

MINUTES OF THE BETTYS BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

on 31 October 2017 at Crassula Hall, Bettys Bay

PRESENT

Rudi Perold, (Chairman), Hilda van der Merwe, Tim McGavin, Richard Starke, Jorika Rabie, Fanie Krige, Adrian de Kock, Bill Steyn, Hein Foot, Wilna Rademeyer

By invitation : Werner Zybrandt

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true reflection of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - Letters were received as follows:

Erf 3965 Diastella Road, Bettys Bay, 7141 - removal of restrictions and Departure
- JA Cope

FINANCE - The BBRA finances are in good shape. Insurance Company issue around Public Liability (crassula Hall) may result in a new Insurance Company being sought

WARD COMMITTEE - Life saving structures and signage in hand. This includes a 2nd rip tide board. (FK).

WCDF - A Risk Management Plan has become an issue - due to funds. (consultancy fees refers). The need is obvious (eg the Kleinmond riots)

WEB SITE - Nothing to report

SAND DUNE MANAGEMENT - An official Sand Dune Management Plan is being implemented. Waterfall Road issue has been corrected.

ROADS AND STORMWATER - A visit by the Mayor with respect to the condition of the roads is scheduled for 8 November.

Plot clearance issues currently being addressed , particularly in relation to unilateral decisions on corrective action and satisfactory clearances (eg Penguin Place).

Road maintenance in Bettys Bay will commence mid October.

The repair of the fence at Dawidskraal is in hand

PROPERTY - 19 new houses may be built in the vicinity of Oyster Road. This is agricultural land, not residential. Residents are being informed of the plans to develop an Elephant Park.

Cleaning up of the plot at corner of Dolphin and Luckoff Road , Sunny Seas to be actioned (TM)

WATER - Nothing to report

FIRE - A letter to be sent to the Municipality indicating the BBRA's interest in removing the Dawidskraal braai facilities (JR)

An evacuation plan is being developed to include fire breaks, access, escape routes, house evacuations etc . The Fire and NW functions are coordinating efforts in this regard (JR, BS)

The megaphone costs to be allocated to the fire budget.

The bakkies have been repaired.

SECURITY / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - A public meeting will be held in due course to explain the camera system and seek a camera fund immediately as well as budgeting for a camera maintenance and other related costs into the future (FK)

CRASSULA HALL - Nothing to report

ADVERTISING - Nothing to report

GENERAL - Werner Zybrandt gave a very informative presentation on the issues which he believes , as a retired Municipal Manager, can be resolved by using, amongst other methods, a legally binding process.

He mentioned the funds which have been allocated to various Overstrand towns and suggested that there is a strong argument for tax and rate payers to get a commensurate allocation for the improvement of the area in which they live. Bettys Bay is one of the towns where this is clearly absent.

This includes " Mandamus " whereby a Court Order is presented if there is a legal obligation exists to take action and action is not taken.

Directing correspondence to the Municipal Manager (Hermanus), copy to the Mayor, is appropriate Action is likely where the Municipality is legally bound to act (eg fire investigations and fire hydrants, Public Nuisances by Laws) or where there is a strategic and logical approach (eg SMS technology, Tarrred Road Plan, Storm water Management Plan, Street signage (eg reflective, clearly marked), sewerage vehicle Maintenance Plan (maintenance and replacement).

He also suggested that the Area Manager (Mr Lakay) attend the BBRA meetings at least quarterly and the BB Councillor generate a Newsletter quarterly

NEXT MEETING - 28 November 2017 at 16h00 at Crassula Hall

AGM - 19 December 2017 at Crassula Hall at 10h00. A notice to sent to all members advising them thereof (**AdK**)

Chairman

Secretary