



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

Ratepayers' Organisation / Belastingbetalersorganisasie
(BRRAG)

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MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH RATEPAYERS' ORGANISATION HELD AT 14 KROGSCHEEPERS STREET, BRM ON 5 JUNE AT 09h00

1. WELCOME

The Chairman, Lötter Wepener, welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE

- 2.1. **Present:** L. Wepener; S. Swanepoel; S. Bellingham; E. Lindström; B. Northrop; I. Smith; F. Venter; R. Somers, Dirk Meiring; A Northrop
- 2.2. **Apologies:** P. Mouton; A. Murray; W. Grové; C. Krogscheepers; A. Vosloo; A. Murray; D Chalmers.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 20th March 2010 were taken as read and approved.

“We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil”

Executive Committee: Lötter Wepener (Chairperson)(0825524714 / wepener@law.co.za), Sheila Swanepoel (Vice); Wendy Grove (Secretary); Fanie Venter (Treasurer); Stompie Bellingan; Corris Krogscheepers; Ernst Linström, Pieter Mouton, Andrew Murray, Ian Smith, Bill Northrop, Anton Vosloo.

Subcommittee members: Peter Bowen, Val Bowen, Dave Chalmers, John Charter, Dirk Meiring, Annabelle Northrop, Roy Somers

4. CHAIR & LEGAL

4.1. Correspondence

- 4.1.1. There had been no acknowledgement from Ndlambe Municipality with regards to the letter sent to them, it was suggested that in future a letter for each individual item be prepared. **LÖTTER**
- 4.1.2. A letter is to be sent to Sizwe with regard to the urgent pruning of trees around Bushmans and Riversbend. A note is to be put into the book at the Kenton Municipal Offices. There has still been no response from East London with regard to permission to prune milkwood trees. **LÖTTER/DIRK**
- 4.1.3. There had still been no acknowledgement from Ndlambe Municipality with regards to the request that an explanation of why boat licences are so high. **LÖTTER**
- 4.1.4. The municipality has refused to rent out the Bushmans municipal house, stating an audit needs to be done before the matter can be considered. At the ward meeting it was stated that the house had already been allocated for a home for needy children. It was agreed the issue would be shelved for the time being.
- 4.1.5. The database is being updated. Ian to supply Lötter with excel spreadsheet. Fanie will keep his membership list updated with email addresses.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1. The kiosk rental is to be paid, and if it is donated, then a letter of acknowledgement must be sent. **FANIE**
- 5.2. The passage money is still not available to the municipality as the transfer has not yet gone through.
- 5.3. Estuary Care has paid the 33% of the cost of removing the grass on the river bank.
- 5.4. NRF has been paid. **FANIE**
- 5.5. More income is needed, more members should be found and a letter of thanks to be sent to the people who had not been mentioned in the last newsletter for their donations. **FANIE/ LÖTTER**

6. SAFETY & SECURITY

- 6.1. An account from Hitec was received to pay for the camera installed near the bridge. It was agreed that this must be paid from the R10.00 per month collection fund. In addition, it was felt that Hitec must send detailed invoices to BRRAG for the cameras to be installed in the future, and the prices charged to be checked as to whether they were fair and reasonable. **IAN**
- 6.2. The bridge camera is to be upgraded to ensure it works efficiently.
- 6.3. With regard to where the placement of the cameras in Bushmans and Riversbend were to be, it was approved that Ian Smith would be in charge of liaising with

Andrew and Hitec. In addition, businesses near to where cameras were to be sited should be approached, with regard to assisting to finance the cameras. **IAN**

- 6.4. Ian reported that crime had dropped, and current problems were an increase in drug abuse and car theft. Three cars had been stolen, two subsequently retrieved and a man arrested in connection to the crimes. The liaison between the police and the monthly meetings were still proceeding well.

