. **IAN** to take up with the SAPS.

9. **NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, POTABLE WATER**

The Heritage committee refused the plans for townhouses in old Bushmans, no other plans known at present. Potable water will be added to this portfolio.

10. **ROADS, VERGES, VACANT PLOTS, STREET SIGNS, PARKS, TRAFFIC**

10.1. A letter of request will be sent with regard to the new speed humps requested at the AGM. **LÖTTER**

10.2. R72 safety matters are controlled by Provincial Administration, this problem to be followed up at a later stage possibly with NRF and Kenton Rate Payers.

- 10.3. Broken manhole covers have still not been replaced; to be followed up with R Pote.
CORRIS
- 10.4. Potholes are still a problem; some are being filled with concrete by locals. **OORLOG**
- 10.5. Missing road signs will be followed up. **OORLOG**
- 10.6. Storm water at 77 Park Road: a letter was sent to the owner. **LÖTTER**
- 10.7. The picnic sites are to be better maintained and any camping must be prohibited.
OORLOG
- 10.8. The correspondence with the Municipality with regard to the inadequate storm water provisions will be filed for record purposes and thereafter should any houses be damaged in a storm it is recommended that the home owner sue the Municipality for damage costs.

11. RIVER / ESTUARY CARE / DEAT / BEACHES

- 11.1. The Estuary Care will be asked as to the best plan of action for the cement bags.
BILL/ANDREW
- 11.2. Estuary Care is trying to deal with sewage from houses on the riverbank. Oorlog will assist in plotting the areas where seepage occurs.
- 11.3. Vehicles must be stopped from accessing the riverbank. The tow path is to be closed with a chicane and lock. **OORLOG**

- 11.4. River markers will be made in the most appropriate way available. **CORRIS**
- 11.5. Estuary Care is dealing with boats mooring in the river as well as repairs to the jetty.
BILL/ANDREW
- 11.6. A sign on the jetty prohibiting mooring is to be arranged. **CORRIS**
- 11.7. Permission for pruning/cutting of milkwoods on the parking area to be obtained.
VOSSIE / CORRIS

12. TRAFFIC

- 12.1. Horses: Upon receipt of the bylaws the position with horses will be considered.
- 12.2. Quad bike safety and unlicensed vehicles over Christmas will be discussed at a later stage.

13. WEBSITE

- 13.1. There are articles available regarding new boating requirements as well as a new membership form on the website.
- 13.2. The website is working most efficiently. Space problem for advertising to be looked into. **IAN**

14. NRF AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

NRF are making an appointment with the mayor for him to join them in regular meetings.
Sheila / Bill to attend.

15. WARD COMMITTEE

No meeting has been announced as yet.

16. GENERAL

- 16.1. It was agreed that correspondence/problems received from non-members will only be dealt with after they have become paid-up members.
- 16.2. Corris Krogscheeper's portfolio is to encompass all matters to do with the Estuary Care and river. He would also assist with planning and maintenance generally.
- 16.3. To withhold taxes from the Municipality to force better service delivery is not an option and must be discouraged as the action by the Municipality against non-payers can have serious consequences.
- 16.4. The proposal of a slipway at Riversbend needs to be discussed with Estuary Care and developed. **BILL/ANDREW**
- 16.5. The alternative road to the beach at Klipfontein falls in SANPark lands and there appears nothing for BRRAG to do about it.
- 16.6. Auxiliary officers: Pieter will check on the legality and implications of this.
BILL/PIETER
- 16.7. A letter requesting the refund of the balance of the R6000 used for the restoration of the anchor to be sent to Mrs Barnard. **LÖTTER. CORRIS** to look into further restoration procedures.

- 16.8. The comment book once kept at Nicolls is no longer in use but it has been of no value and will not be pursued.
- 16.9. Locating the fire hydrants by possibly using an experienced person, to be done and the knowledge handed on to the disaster management team. **BILL**
- 16.10. A newsletter will be written as soon as possible. All committee members to advise Lötter regarding issues to be addressed in the newsletter. **WENDY/ LÖTTER**
- 16.11. The BRRAG now has a new box number which is to be changed on letterheads/website. **WENDY/IAN**
- 16.12. The state of the rubbish dump near Marcelle will be investigated. **BILL/ LÖTTER**

17. **CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 17.1. There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.35.
- 17.2. The next meeting to be held at 14 Krogscheepers Street on 9 April 2009 at 09:00.

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