

## MINUTES OF BRRAG COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 1400 ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

### AT 12 SALIE STREET, BRM

1. WELCOME/VERWELKOMING The chairman welcomed all, especially Simon Oliver, the chairman from KOSRA.
2. ATTENDANCE/BYWONING - V Vosloo, S Swanepoel , A Northrop, C Krogscheepers, A Murray, B Northrop, I Smith, D Meiring, F Venter, J Erasmus, R Somers.  
Apologies/Verskonings none, resignation P Mouton, E Lindstrom not in attendance.
3. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA/AANVULLENDE AGENDA  
See/Kyk item 14
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/NOTULE VAN VORIGE VERGADERINGS: 13- 05 - 2011 –  
Proposed Vossie, seconded Bill, minutes passed.

5.1 Sundry - Ian is now the representative for the Chamber of Business for BRRAG, and must find out when the next meeting is to be held. There are now three municipal council members living in Marcelle, Sizwe M, Rolly Dumezweni and Eric Khotani. The Ndlambe Tourism falls under one umbrella, now based at Kenton. As a marketing logo Kenton has selected Casual Kenton, Bushmans is Best was suggested for logo for our village.

5.2 At present grass cutting is the only expense, at June it was R20165.00.

5.3 Correspondence with role players –See different portfolios.

5.4 KOSRA meetings will be attended by Dirk as BRRAG representative, Simon will advise date of next meeting.

5.5 NRF/MAYORAL MEETING has again not been held. Some NRF representatives are going to Bisho to discuss matters arising from a NRF letter of complaint. The refuse dump still has not been fenced, it was meant to be started on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. Stray cattle in Bushmans are still a problem, especially at Rivers Bend, but they are rarely found on the R72. Impounding of cattle by the police has been suspended until an official protocol has been introduced, but in the meantime private individuals can always take strays to the pound themselves. Alexandria is starting their own fire protection initiative, which will cover up to the Bushmans River. An inaugural meeting was held at the Alexandria Golf Club, but no BRRAG representative was present.

No new developments with NAG.

Meetings were held by Dirk between Dirk with Richard Pote, Xolani Masiza and Sizwe Mvelwenya, respectively. The council officials were made aware of the correspondence that had been handed in and stamped at the Municipal Offices, but denied having seen them. They requested that in future when letters are written, they also be emailed directly to the respected directors. Documents pertaining to details BRRAG could use were provided. Meetings appeared profitable. The tennis courts are now being dealt with by Masiza, who requested documentation be re-submitted. G Green has kindly been doing maintenance at the tennis courts. A health inspector will come to look at the condition of the public toilets upon invitation by the portfolio manager (Rassie). There is still discussion on where a skip (to alleviate the weekend household rubble dumping problem) could be sited. There is still no form of a Disaster Management Plan within Ndlambe

Ward 3 is still in recess, a council meeting is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Thereafter there will be an advert for interested parties in the newspapers. No person can sit on the Ward Council unless they are a member of a constituted association. In the interim Lazola Maneli can be contacted at the Municipal Offices with any matters that might otherwise be forwarded to the Ward Committee.

5.6 FLOODS - Two have occurred in the last two months, the second seriously flooding the village. It was agreed that the way forward was to appoint a consultant, preferably through the municipality, to examine the whole of the Bushmans areas and prepare a plan, including the costs involved. BRRAG must be included on any committee or discussion pertaining to the flooding solutions. In the short term Rassie will see if a plan can be formulated, possibly making Melkhout Road a dip/causeway to allow water to move more easily. He will then take it to the Municipality for discussion and approval. BRRAG members feel strongly that the committee must not deal with the problem themselves, as they do not have the necessary knowhow to address the matter, and there is a possibility that any action taken could actually worsen the situation. The new ward councillor was very helpful during the flooding, spending a day assisting. Richard Pote also helped a great deal. A letter is to be sent to the Municipality, thanking them for the help they provided. **DIRK/RASSIE**

5.7 Has been dealt with in previous notes.

5.8 COMMUNICATIONS/KOMMUNIKASIE – Andrew Lake enquired as to what was happening with house valuations. He was advised to deal directly with the Municipality if he had any queries. Neville Loader complained about the monkeys, Dirk replied to his query.

5.9 CONTRACTING OF SPECIFIC SERVICES – Vossie will take over the tennis courts. **VOSSIE**

5.10 REGISTRATION OF BRRAG AS NPO – Sheila will take over this Portfolio, and will contact Lotter as Dirk has sent all the paper work to him. **SHEILA**

5.11 OUTSTANDING ISSUES - held over

## 6. FINANCE/FINANSIES

6.1 The beach kiosk roof is leaking, it was decided a request to use a room in the town hall be made, and the records kept there. **DIRK**

6.2 The passage money of R60000 has still not come through; Dirk has contacted Mr Masiza who wants to know what it will be spent on. A budget must be made, as urgently as possible, with the following costs included:-

An electric cable to go to the beach, so a camera can be erected. **IAN** Improvements to the picnic areas, R10 000.00. Seating, four backless benches and six with backs. An attractive entrance to Bushmans, like that at Kenton. Improvements to the toilets at the slipway. Repairs to the Gabion wall, to be discussed also with Estuary Care. Improvements to the sea car park. **BILL**

6.3 The Balance sheet was tabled and approved.

6.4 A list of new members and donations was given. G Green gave a large donation with regard to maintenance he did at the tennis courts.

