

MINUTES OF BRRAG COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 1400 ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2011

AT 12 SALIE STREET, BRM

1. **WELCOME/VERWELKOMING** The chairman welcomed all, and commented on how pleased he was with the cleanliness of the village, excluding the builders rubble that has again been dumped illegally. **ATTENDANCE/BYWONING** - V Vosloo, S Swanepoel , A Northrop, C Krogscheepers, I Smith, D Meiring, F Venter, S Oliver. Apologies/Verskonings 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 –** Amendments as follows- Item 5.5, page 2 typing error line 5 should read “respective directors. Item 5.6 page 2 line 7, sentence corrected to “Some BRRAG members feel that the committee must not take any action” Item 12.4 page 4, database charge rate to be clarified. Minutes passed.
4. **CHAIR/VOORSITTER**

4.1 Suggestions for a logo for Bushmans will be requested at the AGM. Dirk suggested that at the next meeting we table some ideas to put to the AGM in this regard.

4.2 Expenditure - slipway and car park maintenance R3000.00, with more maintenance to be undertaken in 2012.

4.3 Correspondence - a letter from Dirk has been sent to the municipality to thank them for the assistance during the floods. Applications for Ward and IDP membership have been submitted by Sheila.

4.4 Other Role Players

No NRF/Mayoral meeting has taken place since the new mayor has taken office.

An NGO called AFESIS is working in the Ndlambe area, with the portfolio of educating all South Africans about their rights and expectations.

NAG – no new developments

Ndlambe Municipality – Follow ups on meetings with Directors Masiza, and Mvenelwa as well as Richard Pote are needed. Sheila had discussions with Lazola Maneli, Ms Tandeka Mali and Councillor Eric Khotani with regard to the IDP Membership and Ward 3 representation, it was confirmed her applications had been received. **DIRK**

No Ward meetings have been called, one is hoped for in November, according to newspaper reports they will now be held only every 3 months and not six weekly as had been the case in the past.

4.5 Floods 2011 – overall the damage had not been too serious. Dirk has been given copies of correspondence from Johan Smuts dated 2008, and referring to correspondence from 2005 about flood disaster management. Dirk undertook to discuss this matter with the relevant Director. **Dirk**

A meeting with the Mayor and council members was held, and it was agreed that a consulting engineer be appointed by the Municipality. A master plan whereby a canal at Marselle be made, to drain off the farm water, followed by clearing out the area near Melkhout Rd with a furrow was in the making. Mr de Villiers has offered a donation towards hiring a front end loader. Road repairs are still needed in Herzog Rd. **IAN/DIRK/CORRIS**

A letter is to be sent to the Mayor, acknowledging the help the municipality gave during the two floods and formalizing the concerns of BRRAG that virtually nothing has been done in respect of developing a plan to handle the storm water problem in the Village. It is especially the overflow from the Vlei which is the most worrying which affected 17 properties on its way to the river.

DIRK

Disaster management's next step is to ensure there is adequate planning in the case of fires. Fire hoses, a tank and a pump are needed in the Bushmans area. Ndlambe Fire Department offered a tank they have available, this will be collected. **RASSIE/BILL**

Corris is to form a fire disaster group, and it was suggested that Rotary be approached to help source a fire engine. **CORRIS/IAN**

The damage at the towpath needs to be repaired, but pipes must be laid before the road can be appropriately repaired. The municipality must be advised. It is thought there might be sewage seeping onto the towpath, this needs investigating. The other problem is that, again, rubble has been dumped there. This matter will be investigated by Corris and Rassie.

4.6 Registration of BRRAG as an NGO is still receiving attention and we are awaiting the return of the documentation from the Department of Social Development. **SHEILA**

5. FINANCES/FINANSIES

5.1 The damage to the roof of the Kiosk has not been repaired, for the interim, the BRRAG papers will be stored at the Bushmans Town Hall in the attic. Corris has offered to give a roof sheet to Cas to put on the beach kiosk. While BRRAG rents the kiosk, it will not be held responsible for appropriate arrangements to be made with regard to the lifeguards stationed at Bushmans during the holiday season, this matter is to be dealt with by the municipality and Cas. **CORRIS/ANDREW**

