



## **BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND**

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# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRRAG HELD ON 8 MARCH 2024 at 09H00 VIA ZOOM.**

## **1. WELCOME**

Lötter Wepener welcomed those present.

## **2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies: Wanda Nezar, Willie Enright, Ferenc Toth.

## **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of 26 January 2024 were confirmed and the chair authorised to sign them.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1 Caravan Park tender:** - A letter received from Ndlambe made it clear that the municipality intends operating the caravan park itself. The committee expressed concern regarding this development.

One of the main contributing factors may be the uncertainty caused primarily by the conduct by some members of SA Legion and others at the time when the town hall lease was allocated to BRRAG.

It was resolved not to invest further funds on the rear of the town hall until such time as we have more certainty.

**4.2 Illegal school in Wit Street:** - Ndlambe, issued a formal notice to the property owner to comply with municipal bylaws governing zoning and commercial aspects.

**“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

Ndlambe did not issue a formal response save to note that the owner is alleging that it is not a school but that she is assisting children with home schooling.

**4.3 Town Hall lease:** - An addendum to the town hall lease was sent to the MM. No response has been forthcoming. RESOLVED not to further pursue an addendum.

**4.5 Special rating area:** - Pointers to a special rates area were sent to the MM. No response received. Matter will be taken up at a meeting with the mm towards the end of March.

**4.6 Tax certificates 18A:-** status to the tax exemption unit: - The chair sent an application for section 18A status. The Tax Exemption Unit responded that tax exemption was granted. Another letter was sent to highlight that section 18A status was sought as we already are tax exempt. No response to date.

**4.7 Waste transfer site:** - A letter was sent to the MM registering BRRAG's interest in the proposed waste transfer site. No response was received.

**4.8 NPO report:** - Noted that the chair had submitted the annual NPO report.

## 5. LEGAL MATTERS

Dealt with in para 4.

## 6. FINANCES

Accounts were noted as at the end of February. Membership renewal increased by 42 after reminders and invoices were sent to approximately 80 past paid-up members.

Another 300 emails were sent to people with email addresses on our data basis two days ago. Thus far five members paid up.

Membership now 209 and RB 42.

A budget prepared by Sarel showed that we are moving within our parameters.

Noted that the Easter Market and Arts on the veranda will take place on 30 March 2024. Sue will send out a flyer.

Noted that we received a donation of R 5 000 from Nature's Landing. The chair sent a letter of thanks.

The chair sent a letter of thanks to the Van der Walt family who donated R 25 000 towards Town hall renovations.

Sue to follow up payment from Chamber for town hall use.

Noted that the IEC paid R 250 for use of the hall for registrations at R 125 per day. Sue will follow up whether other payments were made. Sue will contact the IEC regarding future payments directly to BRRAG.

Rowene offered to embark on a membership drive.

## 7. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Jacques attended to the acoustics of the round table meeting room.

Johnny Chowles upgraded the electrical installation and did a splendid job. Johnny to be added to the donor board. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Robbie requested Louis to attend to the painting of the wall at the Boesmans entrance. It met with a lukewarm response.

Hertzog Street will be sealed during March according to Deputy Director Infrastructure. due to continued efforts and pressure by Jacques. Many potholes were attended to under the supervision of Jacques.

Ndlambe undertook to add two toilets to the ablution block at the slipway.

Committee members were invited to look at the roads article which could be accessed via the end of the agenda for a perspective of what can be done and not be done on public roads: <https://www.studocu.com/en-za/document/central-university-of-technology/construction-methods-and-engineering/trh26-sa-road-classification-and-access-manual/14306713>

The boardwalk was attended to due to some wood collapsing and vandalism.

Noted that the next newsletter must make residents aware of taking green refuse to the appropriate dump. Sarel will do short article for the newsletter. Sue will distribute it on the local social media platforms.

## 8. VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

### 8.1 Sanitation

Jacques is in constant discussions with Deputy Director Maluleke about the non-functioning sanitation infrastructure in Ward 3, which is of huge concern.

- **Klipfontein:** - two pump stations are to be replaced.
- **Marselle pump station:** - was not functioning due to lack of water.
- **Riversbend 4<sup>th</sup> ave Pump station:** - monitored seems to be functioning.
- **Riversbend Diaz Grande Pump station**
  - Closely monitored
  - Upgrade of automatic pump management system planned and in process.
- **Reed bed filtration system:** - In need of reed bed management. The reed bed report provided by Willie Enright was given to Deputy Director Maluleke with the objective that Ndlambe will use the information as input to their process to get the reed bed on standard.

A sanitation WhatsApp group was established and sanitation matters are reported to this group for record and action purposes.

Estuary Care is monitoring and addressing sanitation issues on the Kariega side.

### 8.2 Ablution facilities

- Slipway ablution – Ndlambe supervisor advised that two additional toilets would be installed during December and is being followed up with him.
- Dune ablution - Will be demolished and removed with gabion structures tender process followed. Ndlambe to rebuild additional dune ablution facility in parking area.

### 8.3 Water

- Adequate water supply by Amatola remains problematic.
- Ndlambe is in process of obtaining ownership of the plant and infrastructure.

- Ownership of plant was established to be with the Department of Water Affairs and the process to get it transferred to Ndlambe is ongoing. Efforts to appoint a suitable company for water production is in process by Ndlambe.
- Communication with our members is important. Jacques was asked to ensure that communication is done in conjunction with Ndlambe to ensure responsible, accurate and coordinated communication.

#### **8.4 Lighting**

A donation of lights was received and will be installed at the slipway. Ferenc to see that they do not shine across the water.

#### **8.5 Drainage**

- With the intervention of BRRAG, Ndlambe improved the drainage at problem areas in River road and Ocean View drive.

### **9. RIVERSBEND**

Nothing new.

### **10. SECURITY**

Noted that there is a spate of crime in the area since parole was granted to criminals recently.

Noted that camera monitoring plays a big role in the successful monitoring of criminal activities. The feeling was that camera surveillance should be improved.

### **11. ESTUARY CARE**

The Kenton dune issue is receiving attention and successful consultation took place with the municipality and their environmentalist. It seems that we are now aligned that no further action should be taken until additional studies was made and considered.

### **12. FIREFIGHTING**

The bowser modifications were completed.

### **13. WEBSITE**

The website is now under control of Gibbon.

The Face book page has 59 new followers.

Gibbon was asked to add the WhatsApp number for hall bookings prominently on the webpage.

The WhatsApp group is now 177 strong.

### **14 NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the newsletter to reach the chair by 10 March.

### **14. STAFF**

The staff contracts were issued up to 30 June 2024.

## **15. CHAMBER**

The Chamber has been very active and the inclusion of Boesmans is receiving quite a bit of attention.

## **16. NDLAMBE RATEPAYERS' FORUM**

A meeting was held between NRF and Ndlambe regarding the new valuations. The question of the applicable rate, a pensioner's policy, debt collection, was raised.

It remains the responsibility of each property owner submit objections by 9 April 2024 if they are not satisfied with the valuation on the preliminary valuation role.

The evaluators will consider each objection. Jacques will arrange another information meeting in the town hall.

## **17, General**

Duard is monitoring the donation of cycads by the Skinner family.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11h30



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**Chairman**