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Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association
Bettysbaaise Belastingbetalersvereniging

Dec 2013

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER, 2013 at 10H00 in the
CRASSULA HALL
/
ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING
VRYDAG 27 DESEMBER, 2013 om 10H00 in die
CRASSULASAAL**

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome : Opening en Verwelkoming
2. Apologies : Verskonings
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes : AGM held on 28 Dec 2012
Bekragtiging von die Vorige Notule : AJV gehou op 28 Des 2012
4. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes
Sake Voortspruitend uit die vorige Notule
5. Chairmon's Report : Voorsittersverslag (Attached)
6. Discussion of Chairman's Report : Bespreking oor Voor-sittersverslag
7. Treasurer's Report : Tesouriersverslag (Attached)
8. Amendments to the Constitution
9. Election of Committee Members : Verkiesing van Komiteelede
10. General : Algemeen
11. Closure : Sluiting

Current Committee Members

1. Dan Fick - Chairman;
Ward & Federation Committees;
Community Police Forum
and Neighbourhood Watch.
2. Adrian de Kock - Treasurer;
Ward and Federation Committees;
Membership and Database
3. Liz Fick - Secretary;
Conservancy, Advertising & Crassula Hall.
4. Colin Chaplin - Property, Planning & Development.
5. Vacant - Waste Management, Water & Sewerage.
6. Wendy Tawse - Fire/Emergency Support Services;
Neighbourhood Watch
7. Wilna Rademeyer - Roads and Stormwater
8. Judy Kirby - Sand Dune Management;
Beaches and Amenities
9. Nic Swart - The Buzz & Webpage.

The majority of our current members of the Committee have served anything from 2 to 5 years and several have given timeous notice that they will not be available for re-election to the Committee in 2014. Nominations are requested for members wishing to serve on the Committee for 2014. In terms of the Constitution nominees must be paid-up members of the Association and all written nominations must be received by the Secretary 7 (seven) days before the AGM, i.e. 20 December 2013.

Nomination forms are included at the end of this booklet.

Chairman's Report 2013

It has once again been quite a hectic year. The Association has been faced with many challenges throughout the year dealing with many issues either about deteriorating roads, blocked storm water channels, flooding of roads and properties, wash aways, deteriorating infrastructure, ongoing water pipe breakages, delays in the pumping of sewerage tanks, drifting sand dunes, problems with waste disposal, contract meter readers, nuisance dogs, baboon infestation and last but not least the fluctuating incidents of crime in the area. Never a dull moment.

I would be most remiss in not acknowledging the support we have received from Councillor Krige. She needs to be commended for her untiring efforts in representing our Ward. Also a special word of thanks to Allan Heydorn, Richard Starke and Mike Orren for their continued support throughout the year. I would like to thank the Committee and our members for their generous support and in particular members of our Neighbourhood Watch and Volunteer Fire Fighters, many of whom are not even members of the Association, for all their hard work and dedication. Often we are quick to criticize the SAPS but they have under the circumstances been tremendous in their responses.

We dealt with a number of disputes involving the municipal administration which I feel needs mentioning.

Municipal Budget. We actively engaged the Overstrand Municipality on several occasions on certain aspects of sharp increases in rates and tariffs without much joy. Of concern is the extraordinary high salary bill amounting to 30% of the budget. The cost of the Municipal Manager and his six Directors amounts to R16mil per year something we believe we can ill afford. Whilst we are continuously being reminded that the Overstrand Municipality is one of the better municipalities in the country it does not give them Cart Blanche to level increased taxes and levies especially for services we have not and do not receive. We are constantly being faced with complaints by the community about the impact this is having on retired folk who are already feeling the pinch.

Despite our objections, an unreasonably high rate increase of 63.4% has been levied against undeveloped land which the municipality insists it is entitled to do. The municipality conveniently appears not to have taken cognizance of the fact that undeveloped properties are already being charged 'availability' tariffs for water (incl. infrastructure), sewage (incl. infrastructure) and refuse removal and now face a further 63.4% increase in rates. It remains our contention that it is unfair for the municipality to arbitrarily impose a different rate against undeveloped property. We requested the methodology used to determine such

a high rates increase as we believe that they arrived at this unrealistic figure so as to generate additional revenue to balance the budget. The reasons given by the municipality for the introduction of a new category of ratable property of 'vacant land ' which will be rated more highly than the category 'residential property ' is inter alia, the following:

- To encourage property development.
- To encourage densification in line with the integrated development plan.
- It is preferable to the municipality to have properties within its jurisdiction which are developed and occupied.
- The need to encourage residential occupation of properties, as this is a municipality where many people seek to retire.
- The category of vacant land will be in line with the actual use and not just the permitted use.

