



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 31st OCTOBER 2009 AT 09:00

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present at the meeting, especially F Bellingan, who is replacing D McTaggart as the Riversbend representative. He also advised of the resignation of C Botha

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. L Wepener, S Swanepoel, B Northrop, F Venter, C Krogscheepers, F Bellingan, A Northrop

2.2. **Apologies:** W Grové, P Mouton, I Smith, A Vosloo, A Murray

“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. Confirmation of Minutes 10 August 2009

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 26th September were confirmed with the inclusion of the Erf 390 number on River road, and the Chairman authorized to sign them.

4. CHAIR AND LEGAL

4.1 **Sewage plant** – according to a worker, the majority of the bags and rubbish blocking the plant comes through the pipes from Marcelle. A worker is needed to ensure at all times that this rubbish is cleared before going through the plant. A follow up meeting with the municipal manager will be scheduled by Corris, next week if possible, to discuss this and other problems, including the honey sucker and equipment needed. **BILL/CORRIS**

4.2 **Correspondence** – A letter was received from Ms Jenny Smith, objecting about rates not paid by a Marcelle resident, but as Ms Smith did not supply any details, nothing can be followed up, and a letter will be sent to her advising this. **LOTTER**

4.3 **Newsletter** – This has been sent out, and was considered excellent.

4.4 **Municipal Feedback** – Mr. Dumezweni has not as yet responded to the issues previously discussed, and the issues are still left undone.

5. FINANCE

5.1 **Financial Report** - The bank balance is showing a healthy R33000.00. Should any new members join from now on their subscriptions will be considered to be for the 2010 year. Accounts for the new year are to be sent out by email. A new 2010 budget will be drafted.

FANIE

5.2 **Christmas Fund Raising** – The fishing competition is felt to be the best proposal. Tommy Parkinson from the Rock and Surf Club, Diaz Deep Sea Fishing Club, and Kenton Tourism to be approached with regard to setting a date. More details must be found for what prizes are offered, and what entry fee can be charged. **CORRIS/ANNABELLE**

5.3 **Loader Passage Money** – Ward 3 has approved that BRRAG be given this money to upgrade toilets, picnic sites, river frontage etc. A letter has been sent to the lawyer, but no response has been received. (See 9.2). **CORRIS/ANDREW**

5.4 **Ndlambe** – a financial survey has been sent out by Howard Dredge, all members have been encouraged to fill it out.

6. **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

6.1 **HiTec** – A meeting was held with Hi'Tec, which resolved a great deal. Each HiTec member will be asked to pay an extra R10.00 per month for buying capital security equipment.

6.2 **General** – Peter Campbell has expressed his concern over security, as previously he has had multiple break-ins on his 5 properties. It was suggested that he could be approached to assist should necessary equipment be required.

7. **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

7.1. **Erf 274** – Following a request from Tim Fairbrother, the subdivision was again discussed, it was still felt that no new developments could be considered until the necessary infrastructure was in place and working. A vote for rescinding the previous motion was held, but no-one voted for it.

7.2. **Dave Nicholl** - It was agreed that the dispute between Mr Nicholl and Ndlambe could not be dealt with as Mr Nicholl is not a member of BRRAG. He wishes to rejoin BRRAG, but has stated he will be dealing through other channels with regard to his case.

8 Roads, Verges, Vacant Plots, Street Signs, Parks, Traffic.

8.1 **Refuse bins** are still being stored at the Town Hall, the Municipal manager had agreed to sort this problem out, but nothing has yet been done. **LOTTER/CORRIS**

8.2 **Manhole covers** - still damaged.