7. NEW DEVELOPMENTS & BUILDING REGULATIONS; POTABLE WATER

- 7.1. The Cultural Village plans are continuing and on the positive side the Provincial Administration has been approached and is discussing the building of traffic calming circles at the Bushman's and Kenton intersections.
- 7.2. Water – The severe drought combined with the age of equipment plus the reservoir debacle has resulted in major water shortages. Ndlambe will have to approach central government for funds to upgrade the reticulation. This will no doubt result in higher tariffs.
- 7.3. Erf 274 – After discussion it was decided that as the property is on the border of Old Bushman's, the rezoning for a Zone 2 will no longer be apposed conditional to all developmental costs being paid for by the developer not the municipality; that there must be a approved sewage and storm water system installed; all cars must at all times be parked on site only and there may be only one access road to the site.

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

- 8.1. Man hole covers, requested from Richard Pote, have not been received and a new letter specifying where they are needed be sent again. **CORRIS/DIRK**
- 8.2. Signs to advise No Parking of trailers need to be put up at the River car park, slipway and Duwweltjie Square. **CORRIS**
- 8.3. Traffic humps: Due to individual efforts some humps had been made and the Salie Street humps were approved, but the one near Dennis Laubscher still needs to be planned and approved. Many humps need to be painted. **LÖTTER/DIRK/CORRIS.**
- 8.4. Traffic calming, see point 7.1.
- 8.5. Dias Cross/Volo. No response had been received at present. **CORRIS**

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

- 9.1. The jetty is out of the water. Chester Wilmot is repairing it under Estuary Care instructions. **ROY**
- 9.2. A foundation costing R15000.00 would be needed for the blocks to stand at the beach parking area. As this is unaffordable it was suggested that the blocks be laid flat instead. **ANDREW**
- 9.3. The river signage is still being done. **ANDREW**

- 9.4. The last work on the river grass and bags is continuing, and should be completed next week. **ANDREW**
- 9.5. The slipway and River car park to be discussed with Nell Potgieter. **LÖTTER**
- 9.6. Dave Nicoll has been approached with regard to repairing the gabion walls. To be followed up. **BILL**
- 9.7. The Sandbar pathway has been discussed and a quote requested by Estuary Care, however only a walk pathway is acceptable and not a pathway for vehicles.
- 9.8. The planned de-sedimentation in the river was proceeding. An NGO application being the current step. **LÖTTER**
- 9.9. There was no public meeting with respect to the new sewage plant, as despite 8 emails to members of Ndlambe municipality, no response was received.

10. **WEBSITE**

This is currently being updated.

11. **NRF/DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

- 11.1. There is a meeting being held with government representatives on 9 June at Port Alfred. Two BRRAG members to attend. **LÖTTER/SHEILA/DIRK.**

12. **WARD COMMITTEE**

12.1. Matters discussed at Ward included the request for the storm water drains to be cleaned and dirt roads to be graded. Bill was thanked by Sheila for attending in her absence.

13. ENVIRONMENT

Nothing to report.

14. GENERAL

14.1. Trailer registration – Corris to follow up. **CORRIS**

14.2. Monkeys are continuing to cause problems, San Park to be approached. **ANTON**

14.3. The Town Hall must be booked now for the AGM on 28 December. **FANIE/
CORRIS**

14.4. At the ward committee meeting it was agreed that the public toilets may be locked by BRRAG. The gap between the roof and walls could be blocked. Gerry Scales should be approached to do this. **CORRIS**

14.5. The boom needs some repairs done to ensure that it can be locked. **ERNST/FANIE**

14.6. Estuary Care has been approached by Bill, who has requested that warning signs about the dangerous tidal currents near the mouth be put up for swimmers at Bushman's beach. This is particularly important with respect to visitors.

14.7. Estuary Care felt a ski platform would cost too much to build. Bill suggested that the platform used at the bridge could possibly be used instead. **LÖTTER/ANDREW**

14.8. Riversbend is still having its water cut off every day, sometimes from 6 at night until after 8am the next day. In addition, the air in the pipes causes the household meters to turn, thus forcing residents to pay for water they have not received.
ERNST

15. CLOSE

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

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT 14 KROGSCHEEPERS STREET ON 7TH OR 9TH AUGUST 2010 AT 09H00 .

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