5.2 An estimate of costs for the passage money was undertaken and approved, but it was decided that the benches be ordered immediately, so they are ready for the season. The estimated cost for the benches is around R24,000.00. **BILL**

5.3 The Balance sheet was tabled and approved.

- 5.4 A list of new members and donations was tabled, and all donors will be emailed a letter of thanks for their donations.
- 5.5 The budget is on target.
- 5.6 Projects are being organised.
- 5.7 A membership drive must be discussed before the AGM, ideas welcomed. **ALL**
6. SAFETY AND SECURITY/VEILIGHEID EN SEKURITEIT – Signs should be made to put at the entrance to Boesmans, and the car parks, informing the public that there is 24 hour security monitoring. **IAN**
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, to be followed up with Mr. Offord. Fred Canon from the Ndlambe traffic department has been contacted and received all relevant correspondence. He has offered to help wherever needed. **BILL**
- 7.2 No action will be taken by BRRAG with regard to the Caravan Park.
8. ROADS, VERGES,TREES, STREET SIGNS AND NOTICES, PARKS(including Vlei) / PAAIE, SYPAADJIES,BOME EN STRUIKE, PADTEKENS EN KENNISGEWINGS, PARKE (insluitende VLEI)
- 8.1 No official reply has been received with regards to renting the tennis courts. It was agreed that BRRAG revert to Director Mvenelwa as a start and if no satisfaction is achieved the matter will be taken higher. **DIRK**
- 8.2 The trimming of trees must be discussed with R Pote. **CORRIS/DIRK**
- 8.3 The Landrover has got its current licence, but is not working at present. The starter motor has been repaired by Electroparks in Alexandria. It was agreed that Bill should try to work on it.
- 8.4 The rubble and branches lying around need to be removed , and a workable proposal for the AGM must be formulated. **CORRIS**
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 idea rejected, emergency cars can access the beach by the picnic area, but the beach needs to be blocked off to stop illegal vehicles riding on the beach.
- 9.3 To contain and eradicate the grass on the river beach, Estuary Care has been approached, at present manual labour is being used to uproot the grass. **ANDREW**
- 9.4 The slipway car park has been completed, but more maintenance will be needed in 2012, see 4.2.
- 9.5 Estuary Care is dealing with the Amatola Water Board, with regard to the gabion wall deterioration. **ANDREW/BILL**
- 9.6 The overhead electrical cable at the slipway powering the security camera could be dangerous, to be investigated. **IAN/**
ANDREW

10. HEALTH, HYGIENE (INCLUDING PUBLIC TOILETS), SEWAGE, REFUSE REMOVAL (HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN)/ GESONDHEID, HIGIENE (insluitend publieke toilette), RIOLERING, VULLISVERWYDERING (HUISHOUELIK EN TUINAFVAL)
- 10.1 There has been no reaction from Water Affairs with regard to the sewage plant, samples could be taken to establish possible contamination, Estuary Care might have a laboratory contact. Kenton Sewage Works is out of commission at present. **RASSIE**
- 10.2 Rubbish dump has been fenced in, but is still a mess. The situation requires close monitoring. **RASSIE**
- 10.3 The public toilets need to be cleaned and maintained continually in the season; they are at present in a poor state. **RASSIE**
- 10.4 Refuse and rubble removal still a problem; a skip in the industrial area next to the municipal site was suggested, but it was agreed many people will be too lazy to take their rubbish there. An idea was to source bins that could be left outside of houses that are monkey proof. Possibilities must be developed to discuss at AGM **RASSIE**
11. VILLAGE IMAGE/BEELD VAN DORP, WEBSITE/SWEBTUISTE
- 11.1 The website is being maintained
- 11.2 The newsletter is still outstanding. **ANNABELLE/SHEILA/DIRK**
- 11.3 The information leaflets are still outstanding, members must please think of what must be included, suggestions were about reporting all petty crimes to the police for their statistics, and preventing quad bikes from causing problems on the roads.
- 11.4 The database is being updated by Sharon Smith.
13. Relationship with Marselle/Klipfontein: BRRAG decided 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 churches and individuals/groups of residents. BRRAG should not become involved in such projects but support them.
14. SUPPLEMENTARY/AANVULLENDE AGENDA
None

The meeting closed at 16.45. The next meeting is to be held at 12 Salie Street on 17th November at 14.00.