



## **BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND**

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE BRAGG HELD AT 14 KROGSCHEEPERS STREET, BRM ON 9 AUGUST 2010 AT 9:00**

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#### **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all present.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE**

2.1. **Present:** L Wepener (Chair); S Swanepoel (Vice-Chair); C Krogscheepers;  
E Lindström; A Murray; B Northrop; I Smith; D Meiring; R Somers and P Bowen

2.2. **Apologies:** A Vosloo; P Mouton; F Venter, D Chalmers, S Bellingham and W Grové

#### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 June 2010 were confirmed.

#### **4. CHAIR & LEGAL**

##### **4.1. Correspondence**

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

Executive Committee: Lötter Wepener (Chairperson)(0825524714 / [wepener@law.co.za](mailto: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

There were no letters received for attention.

#### 4.2. **Municipal Manager's response**

4.2.1. Dirk reported that he had noted the trimming of trees in the Kenton-on-Sea book. He also stated that some substantial pruning had taken place. It was noted that Aja who was in charge of trimming of the trees, stated that he did not have the necessary equipment to fulfil his task. A letter to the municipal manager signed by the Chairman will be delivered by Corris in which attention to this problem is requested.

4.2.2. It appears that members of the SAPS did patrol the river from time to time. However, there was no checking for licensing during the Easter holidays. There also is a Coastal Marine Officer on duty from time to time.

4.2.3. The Chairman reported that the application by certain riverfront home owners to dredge in channel in front of the western bank was unsuccessful.

4.3. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Annabel Northrop as assistant secretary.

#### 5. **FINANCE**

5.1. The Chairman reported that Fanie Venter undertook to pay the kiosk rental.

5.2. The Chairman reported that the passage money had been paid to the municipality and that he is following up with the Finance Department to have the amount of approximately R64 000,00 paid to BRRAG.

5.3. Hi Tec has been paid and there is a balance of approximately R13 000,00 available for further cameras and/or equipment. A camera has been erected at the Red Apple and note was taken that the Chamber of Business had paid for the access point. Members were requested to ask the businesses in the Red Apple area to contribute at least half the camera costs i.e. R4 000,00. Ian reported that the erection of false cameras was also on the cards. The camera at the bridge has been moved and it has been improved with a better infrared light. The camera is positioned to be able to record over the channel and the beach area.

#### 5.4. **Municipal house**

The municipal house is deteriorating rapidly and another letter to the Municipal Manager, requesting a lease to be put in place for BRRAG was handed to Corris for delivery to Ndlambe.

### 6. **SAFETY & SECURITY**

6.1. See paragraph 5.3 above.

6.2. The next camera is to be positioned at the Bushman's Village entrance.

### 7. **NEW DEVELOPMENTS & BUILDING REGULATIONS; POTABLE WATER**

7.1. The new filling station is raising concern. There is no slip road to exit the filling station for those going to Alexandria. There is no traffic calming system or traffic light. **RESOLVED** that a letter be written to the Provincial Traffic Officials in order to record this concern. It was further **RESOLVED** that BRRAG object to the filling

station until the traffic calming issues on access to the filling station are addressed. The concerns are to be sent to Ndlambe, attention Mr Matowane and also Mr Charles Reynolds of Traffic.

- 7.2. Ernst reported that the new desalination plant is close to completion. It was noted that despite the limited water supply, it was reported at the Ward Committee that a new Golf Estate in the Klipfontein area with a 200 bed hotel was envisaged. No EIA for this project has been embarked upon at this stage. The partners in the venture maintain they will supply their own water and excesses were needed locally through desalination processes.

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

- 8.1. The missing manhole covers remain a serious concern. There is an apparent absence of funds for materials. The various storm water drains are different sizes and the manhole covers cannot be produced in bulk. **RESOLVED** that a letter to the Municipal Manager be sent regarding the problem. The matter is urgent and covers are collapsing regularly.
- 8.2. Ian reported that the potholes in Second Avenue, Riversbend are particularly bad. **RESOLVED** that a letter be addressed to the Municipal Manager and Mr Richard Pote, requesting urgent attention to these potholes.
- 8.3. The no parking signs for trailers in the slipway and at Duwweltjie Plein needs to be addressed. Corris will undertake to discuss with the Municipal Manager and to ensure that proper signage regarding the no parking of trailers be erected in the car park, slipway road and Duwweltjie Plein.

8.4. The traffic humps in Salie Street and River Road had not been attended to. Corris and Dirk to do their best to encourage the Riverbend officials to attend to the problem.

8.5. **Dias Cross & Volo**

The restoration of the Dias Cross has been passed on to Sanparks. **RESOLVED** that the relevant person at Sanparks be identified and that he be advised that a portion of the Dias Cross is kept by Fanie Fouche. It was further **RESOLVED** that Corris will obtain the documents completed for the application to place the Volo parts with the anchor from Fanie Fouche and that BRRAG will take the matter forward to the relevant authorities.

8.6. **Tennis Court**

It appears that BRRAG has the support of Councillor Fundi and another request for the hiring of the tennis court at R10,00 a month was submitted to the Municipal Manager on 4 August 2010.

8.7. **Trimming of Trees**

The matter had already been discussed. Mention was made of a trailer that was left on the pavement for some time and Corris was requested to approach the owners for its removal.

#### 8.8. **Painting of road signs**

A number of road signs still needed painting and Corris will take it up with Antonie and Richard Pote in order to attempt to have all signs refurbished before the December holidays.

