



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION / BOESMANSRIVIERMONDBELASTINGBETALERS-VERENIGING, HELD ON DECEMBER 29 2008 AT 9.00 AT THE TOWN HALL

PRESENT: As per attendance register

APOLOGIES: T Beadon, Dr. F le Riche, D. Benton

CONDOLENCES: Chris and Betta Lombard, Michael Lake, E du Plessis, M Clarke, P Walters

OPENING: The Chairman, Johann Smuts welcomed all. He pointed out that it was the end of tenure for all the committee members and stressed that new members were required.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting had been posted on the Website and notice boards.

The minutes were then accepted and passed. Proposed by A Vosloo, seconded by M Mullins

MATTERS ARISING: Refer to points made under "General"

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Johann Smuts presented his Chairman's Report which covered the following items:

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: A general discussion was held regarding the suggestion that BRMRPA merge with Kenton on Sea Ratepayers Association (KOSRA) The advantages/disadvantages were commented on – both associations had common issues and a combined effort would give us more say at municipal level. However, each association was represented in a different Ward, and there was the risk that Bushman's could get "swallowed" by Kenton. It was stressed that Bushman's needs to maintain its independence.

If Constitutional changes were proposed, proper notice would have to be given. At this stage the suggestion is only an approach and required further discussion.

"We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil"

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

There was a proposal that BRMRPA approach KOSRA for further discussion – and the ayes carried the proposal

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Attached with the Chairman's Report)

NOMINATIONS: A maximum of 12 committee members are required for the following year. It was once more stressed that new members are urgently needed as many of the retiring office bearers were not available for re-nomination.

Peter Bowen suggested that the elected committee elect the chairman.

The following people were nominated:

Andrew Murray, Bill Northrop, Ian Smith, Anton Vosloo, Eric Smith, Wendy Grové, Duncan MacTAggart

GENERAL: The following points were raised:

1. Proposed townhouses wholeheartedly rejected. The committee needs to be vigilant regarding all building developments.
2. Investigate the withholding of Municipal taxes and privatize certain maintenance (Public places, refuse, sewerage).
3. Wooden walkway, gabion wall are amongst various areas that need immediate attention as they are currently damaged and dangerous.
4. Less than 15% ratepayers belong to the Association – it cannot be run with so little financial support. R100 subscription needs to increase to R200?
5. Ratepayers not present need to all be contacted and made aware of the importance of supporting the Association.
6. Service delivery is non-existent. Infrastructure cannot cope, but further developments are being allowed.
7. More speed humps between St. Davids and Duwweltjie square requested.
8. Keep on fighting for greater speed control on the R72.
9. More refuse bins needed on beaches and river.
10. Road down to the slipway needs to be widened – whatever happened to the “passage” money that was going to be paid to Ward 3 and matched by Ndlambe?
11. Community policing – no supervision and ineffective.
12. Dredging of the river – EIA currently with Ndlambe – they need to sign off before the proposed project can move forward.

13. Garbage skips needed – or a more efficient refuse collection.
14. What happens to the boat license money? There is no evidence of policing on the river.
15. Why is Ndlambe not represented at the AGM?
16. Manhole covers damaged and/or missing.
17. Municipal workers should not be collecting Christmas bonuses if there is no service delivery.
18. Storm water flooding in front of 77 Park Street. May the owner dig a channel alongside the pavement to divert?
19. Missing road signs – who is responsible?
20. Cement bags along the river – can they be removed. DEAT advised against removing them.
21. A request that the “passage” saga be laid to rest and forgotten.
22. Horse riding on the beaches. This was approved, but private riders need to be made aware of the regulations that were decided upon re street access and manure left behind!
23. Rubbish along the towpath has not been collected.

The Chairman thanked all for their contributions and commented that many of the points raised had been addressed with Ndlambe on numerous occasions.

Peter Bowen informed all of a house that had recently been ransacked and warned that “the ungodly are amongst us!!!!”

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....