



## **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 26 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 09:00**

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#### **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all present at the meeting.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE**

L Wepener, S Swanepoel, B Northrop, F Venter, A Murray, A Northrop

##### **2.1. Apologies:**

W Grové, P Mouton, C Botha, C Krogscheepers, I Smith, A Vosloo, S Bellingan

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes 10 August 2009**

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting of the 10 August 2009 were confirmed and the Chairman authorized to sign them.

*“We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil”*

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

#### 4. **CHAIR AND LEGAL**

4.1. **Sewage plant** – The water testing will be delayed while BRRAG observes whether the municipality will keep its commitment to upgrade the sewage plant.

4.2. **Correspondence** – None

4.3. **Newsletter** – Lötter and Wendy will be doing this in the near future and asks for any articles to be included to be emailed to him **LOTTER**

4.4. **Municipal Feedback** – Lötter held a meeting with the new municipal manger, Mr. Dumezweni, which went very well, and a promise was given that all projects that have already been approved will be done. This includes repairing the public toilets. Any new items will have to be submitted through the ward committee for consideration.

#### 5. **FINANCE**

5.1. Rotary donated R2000, and R4500 is left over from another donation. Estuary Care will be repairing the Bushmans Jetty, so the above donors will be approached to see if the money can be used for this or other projects. The jetty must be repaired as soon as possible. **ANDREW**

5.2. Estuary Care will be appointing Nicolls Supermarket to sell boat licenses.

- 5.3. Christmas Fundraising – A very efficient plan was put forth by Oorlog with regards to a Beach Buggy Parade - this needs further co-ordination by the next meeting.

**CORRIS/OORLOG**

## 6. **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- 6.1. **Security Planning** – There is concern that there are street lights not working. It was reported that there is a book at Kenton Municipal office to write in the accurate street addresses or pole number of problems.
- 6.2. Dissatisfaction was voiced over HiTec, and their method of dealing with BRRAG. Their increases, and how they have implemented them, plus the likelihood they will increase the price in January is not acceptable. They will be invited to meet with the committee in October.

**ANDREW**

## 7. **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

- 7.1. The new development at AboShamani does not fall under BRRAG
- 7.2. There is no objection to the South Gorah development. Letter confirming this to be sent.
- 7.3. New Petrol Station. A letter of objection as to the access to the station has been sent but must be followed up. Concerns about the need for a traffic study to be done, bearing in mind the bridge traffic, the Bushmans/Riversbend roads and the new cultural centre that has been approved, were raised.

**LOTTER**

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7.4. Estuary Care has objected to Adamis' jetty on the Kenton side of the River and BRRAG feels their stance is to be supported.

7.5. Disclaimers should be placed on the jetty and slipway. **CORRIS**

7.6. The Boutique Hotel to be established near the Marina should be dealt with by KOSRA.

## 8. ROADS, VERGES, VACANT PLOTS, STREET SIGNS, PARKS, TRAFFIC

8.1. Refuse bins are still being stored at the Town Hall. The Municipal manager has agreed to sort this problem out.

8.2. Manhole covers; an excellent document compiled by Oorlog has been given to Richard Pote showing what needs to be done. **OORLOG / CORRIS**

8.3. The road signs are improving, and new problems should be reported to **CORRIS**

8.4. The towpath gate has again been ripped open. There is a letter from the municipality confirming it has officially closed this path. Quotes for a boom are needed. A suggestion was raised that this could be paid for from the Loader pathway money available to Ward 3. **ANDREW/CORRIS/ SHEILA**

8.5. The slipway is being dealt with by **CORRIS.**

8.6. The traffic humps will be further pursued by **SHEILA/LOTTER**

8.7. Gardening Tender – The tender from K Kooy was accepted. The problem of property hedges overgrowing and blocking the sidewalks was discussed, and all addresses of

the problem properties must be emailed to Sheila as soon as possible so she can mention them at the Ward 3 meeting. **SHEILA/ALL**

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

9.1. The sewage seepage continues. Chester Wilmot will come and test any seepage. He can be contacted on 084 624-0947. It was suggested that the Department of Health be called in over the Christmas season. **OORLOG / CORRIS**

9.2. The new municipal manager will deal with outstanding promises of work.

9.3. Volo parts are still being stored at the municipality. If permission is received to move the Volo parts, a marine archeologist would have to supervise this. **CORRIS**

9.4. The concrete blocks from the bridge are to be moved to the River car park (about 60 metres) and 40m to the sea car park. **CORRIS**

9.5. Glass on beaches is a major problem. Estuary Care is to try and bring in a regulation for no glass to be allowed on the beaches and BRRAG to support the initiative through the Ward.

9.6. EIA widening of the road, see item 7.3.

10. **WEBSITE**

This has been updated.

## 11. NRF AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

11.1. Disaster management falls under Cacadu District Municipality; the head office is in Port Elizabeth, tel 041 508-7111. A contact there is to be found and a letter is to be sent. **BILL/LOTTER**

11.2. NRF meetings are being held regularly. Lötter attended the last meeting where it was decided that the rates boycott was to be ruled out.

## 12. WARD COMMITTEE

There was no quorum at the last meeting. However, a training session has been arranged for the members. Other news is that they have rejected the additional building done at River Road and they are going to approach the municipality to reconsider the tennis court lease. Sheila is registered as a member with the IDP process. In addition, it was suggested that a quote be obtained re steps and a gate for pedestrians from the bridge and that the issue be raised as a possible project with the Loader pathway money. **ANDREW/SHEILA**

## 13. GENERAL

13.1. Discussion on the new Environmental Levy was held. This levy is presently ring fenced for the Auditor General to scrutinize and is lawful.

13.2. A cleaner should be sought who would clean the ablutions blocks and the River beach during December and half January. A suggestion of R50.00 a day be paid, with the balance being made up with tips and a notice advising the public of this be displayed.

13.3. The vehicle has been registered in BRRAG's name, and the trailer papers have been received. The latter the registration is en route. **OORLOG**

13.4. A letter to be sent to Estuary Care stating that the grass on the River beach needs to be removed and it is not necessary for an AGM to agree to this. **ANDREW**

13.5. It was felt that the new walkway needed a handrail on both sides; requests have been made for the opposite handrail to be installed. This is to be investigated.

**OORLOG/CORRIS**

13.6. The AGM is to be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December. Permission must be given to hang up the banner, and the hall must be booked. **CORRIS/ WENDY**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11h00

SIGNED.....DATE.....

(Chairman)