6.5 The updated budget was approved.

6.6 The only project being addressed at present is the improvements using the passage money.

6.7 Membership is slowly increasing.

7. SAFETY AND SECURITY/VEILIGHEID EN SEKURITEIT – minutes will be emailed to members.**IAN**

8. NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; VACANT PLOTS; TRAFFIC and POTABLE WATER/ NUWE ONTWIKKELINGS EN BOUREGULASIES; VAKANTE ERWE ; VERKEER en DRINKBARE WATER

8.1 After doing a traffic count, quotes for feasibility studies with regards to installing traffic circles or other traffic calming solutions will be done by Mr Offord (Bhisho). Fred Canon from the Ndlambe traffic department must be updated as to what has transpired. **BILL**

9. ROADS, VERGES,TREES, STREET SIGNS AND NOTICES, PARKS(including Vlei) / PAAIE, SYPAADJIES,BOME EN STRUIKE, PADTEKENS EN KENNISGEWINGS, PARKE (insluitende VLEI)

9.1 Traffic humps are now finalised, Dennis Laubscher will approach the municipality himself.

9.2 See 4.5 and 4.9 with regards to the tennis courts.

9.3 The trimming of trees at the slipway was started by the municipality, but has not been completed. **CORRIS**

9.4 The trailer registration has been completed by Vossie.

9.5 A list was sent out asking members to give a day to cleaning up the village, but no replies were received, the members were again asked and all said they would help. Sheila is to be contacted to advise her when the Landrover/Trailer will be needed, as both are parked in her garden. **CORRIS TO CO-ORDINATE**

10. RIVER, ESTUARY CARE, DEAT, BEACHES (including Kiosk)/RIVIER,MONDINGSORG,DEAT, STRANDE (insluitend Kiosk).

10.1 The jetty needs rubber to be added to the side, to prevent damaging boats moored there. Estuary Care to carry out this work. **ANDREW**

10.2 Entrance to sea beach, quote for boom gate needed. **BILL**

10.3 Andrew asked for help with ideas on how to contain and eradicate the grass on the river beach, roundup does not work, Estuary Care to be approached **ANDREW/ALL**

10.4 See 6.2

10.5 Estuary Care is dealing with the Amatola Water Board, also see 6.2. **ANDREW/BILL**

- 10.6 The overhead electrical cable at the slipway beach could be dangerous, to be investigated. **ANDREW**
11. HEALTH, HYGIENE (INCLUDING PUBLIC TOILETS), SEWAGE, REFUSE REMOVAL (HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN)/ GESONDHEID, HIGIENE (insluitend publieke toilette), RIOLERING, VULLISVERWYDERING (HUISHOUELIK EN TUINAFVAL)
- 11.1 The sewage plant is still being monitored. **RASSIE**
- 11.2 Rubbish dump see 5.4
- 11.3 The upkeep of the public toilet systems on the river swimming areas is very poor, health inspector can be asked to come and inspect. **RASSIE**
- 11.4 Refuse and rubble removal, a skip seems the best solution, but how to site it is still not decided. Rassie to tabulate ideas for handling household and rubble removal. Pamphlets to be made for the Christmas holidays **RASSIE/DIRK/ANNABELLE**
- 11.5 Firefighting: The costing to get a 500l water tank with pump and other fittings will be approximately R12000.00. In the meantime the offer of hoses for fire hydrants (to be stored in a room Ian will make available) must be taken up with the Ndlambe fire officer. **RASSIE**
12. VILLAGE IMAGE/BEELD VAN DORP, WEBSITE/SWEBTUISTE
- 12.1 The website being maintained
- 12.2 The newsletter will be typed by Annabelle if she is given the items to put in it. **ANNABELLE/SHEILA/DIRK**
- 12.3 The information leaflets are still outstanding, members to think of what must be included.
- 12.4 The database is being updated by Sharon Smith.
- 12.5 History exhibit to be held over.
13. Relationship with Marselle/Klipfontein: BRRAG decides to utilise the Ward 3 Committee as the initial mechanism to develop a relationship with the two townships. It is noted that several projects are run in the townships by Bushmans churches and individuals/groups of residents. BRRAG should not become involved in such projects but support them.
14. SUPPLEMENTARY/AANVULLENDE AGENDA
- 14.1 The committee must consider the co-option of two members to fill the two vacancies.
- 14.2 KOSRA news was that they have an excellent relationship with Ekuphumleni, who has a representative on their committee. Skips have been placed in the township, it is being kept clean, and future plans include a shopping area where residents can sell craftwork etc. They also are worried about the non-existence of a disaster management plan.
- 13.3 A complaint was made about stones and rubbish on the towpath, making walking on it difficult and dangerous. **CORRIS (in consultation with Estuary Care)**

The meeting closed at 16.30. The next meeting is to be held at 12 Salie Street on 8<sup>th</sup> September at 14.00.