#### 8.9. **Public Toilets**

During 2009 BRRAG repaired the toilet at the slipway. The municipality is in the process of completing the upgrading of the toilets at the picnic area. Having regard thereto, it would not be all that important to have another toilet at the seaside where the building is currently being removed. It appears that there is a cleaner allocated to attend to the toilets and Corris will attempt to identify this person in order for BRRAG to employ the cleaner during the holidays for additional periods and to ensure that the toilets are locked overnight and cleaned during the day. Fanie Fouche undertook at the last Ward Meeting that assistance will be given to place grids at the toilets so that they can be locked. Corris to attend thereto and to elicit the assistance of Jerry Seals, should this be necessary.

#### 8.10. **Boom repairs**

Ernst stated the chain had worked well and that it was only during the last few days that it had been removed. This was apparently done by the contractors who were working on the bridge. In the circumstances, there was no need to replace the chain with a boom.

## **8.11. Gabion Wall At Bridge**

8.11.1. Andrew explained that the Gabion wall that is being erected will be to the same height as the existing one.

8.11.2. Neil Stewart who attended the meeting as an observer advised that the Two Rivers Environmental Group was considering improved access to Shelley Bay and the Cave. As it was out of reach of the general public, the idea was to put walkways all the way down to the beaches. These beaches would also be accessible by golf carts. This will allow for people to keep off the dune field and stay on the path. It would be similar to the access to the Dias Cross which is most useful.

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

### **9.1. Protective rubber on northern side of jetty / stabilising poles**

The jetty has been repaired and is back in place. It was reported that stabilising poles could not be erected, due to the rocky area below the sand. Protective rubber was not available for the northern side of the jetty. The Estuary Care members were requested to approach Estuary Care for a plan for some cover to the northern side of the jetty.

### **9.2. Concrete blocks at sea**

The concrete blocks were placed near the sea car park. It was agreed that there was nothing wrong with the idea to place them between the sea area and the car

park. This would be a benefit to the public. If they are placed in position and we are asked to remove them, one can do so. **RESOLVED** that the concrete blocks must be placed in the area discussed and Andrew is to arrange for it to be done. It was suggested that Andrew also asks Nell Potgieter for advice, if necessary.

### 9.3. **Grass on beach**

It was **RESOLVED** that the last grass should be removed and the sand bags be raked and removed. Andrew undertook to request Frans Kruger to do so.

### 9.4. **Covering of slipway and sea car park**

It was reported that there is a system of chips and spraying which could be a cheaper option than concrete. It was also reported that some of the concrete trucks operating from Alexandra may from time to time have excess concrete which it may leave at the car park as a cover. Members will investigate and report back.

### 9.5. **Gabion wall repairs**

Albany Water Board has been disbanded, Amatola Water Board from East London has taken over. **RESOLVED** that a letter be written to Amatola that the wiring was rusted and that the rocks are falling out. As this was a wall erected by Albany Water Board, Amatola should be requested to effect the necessary repairs. The members of Estuary Care were requested to pass this problem on to Estuary Care for attention.

### 9.6. **River pathway to Sandbar**

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be written to Estuary Care regarding the progress of the river path and that it be noted that BRRAG only supports a walkway and not a road along that area.

#### 9.7. **Sewage plant**

The contractors have been approved after the tender went out. The municipality is doing away with some of the sections in the original tender. BRRAG has been unable to obtain the new plan. We are in need of someone to look at the plan together with the overall sewage plan for the area. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would address another letter to the Municipal Manager in an attempt to obtain access to the latest plans where after Bill will make them available to Rassie for comment.

#### 9.8. **Estuary sedimentation**

The registration of BRRAG as an NPO (Non Profit Organisation) is in the process and once this has been completed the sedimentation project can be taken forward.

### 10. **NRF & DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

It was noted that some persons wearing overalls with the words "*Disaster Management*" have been in Bushman's River. They cleaned all the storm water drains and painted the fire hydrants. It was suggested that the person in charge of the Disaster Management team be identified and that Bill makes contact with that person.

## 11. WARD COMMITTEE

Sheila reported that meetings were often cancelled and that the only matter of significance was that the clinic would be reopened.

## 12. ENVIRONMENT

It was noted that the dump site at Kenton was closed and that the dump site near Bushman's was getting to a fill. **RESOLVED** that a letter be addressed to the Municipal Manager requesting urgent attention to this problem. He must be advised that the municipal land stretches for quite a distance and that there is much land available for extension of the dump site.

## 13. GENERAL

### 13.1. Registration of trailer

Although the registration papers for the trailer were handed in during February this has not been completed. It was decided that the documents be handed to Andrew to hand the document to A1 in Port Alfred who knows how to finalise these matters.

### 13.2. Monkey invasion

Lötter to contact Vossie in order to request him to take it up with Sanparks together with the possibility of the covering of the sea car park area.

### 13.3. Reservation of town hall

Corris reported that he had reserved the town hall for 28 December 2010 but that he will follow it up.

**13.4. Cheese & Wine and Auction**

The planning will be done at the next meeting.

**13.5. Rates withholding**

13.6. The Committee reiterated its opposition to a rates withholding. It was being extensively promoted by NAG (Ndlambe Action Group). The Chairman will place an article in the next newsletter regarding the Association's opposition to the rates withholding.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12h00.

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