The municipality however fails to address the important issue of whether our ailing infrastructure has capacity to sufficiently maintain and efficiently cope with such additional development that it now encourages and the fact that it will place a further burden on the financial constraints of the budget, which is likely to attract additional taxes. The perception is that the relationship between Council and Ratepayer Associations in general has become somewhat strained because of the fact that we are continuously highlighting shortcomings in their administration. Letters of complaint are either not being acknowledged or are simply being ignored.

Municipal Accounts. Attention was given to reported discrepancies in municipal accounts after the appointment of new Contract Meter Readers. Readings were not being taken on a regular monthly basis. Accounts consequently fluctuated from month to month.

Dispute regarding Penalties and Increase in water Deposit. We supported a member in an on-going dispute relating to the imposition of penalties and an increase in water deposit on an account that had not been paid in full after an account had not been received by the owner. This dispute was initially referred to an Ombudsman Committee which turned out to comprise of officials of the municipality. This committee subsequently became an Advisory Committee. (This is not as yet finalized).

Property, Planning and Development. Colin Chaplin reports that of particular concern is the increasing number of applications for building line and land use restrictions to be relaxed. These are often to legalize encroachments of existing

dwelling or to circumvent terms of Title Deeds. Of concern is that this trend is likely to increase as it has been mentioned that Province intends passing legislation early in the New Year permitting second dwellings on properties. The municipality is also encouraging densification. No doubt this will raise additional revenue for the municipality. This will certainly change the face of the village as we currently know it.

Other areas of concern include:

- The increased number of applications for the erection of second dwellings on plots
- The proposed development of small holdings that surround Betty's Bay
- Correct procedure not being followed by applicants for departures from Title Deeds
- The general lack of architectural uniformity in both existing and new buildings in Betty's Bay.

The BBRA tries to work hand in hand with the relevant authorities, applicants and its members when dealing with any new proposed developments. We are not in the habit of objecting merely for the sake of objecting and try to engage with all parties while acting in the best interests of the community that we represent.

Closure of Beach Boulevard. This emerged once again after some 3 years. The municipality is now seeking to amend conditions set down by the Provincial Minister in 2010 but never adhered to by the municipality. Deep concern was expressed by affected parties about the latest developments. We had several meetings with affected parties and municipal officials. Several letters of objection to the amendments were submitted to Council. Affected parties also questioned the reason for wanting to rezone the affected area. There have been no further developments.

Management of Dunes and Sand Drift. We previously reported on the case brought by a group of homeowners of Nerine Crescent against the Overstrand Municipality applying for an order for the OM to keep clear the road and verges of any beach sand. Judgment was handed down in March and the court ruled in favour of the Municipality. At a subsequent Ward Committee meeting at which the Mayor and the Municipal Manager were present we requested them to clarify the position especially in light of the judgment. The Municipal Manager emphasized that the municipality would not be insensitive to the problem and was committed to assisting home owners where necessary but would confine

itself to budgetary constraints.

The Manager also drew attention to the Integrated Development Plan of the municipality where mention is made of certain areas in Betty's Bay that are affected by Driftsand which is threatening the existence of residences and that the municipality is in the process of drafting an appropriate management plan for the dunes. They have also delivered inputs with respect to the placement of setback lines in order to promote the ecological management of the dunes and to protect private property from coastal processes. Area management teams will be clearing road surfaces of dune sediment as an interim management measure.

Affected homeowners are in the process of establishing an interest working group of affected property owners in the Nerine and Morea Roads so as to speak with a combined voice to the municipality.

