

## **MINUTES OF BRRAG COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 1400 ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

### **AT 12 SALIE STREET, BRM**

1. **WELCOME/VERWELKOMING** The chairman welcomed all. **ATTENDANCE/BYWONING** - V Vosloo, S Swanepoel , A Northrop, C Krogscheepers, I Smith, D Meiring, F Venter, A Murray, B Northrop, J Erasmus, R Somers.
2. **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA/AANVULLENDE AGENDA** See/Kyk item 14
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/NOTULE VAN VORIGE VERGADERINGS: 18-07- 2011 –** Minutes passed, proposed Sheila, seconded Bill.
4. **CHAIR/VOORSITTER**

4.1 Suggestions for a logo for Bushmans will be an Agenda topic for the AGM.

4.2. AGM to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>, hall is booked. Ian has the banner and undertook to obtain the necessary permit from the traffic department, for its placement on Anton McLean's property at the end of Main Street. A full list of those who have died in the last year is to be compiled and given to Dirk at the next meeting. Lists from churches to be obtained. Dirk with liaise with Dr Smuts, Sheila with the Catholic Church and Annabelle with the Anglican Church. A full list of donors will be provided by Fanie, and a Powerpoint presentation will be done by Rassie at the AGM

#### **IAN/FANIE/RASSIE/DIRK/ANNABELLE/SHEILA**

4.3 Correspondence – 5 replies were received for the IDP submission, and using that the IDP submissions for 2012 was compiled by Sheila, with Bill's input and submitted. Sheila and Dirk are registered with Amatola as Interested and Affected Parties regarding the proposed bulk water supply, and have attended an information session. A briefing on the 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Bushmans Hall, which is open to the public. As many residents as possible are encouraged to attend.

#### 4.4 Other Role Players

It has come to the attention of the chair that KOSRA members are claiming responsibility for the establishment of the traffic calming measures with Bisho. This is not so, Roy Somers gave the initial introduction with Mr Offord, and Bill Northrop initiated the first meeting, inviting Kenton to send a representative if they wished to do so.

Garden and building refuse is filling up the Refuse Site in Bushmans Industrial Area, but there is no other alternative site which can be used.

There was no mayoral meeting, and no new developments with Ndlambe.

NRF is in the process of compiling a petition for submission to Bisho on long outstanding matters emanating from its various members, which have not received adequate attention

from the Municipality. Items included by BRRAG are refuse dumps, failure to maintain infrastructure and storm water problems, amongst others.

NAG – no new developments.

4.5 There is, provisionally, a Ward 3 meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Cleaning of the village as well as road painting has been put on the agenda.

4.6 BRRAG is awaiting the engineers' recommendations with regard to a solution for the flooding of Bushmans. Letter of complaint to be sent to the municipality with regard to the dangerous ditches found on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave behind the Red Apple. **ROY**

4.7 Tenders are to go out for grass cutting for 2012. **FANIE**

4.8 The registration of BRRAG as an NGO has been resubmitted to the relevant authorities, and the reply is expected to be received by BRRAG around mid-November.

## 5. FINANCES/FINANSIES

5.1 It appears the kiosk was not included in the agreement with the Caravan Park –Thus the kiosk is the direct responsibility of the Municipality. The municipality has leased it out in December for commercial purposes. Jenny Baker had offered to upgrade the kiosk at her own expense, she was advised that this can only be done through the municipality, and all building regulations must be strictly adhered to, including permission from neighbours and advertising publicly the changes requested.

5.2 Monies have been received including the passage money,, and as agreed spent on improvements in the area, particularly to enhance tourism. The municipality provided certain materials which was used by the BRRAG contractor. These include benches, improvements to the picnic areas, and repairs to the walkway and Skinderboom. There are also two large benches that Johan Smuts has offered to donate. It was agreed that Johan Smuts be approached to enquire as to where he would wish these benches to be placed.

5.3 The Balance sheet was tabled and approved.

5.4 More members and donations are needed, it was suggested that donations could be given for specific projects.

5.5 The budget for 2012 was discussed, with the items listed by Fanie.

5.6 There must be a membership drive, it was suggested that BRRAG link in with Estuary Care for sub payments. After discussion it was decided that BRRAG would remain independent.

## 6. SAFETY AND SECURITY/VEILIGHEID EN SEKURITEIT –

6.1 There have only been two burglaries recently in Bushmans

6.2 A camera is to be sited around the R72/Alexandria Road area, and one with a solar panel will be erected at the Bushmans sea beach parking.

