



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

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRRAG HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2024 at 09H00 AT THE BOESMANS TOWN HALL.**

#### **1. WELCOME**

Lötter Wepener welcomed those present.

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

In attendance: Lötter Wepener, Duard Scholtz, Robbie Schroeder, Dalien Pachonick, Sue Muirhead, Rowene Johnston, Willie Enright.

Apologies: Wanda Nezar, Gibbon Schickerling, Sarel Marais

#### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of 7 November 2024 were confirmed and the chair authorised to sign them.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

There has been no response from SAL regarding the use of the town hall.

#### **5. LEGAL MATTERS**

Our insurance policy does not cover anything in / at the hall. Enquiries to be sent to the municipality who is the insurer of the building. Public Liability is covered by the building insurance. Equipment must be added to our insurance.

The chair will do the necessary for BRRAG to comply with the POPI Act, in the new year.

#### **6. FINANCES**

Accounts were noted as at the end of November as well as the AFS. RESOLVED that the AFS be approved.

**“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

An appeal for the December guarding fund has been supported by old Village members but Riversbend is lacking. Rowene will attend to a flyer which Lotter will print. Robbie will arrange for staff members to assist Sue with distribution in RB on Sunday 8 December.

Noted that a bonus of R 1000 is to be paid to the water supervisor, R 500 to the slipway guard and R 100 each to the casual workers. Own staff bonuses of R 500 each will be paid.

RESOLVED that an invoice be sent to Estuary Care for labour that assisted with the tow path and beach clearing.

### **Funding for equipment of the community Hall.**

The committee of BRRAG (Boesmansriviermond Ratepayers' Organisation) fully supported the previous decision to apply to the National Lottery Commission for funding for equipment of the community hall and tennis courts and clubhouse. The facilities are used for many activities for the community including church services, psychological and grief counselling, art exhibitions and markets with local artists, free community library and various meetings with information and interest subjects for the community. Large upgrading of the hall was done by volunteers but there is a great need for improving the equipment in the hall to make it more user friendly for all. Application for funding will be made to the National Lottery Commission for equipment and facilities for the community hall and clubhouse.

### **Registration to run a lottery scheme**

The committee of BRRAG (Boesmansriviermond Ratepayers' Organisation) approved that an application be lodged to the National Lottery Commission to register as society to run a fundraising project to assist in raising funds for the community projects that BRRAG is involved in such as security, sports and charity work. Tickets will be sold with prizes for three winning tickets. Sponsors will be obtained for prizes after approval by National Lottery Commission.

## **7. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

### **Maintenance**

Robbie advised that usual maintenance is continuing. Humps will be painted in both villages.

### **Tennis Courts**

The lights that were donated were located and Duard will check the malfunctioning light. The one tennis court was repaired / repainted and further repairs will be looked at once we have a further lease. No response from the municipality has been received.

### **General**

The municipality will provide a few labourers during the week of 16 December and committee members can liaise with Lotter and Robbie for assistance with odd jobs.

Approved that Robbie may employ two casual workers for another week.

Duard oversaw the construction of the new wall at the slipway beach. Thanks were due to him.

Robbie was asked to arrange the staff to cut the dead branches at the cemetery.

## **8. VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **8.1 Sanitation**

Nothing new to report.

### **8.2 Water**

Progress is slow with the replacement of Amatola Water. We expect the same problems that were experienced during the previous season. An article was published on the WhatsApp group explaining the dire situation.

### **8.3 Ablutions**

The slipway abluion upgrade is in progress by private individuals. A financial contribution by the municipality is being followed up by Jacques.

### **8.4 Electricity**

Jacques is investigating the installation of prepaid electricity at both the hall and the tennis club.

### **8.5 Hall**

Lotter will liaise with Deon to advise on attending to the acoustics in the board room. Duard will arrange for the installation of a plastic water tank and pump system.

## **9. RIVERSBEND**

The Viking boat is still lying next to the river. The chair to contact Willem Nel.

## **10. SECURITY**

See above.

## **11. ESTUARY CARE**

It became apparent that the municipality is getting into bed with the KSDNA and that they intend going ahead with the plan found unacceptable by all of Boesmans and Kenton, save for two or three persons who constitute the KSDNA. We are awaiting the agenda for the upcoming council meeting. RESOLVED that BRRAG becomes an applicant to launch an (urgent) application to prevent the council from adopting any resolution that may approve or promote the KSDNA proposal or if adopted, to prevent execution of the proposal. RESOLVED that Chester Wilmot of Estuary Care be authorised to launch the application and instruct legal representatives to act on behalf of BRRAG and make affidavits in the furtherance of the application. Any committee member is authorised to sign the affidavits required for such an application.

## **12. FIREFIGHTING**

Robbie to look at and quote for repairs to the fire trailer.

## **13. WEBSITE**

Gibbon will have discussions with committee members during December to upgrade the website.

## **14. NEWSLETTER**

A newsletter for December will go out next week.

## **15. STAFF**

Staff fixed term contracts were issued up to the end of December 2024. The contracts to be renewed for a period of 6 months. The chair to attempt to find out what the position regarding Julius is.

## **16. CHAMBER**

Nothing new.

## **17. NDLAMBE RATEPAYERS' FORUM**

Nothing new.

## **18. IDP**

Nothing new.

## **19. WARD**

Nothing new.

## **20. GENERAL**

Noted that the "everything that floats" event planned for the Bushman's River on 27 December has been approved.

Duard will erect a noticeboard at the town hall walls.

It is intended to do the house markings and flyer distribution in the old Village on 16 / 17 December.

The AGM will be held in the afternoon in the hall at 17h00. Noted that Peter Campbell donated 2 cases of wine for the occasion.

It was noted that the Ndlambe bylaw officer advised that she will be patrolling all areas and that fines of R 500 will be issued for owners with dogs that are not on a leash.

Sue requested that cupboards be installed in the bathrooms to cover the piping. The carpenter is busy elsewhere and Jacques will approach him when he is available.

Rowene will attend to the article for the Talk of the Town requested by Sue MacLennan.

NPO report: the chair made enquiries regarding our NPO status only to be told 9 months after its submission that the document had to be split into three and be resubmitted. This was done.

Noted that all existing committee members are available for re-election.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11h30

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**Chairman**