

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee of Bushman's River Mouth Ratepayers' Association held at 9.00, March 7 2009 at 14 Krogscheepers Street.

Present: L Wepener, C. Botha, W. Grové, C. Krogscheepers, A. Murray, B. Northrop, I Smith, S. Swanepoel, F. Venter

In Attendance: D. Laubscher, M. Whitnall

Apologies: P. Mouton, D MacTaggart, A. Vosloo

Welcome: Lötter welcomed all and thanked Dennis and Mike for making themselves available.

1. Co-opting of new Treasurer:

Eric Smith has tendered his resignation and Fanie Venter was co-opted onto the committee and proposed as Treasurer. It was decided that both Sheila and Oorlog should also be signatories on the account – they would both attend to the necessary red tape involved in changing the signatories.

Fanie to draw up a draft budget for the year. **FANIE/SHEILA/OORLOG**

2. Sewage:

Lötter reviewed the letter the Association had sent to Ndlambe re the ongoing sewage problem. Both Mike and Dennis agreed that the facts listed were indeed correct and that the current plant was ineffective and in a bad state of disrepair with no visible signs of regular maintenance

Mike briefly described what the current works looked like and how an effective plant should work. What is now required are water samples taken from the final discharge point into the river as this would confirm whether the plant was working effectively or not.

There was general discussion regarding who could supply us with the information regarding the discharge point as well as where to obtain test results. It was decided to approach Dave Nicolls (ACWB) and possibly Rhodes University.

Based on the evidence that would be forthcoming the Association would proceed with the legal route as it was Ndlambe's duty to maintain a working sewage plant as well as not contaminate the surrounds and/or possibly the River.

Mike Whitnall to provide a description of an effective sewage plant, a suggested routine maintenance programme and his professional background regarding waste management. **MIKE/LÖTTER/BILL**

3. General:

* Lötter has established regular communication with Howard Dredge (Ndlambe Financial manager) – and queries are being replied to!

*Water Tariffs - There has still been no response from Ndlambe regarding the Code applicable to the proposed new tariffs. It was decided to pursue this legally if Ndlambe continues to ignore our right to information regarding this matter.**LÖTTER**

*Oorlog thanked Corris for the cleaning up of the overgrown areas at the slipway car park. He also made mention that Piet Mouton would be making a donation to help with the installation of walkway. Both Oorlog and Corris would be supervising work teams supplied by Ndlambe.

4. Closure:

There being no further business Lötter thanked all for coming, in particular Dennis and Mike for their expertise. He reminded all of the next committee meeting to be held on April 9 2009 as well as the Special General Meeting on April 11 2009.

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