6.3 Residents patrols are, at present, non functional.

- 6.4 Bushmans Creek has been fenced off, and has been registered as a private game reserve. Gates will be erected in the near future, the thoroughfare will probably become more secure. Since the fence is electrified, BRRAG is appreciative of the concomitant improvement of our village's security..
7. NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; VACANT PLOTS; TRAFFIC and POTABLE WATER/ NUWE ONTWIKKELINGS EN BOUREGULASIES; VAKANTE ERWE ; VERKEER en DRINKBARE WATER
- 7.1 No news on new filling station.
- 7.2 Mr Kaiser in Port Elizabeth has been sent the recommendations with regards to the traffic calming requirements. To be followed up. **ROY**
- 7.3 The municipality has sent an official letter requesting that illegal buildings in the caravan park be demolished. Noted.
8. ROADS, VERGES, TREES, STREET SIGNS AND NOTICES, PARKS (including Vlei) / PAAIE, SYPAADJIES, BOME EN STRUIKE, PADTEKENS EN KENNISGEWINGS, PARKE (insluitende VLEI)
- 8.1 The municipality refuses to grant an extended lease on the tennis courts, the longest lease that BRRAG can hope to obtain is four years and eleven months. The tennis courts and club house have already been greatly improved thanks to the Desiree and Glen Green. The committee decided to accept the lease from the Municipality for this lesser term. A donation of two new nets was received from G Loader. BRRAG will not be involved in the running of the courts, but Andrew will monitor it. **DIRK/ANDREW**
- 8.2 The trimming of certain trees will be discussed at a meeting at the tennis courts on Monday.
- 8.3 The Landrover was taken to the garage and found to have a damaged block, salt water damage etc. It will take at least R4500.00 to repair, so consensus to scrap it will be asked for at the AGM. The trailer is available for all members who wish to remove refuse in the village, it can be obtained from Sheila at any pre-arranged time.
- 8.4 Outside refuse bins with lids are needed. Craig Snyman makes them and will be asked if he would like to make them and display samples at the AGM. **ROY**
9. RIVER, ESTUARY CARE, DEAT, BEACHES (including Kiosk)/RIVIER, MONDINGSORG, DEAT, STRANDE (insluitend Kiosk).
- 9.1 The conveyor belting for the jetty is still being sourced. **ANDREW**
- 9.2 Entrance to sea beach, boom gate will be installed within a fortnight. **BILL**
- 9.3 Fanie Fouche complained about mechanical means being used on the grass on the beach, so this will not be continued. Standerwick is experimenting with salt grasses, but this will not help as the plan is to remove grass and restore the beach area. Invasive grasses have been found in the river. It was suggested that Ridder, an eco-friendly poison could be investigated for use on the grass. **ANDREW**
- 9.4 The slipway car park has been completed, but more maintenance will be needed in 2012.
- 9.5 No-one wishes to take responsibility for the Gabion wall. Bill investigated the various means of repairing it, but has come to the conclusion that there is no easy fix, and the only way it can successfully and economically be restored is to rebuild it using wire cages as originally done. **BILL/VOSSIE**

9.6 It is hoped that there will be lifeguards on the river beach. There will be none at the sea as it is a non-swimming beach. In the event of no life guards a sign to this effect should be put up.

9.7 Boat licences are no longer available at Food Zone. After discussion Ian offered to sell them from his business. Annabelle offered to do a weekly schedule of licences sold, as she has done it for Schalk. Bill will contact Estuary Care. **IAN/BILL/ANNABELLE**

9.8 The towpath is now flooding at very high tides. It is further damaged by seepage from certain houses that have been identified. Estuary Care states that they are not willing to assist with it as it is a municipal road, and must be maintained by them, a letter requesting maintenance needs to be sent. Dirk requested that the minutes of the meetings with Estuary Care be forwarded to him by Vossie. **ANDREW/VOSSIE**

10. HEALTH, HYGIENE (INCLUDING PUBLIC TOILETS), SEWAGE, REFUSE REMOVAL (HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN)/ GESONDHEID, HIGIENE (insluitend publieke toilette), RIOLERING, VULLISVERWYDERING (HUISHOUELIK EN TUINAFVAL)

10.1 Sewage plant, - no new developments. **RASSIE**

10.2 It appears that the rubbish dump is now also to be used by Boknes and Cannon Rocks, this is to be investigated. The dump is still in a mess. Rubbish is being burnt, but it is illegal for any dump to burn rubbish. **DIRK**

10.3 The public toilets at the slipway are to be painted. No-one has done anything with the picnic area toilets that are in a mess. A lady is to be employed full time over the holidays to ensure that the toilets are kept clean. **RASSIE**

10.4 Refuse and rubble removal still a problem.

10.5 Rassie is liaising with Mr Baatjies with regard to fire fighting. Hoses are going to be obtained and kept in a side room of ISEA, with instructions on who to contact pinned on the door. **RASSIE/IAN**

11. VILLAGE IMAGE/BEELD VAN DORP, WEBSITE/SWEBTUISTE

11.1 The website is being maintained.

11.2 The newsletter was sent out, a new one is wanted for December, and suggestions on what to have in it needed are urgently needed. Please send all input to Annabelle. **ALL**

11.3. The information leaflet has been drafted, no constructive suggestions were given initially by the committee. It will now be translated into Afrikaans by Barbara Meiring, and a sponsor is to be found for printing. **ANNABELLE/DIRK**

11.4 The database is finalised, copies of the Excel sheet to be emailed to all committee members. Ian stated that the data base was extracted from Municipal Records and might not be up to date. **IAN**

12. SUPPLEMENTARY/AANVULLENDE AGENDA

12.1 Oujaar Sportsdag no longer has enough sponsors, anyone who can assist would be welcomed, and otherwise the games will not continue from next year due to financial constraints and the cost of a Permit to hold such events in the future. It was agreed that this

matter can form an Agenda point for the AGM and also be included in the envisaged news letter.

12.2 Discussion was held with regard to next year's committee members, Corris stated he is stepping down. Most of the committee must resign, and then are available for re-election, should the members so agree.

12.3 The final clean-up of the village before the start of season is already underway; see 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, 10.3.

12.4 It is felt that the benches are for use of the elderly and visitors, and the community policing personnel and local workers should be politely requested not to occupy them at the exclusion of all others.

**IAN**

The meeting closed at 18.00. The next meeting is to be held at 12 Salie Street on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 14.00. This meeting will finalize the arrangements for the AGM