Roads and Stormwater Infrastructure. Representation was made to Ward Councillor Krige after the recent heavy down pours which caused flooding of many roads and properties some of which became impassable. Most of the roads no longer have storm water drains, either they are over grown or have filled up with sand over the years. Consequently, roads become streams or turn into storm water drains. Many houses were also flooded. The Councillor was prompt in arranging a high profile municipal delegation from Hermanus to carry out an inspection. Consequently, an inspection report was tabled in Council emphasizing short to long term solutions. This matter was also raised at a Ward Committee meeting in October. Consensus is that our roads which are predominantly gravel are in desperate need of upgrading and that there is a lack of proper storm water infrastructure and maintenance. As one can appreciate no provision has been made in the current financial year to undertake these enormous tasks.

Mid November we experienced a down pour even greater than the one experienced in 2005. Considerable damage was caused to the Botanical Gardens, Waterfall Road was washed away, the bridge at Otter Close was once again washed away, the banks of the river were considerably eroded making the river much wider than before and several roads and properties throughout the village were flooded.

Water Working Group. With the retirement of Avril Nunn, Richard Starke has kindly agreed to take over the Chairmanship of the Water Working Group on which Prof. Orren, Kevin Winter and Stephen Muller (Overstrand Director for Infrastructure) and the BBRA also serve.

Crime has continued to fluctuate throughout the year with incidents of

Housebreakings and Theft out of vehicles being quite prominent. Only some units of the Neighbourhood Watch system have been active in patrols. More Wardens are however desperately needed to be recruited if we are ever to reduce crime in the area. A few Wardens simply cannot win this battle alone. Many areas remain unprotected simply because they consist mainly of unoccupied holiday homes.

Unfortunately, many residents are oblivious to the fact that crime exists in the village. It has to be recognized that in most cases it may be possible to minimize and control crime but it will never be removed altogether. This is where property owners need to take responsibility to minimize their risk and look after their possessions. If everyone takes due care it minimizes opportunity and temptation. For example, do not leave items of value exposed in the car, lock doors and install adequate alarm systems.

Due to continued suggestions that Betty's Bay seriously consider a CCTV system we established a steering committee to test the market and came up with alarming results. We are looking at anything in excess of R1mil per year to equip, administer and monitor the whole area not to mention monthly levies. We would have to get the entire community to buy into it to make it affordable to each household but this would by no means be an easy task especially because we have many absent homeowners who are not particularly interested in even taking simple precautions like installing burglar proofing or intruder alarm systems. To achieve this we would also have to involve the municipality who would also charge an admin fee to deduct monthly levies. There are certain reservations about the effectiveness of CCTV in a township like BB which has numerous entrances and exits. We also have other organisations whose prime objective is to protect the marine resources but do not invest in any measures of their own. A public participation process would in any case have to be undertaken and we would have to get a 50+1 support before we can even contemplate such a move. Pringle Bay spent in excess of R350,000 on their installation of 4 cameras and software which came from donations. Also they are faced with a monthly administration fee of R1000. Despite their installation they still experience housebreakings which are gradually increasing. Accesses by perpetrators are now on foot and not by vehicle. Perpetrators easily find ways to circumvent security measures.

I attended a briefing by the National Commissioner of Police to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament which dealt mainly with staffing levels at stations and the crime situation. I also attended a meeting in Gansbaai of all stakeholders with the MEC for Community Safety and officials from the Department of Community Safety to discuss preliminary findings on Policing Needs and

Priorities and crime trends for the Overstrand area.

Chamber of Business. At a recent meeting of the Association at which the Councillor was also present, it was felt that there is a need for the business sector in Betty's Bay to seriously give consideration to establishing a Chamber of Business in line with those that already exist in other villages. It is felt that it is important for the business sector to forge stronger links so as to collectively deal with wide ranging changes that are taking place. A representative of the Chamber could also serve on the Executive of the BBRA. Councillor Krige would have been glad to meet with all business owners to discuss matters of concern. We only had one response.

Stony Point Project. We attended several meetings on the progress of the development of the project. Of great concern is that inadequate provision has been made for visitors' parking and that tour busses are known to have left without tourists being dropped off because of the lack of parking. We foresee that during peak periods adjacent roads will become congested. This will cause great disruption to neighbouring properties as the roads in question are too narrow to allow for both parking and passing traffic. It is also likely that tourists will be forced to park on the verges of neighbouring properties.

