



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRRAG HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2024 at 09H00 VIA ZOOM.

1. WELCOME

Lötter Wepener welcomed those present.

2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES

In attendance: Lötter Wepener, Jacques de Wit, Duard Scholtz, Robbie Schroeder, Gibbon Schickerling, Dalien Pachonick, Sarel, Marais, Sue Muirhead, Rowene Johnston.

Apologies: Wanda Nezar, Ferenc Toth, Willie Enright,

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of 24 June 2024 were confirmed and the chair authorised to sign them.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Illegal school in Wit Street: - The chair forwarded another letter.

4.2 Town Hall lease: - Ms Boshoff is at it again and alleges that we do not have a lease of the entire hall property. Jacques and Duard visited director Vithi and the chair contacted the MM. There is no disagreement that BRRAG is the lessee of the entire building. Director Vithi requested that an addendum be prepared for signature by the MM to put the matter to bed.

Noted that the meeting room requires proper soundproofing measures.

4.3 Special rating area: - will be drafted by Jacques and Lotter in due course.

4.4 Streetlights: - There has been no action to date save that Ndlambe has now appointed a contractor. Our audit list has been furnished to the contractor.

“We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil”

Executive Committee: Lotter Wepener (Chair), Jacques de Wit (Vice) Sarel Marais (Treasurer), Willie Enright, Rowene Johnston-Bowker, Sue Muirhead, Wanda Nezar, Dalien Pachonick, Robert Schroeder, Gibbon Schickerling, Duard Scholtz, Ferenc Toth

4.5 Repairs to the townhall entertainment area: - Outstanding issues are lighting in the hall and water supply. Jacques is attending to the lights and Duard will look at the water storage.

4.6 Tennis Club house ESKOM account: - Jacques is attending to the possibility of installing a prepaid electricity meter. The same will be investigated for the town hall.

5. LEGAL MATTERS

Dealt with in para 4.

6. FINANCES

Accounts were noted as at the end of April.

It was noted that Pam Golding (Michael Wilmot) donated R 5 000 towards BRRAG for the entrance name sign. The chair will write a letter of thanks.

Noted that Delia will be asked to complete and submit the form to the national Lottery Board.

Sue will follow up payments by the IEC for use of the hall.

7. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Maintenance

Robbie advised that usual maintenance is continuing.

The demolished dune ablutions have not been removed. Noted that the slipway toilets require refurbishment.

The wall at the kiosk area has collapsed. It reduces the beach area significantly. Jacques is obtaining quotes and advice from Adrian Purdon, Chester, Fanie and Duard.

Tennis Courts

The lights that were donated were located and Duard will install them.

Robbie has scheduled the upgrading of the second tennis court and painting of the Clubhouse.

8. VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

8.1 Sanitation

Ndlambe agreed to establish a consultation forum to deal with sanitation matters but has not done so.

8.2 Water

Progress is slow with the replacement of Amatola Water. Ndlambe is awaiting the transfer of assets. It appears that Ndlambe has not prepared a proper business plan to take over this project.

8.3 Ablutions

The dune ablation is still in place. The slipway ablation upgrade has not been done. The latter is in quite a bad state.

8.4 Water

The team discussed various issues, primarily focusing on the water supply system in Ward 3. Lötter expressed concern about the imminent collapse of the system and the lack of progress since her previous discussions. They agreed to call a meeting with the Department of Waterworks to address the problems. Additionally, they touched on the transfer of responsibilities from Amatola to Ndlambe, and the replacement of the Amatola Water Service Authority by a private company. Concerns were raised about the lack of due diligence, proper transfer process, and the new provider's ability to comply with environmental legislation. Lastly, Jacques expressed concerns about the lack of water infrastructure in Bushmans and Kenton, which will cause issues with sewage management due to the low capacity of sewage plants.

9. RIVERSBEND

The Viking boat is still lying next to the river. The chair did Richard and Willem Nel. The boat is still in place, Dalien expressed her satisfaction with the clean-up and painting work being undertaken in RB.

RB is working with the Chamber to promote RB.

10. SECURITY

Ference to be asked to ensure that the Village entrance camera covers the new signage that will be erected. Jacques will attempt to arrange the streetlight to be repositioned.

The acquisition of a thermal drone for NW use is progressing well.

11. ESTUARY CARE

Jacques discussed the ongoing issues and future plans for the organization. The main problem was the lack of a report from an expert group regarding the 'dune' area, which has caused a confidence issue between the leadership of EC and the expert group. Jacques mentioned that Chester, as the new chairman, was working hard to get the report. They also discussed the need to refocus the organization, with Jacques suggesting that more attention should be placed on the estuary and that a separate boating club should be established. Additionally, Jacques mentioned that relations with Ndlambe had been normalized and that EC had officially denounced their participation in a court case, mainly driven by Kosra.

12. FIREFIGHTING

Nothing new.

13. WEBSITE

Our email address was successfully changed to brrag@boesmans.co.za

Gibbon will place a prominent note on the website that refers to town hall bookings.

14. NEWSLETTER

Committee members must submit articles to the chair within a week.

15. STAFF

Staff fixed term contracts were issued up to 30 June 2024 but Gugu has been off sick since the end of June. Assistance with UIF will be given.

16. CHAMBER

17. NDLAMBE RATEPAYERS' FORUM

18. IDP

Ndlambe appointed Rene as the new IDP manager. BRRAG to build a working relationship with her.

19. WARD

Nothing

20. GENERAL

It seems that non-members are also on the WhatsApp Group. Rowene will follow up with Kobus who is not a member. He should be removed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12h00



Chairman