8.3 **The towpath gate** is at present locked. A key should be kept by BRRAG. Richard Pote is arranging a strong boom to replace the current structure. **CORRIS.**

8.4 **Signage** required at the slipway and jetty has been discussed with Fanie Fouche. Yellow paint is required to repaint the slipway, a new sign is needed at the jetty showing No Mooring, as well as other signs. Details of signage sizes and wording to be sent to Pieter in Port Elizabeth. **PIETER/CORRIS.**

8.5 **The traffic humps** have not been done, the old ones need repainting, and the missing yellow posts to stop cars driving on the verges need to be replaced. **CORRIS/SHEILA.**

8.6 **Trimming of branches** needs to be done, the overhanging branches on the roads are a danger to cars and passengers in the back of bakkies. An urgent follow-up with the municipality will be done, but if no result by 23 November, then it will be done privately at BRRAG's cost. Bill Northrop offered to donate R2000.00 towards this. **CORRIS**

9. River, Estuary Care, DEAT, Beaches, Health Hygiene, Sewage, Refuse Removal

9.1 **The jetty** has been removed, and is being repaired. It is expected to be back in place within a couple of weeks. Estuary Care will be carrying the cost. **ANDREW**

9.2 **Public toilets** are still in a bad state. The municipality will be asked to do the repairs immediately. If nothing has been done by the **23rd November**, then Fred Lutge will be asked to do the repairs. To enable the holiday cleaner to do the work, equipment will be sourced by Lotter, who will appoint and supervise the cleaner, and the municipality will be asked to supply plastic bags for the rubbish collected. The Coastal Care personnel will also be approached to clean up at the Lookout parking area and further reaches of the Bushmans beach.

LOTTER/CORRIS/BILL

9.3 **Volo** – Fanie Fouche has stated that the municipality will apply to become the licence holder for the Volo, and the papers are at present with the Municipal Manager.

9.4 **The concrete blocks** are still on offer, although the bridge work will now continue until next April. (Bridge will be open both ways from 15 Dec to 11 Jan). A decision must be made as to how to use the blocks. **CORRIS**

9.5 **Glass on beaches** is a serious problem after New Year's Eve, as is other rubbish and wood/ash from the fires lit during the night. Coast Care offered to assist with the clean-up last year. BRRAG will not be able to pay for the clean up, but would appreciate any help offered for the coming festive season.

9.6 River signage will be dealt with together with 8.4. **CORRIS**

10. **WEBSITE** This will be updated when Ian returns, the water shortage problem needs to be highlighted on it. **IAN**

11. **NRF AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

11.1 **Disaster management.** A co-ordinator has been appointed by Ndlambe Municipality, NRF to investigate this more. There are very few water hydrants in Bushmans, and are spread far apart. As a result a contingency plan needs to be formulated. **SHEILA/ BILL.**

11.2 **NRF** was invited to a meeting held at the Kenton Town Hall by the Eastern Cape MEC. A few of the problems were discussed there, and NRF was asked to go through the normal channels, and if that did not succeed, to then advise the MEC.

12. **WARD COMMITTEE**

The last meeting was very successful, with great rapport found among the members.

13 **GENERAL**

13.1 **Services for Christmas period** – this was covered in points 9.2 and 9.5.

13.2 **Trailer registration** is still on track.

13.3 **AGM** – the hall has been booked, for the AGM to held on 28th December 2009, permission for sign requested, see 4.2.

13.4 **Estuary Care** - AGM to be held on 30th December, BRRAG members who are interested asked to become members, as well as informing members of the public about

the association. There is seepage on the river West bank of the river, Estuary Care to be advised. **BILL**

13.5 **Sewage** at the public toilets near the old municipality starting to become a problem again, municipality to be advised. **LOTTER**

13.6 **Caravan Park** has spare plots available for caravans, and there is a cell number at the entrance should there be no-one available at the reception.

13.7 **The Tennis courts** rental still has to be finalized. A key needs to be obtained from Johan Smuts, and Corris to take it with him when meeting the municipal manager. **CORRIS.**

13.8 **COF renewals** can be done by Dave (at Surf and Turf), and need to be renewed annually.

The next meeting is to be held on 10th December 2009.

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

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(Chairman)