Protest Actions. I thought I should draw attention to the change in mood of residents over the last year. The municipal budget received quite a lot of adverse publicity in the media and also lead to unprecedented protest action in front of the municipal offices in Kleinmond by predominantly white pensioners where a petition was handed over to the municipality. There was also a protest march by Xhosa speaking residents from the informal settlement demanding improved service delivery. A petition was also handed over to the municipality. A third protest action by Proteadorp residents took place on Youth Day when they marched on houses identified by the community as houses allegedly involved in the sale of drugs. Ward 10 has also been faced by some very irate residents protesting about the condition of roads and storm water drains especially after the recent heavy rains. These actions are a clear indication of the discontent that currently prevails in the Hangklip-Kleinmond area.

Based on what we have experienced this year we do not foresee things improving, certainly not in the short term. In fact we believe things will get far worse. Some officials concede that Betty's Bays infrastructure is in a huge mess. Council simply does not have the resources to rectify what has been allowed to deteriorate over the decades. Of concern is that for the last three years we have been paying water and sewage infrastructure levies but have not seen any improvement. What is happening to this revenue? What we have

seen is a great deal of development in Hermanus. Many promises made but very little action. Betty's Bay does not make an attractive destination. We are receiving increased enquiries from prospective property buyers enquiring about the crime and services in the area. It places us in an unenviable position as there are frequent adverse reports in the media which are difficult to challenge.

Membership. As Adrian de Kock has informed in the past it is not our practice to send out invoices annually in respect of membership fees. The reason for this is to save unnecessary costs to your organization. Our year begins on 1 November annually and the constitution states that you have until the end of April to pay your subs. To our mind this is too long a period and we intend to propose an amendment to our constitution at the next AGM to make membership fees payable by the end of January annually. This will enable us to begin sending out reminders to members at an earlier stage. From a cost perspective we would prefer to utilize E-mails for this purpose and therefore appeal to members to ensure that we have your E-mail addresses on record if you have not already supplied them. Additionally please advise us of any change in your E-mail addresses as many of our notices are often returned undelivered.

Come on guys we need to have as many members as possible to give us clout in dealing with the authorities. At the moment Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association has the largest membership of any such association in the entire Overstrand area.

Fire and Emergency Support Services. Wendy Tawse reports that the Betty's Bay Volunteer Community Fire Fighters were kept busy during the first half of 2013. In total they responded to no less than 8 fire call outs, 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 sea rescue.

During January, February, March and April, the Betty's Bay Volunteer Community Fire Fighters were very busy (when not fighting fires) at the Fire Station, giving it a face lift. They are very proud to announce that the station has been painted out, tiles laid, ceiling boards put in and we now even have shower and toilette facilities, although not 100% complete yet due to lack funding. We still need to give attention to the paving outside the station, which needs to be filled up with gravel and leveled out, but due to a lack of funding, this too is still outstanding.

During May and June the Overstrand Fire and Rescue Services as well as the Betty's Bay Volunteer Community Fire Fighters embarked on their annual hydrant mechanical checks. Our Volunteer Community Fire Fighters wish to make an appeal to all members of the community to note the nearest hydrant to their homes and assess its visibility.

We had another veld fire which threatened neighbouring properties in Disa Road. The fire was caused by the occupants throwing braai coals into the bush. Our Volunteer Firefighters were quick on the scene to extinguish the fire. Once again they need to be congratulated.

Public Participation Process regarding a Proposed Controlled Burn. A group of concerned homeowners resident in the Sunny Seas area of Betty's Bay have made representations to the Municipality requesting a controlled burn of the area on the mountain side bordering onto their properties.

Motivation for their request is:

- For ecological reasons; Fynbos needs to burn every 12 to 15 years to allow for regeneration before species are lost;
- The area last burnt some 21 years ago. The burn in June 2010 was extinguished before the entire area could be burnt and as a result the area has become very dry and has the potential to turn into a disaster should a fire occur in the area;
- If this is not attended to then the area burnt in 2010 could be totally destroyed should another fire occur;
- This area has limited fire hydrant capacity and residents are concerned that protection of the infrastructure would not be possible should a fire occur.

An initial meeting was held in June 2013 with affected residents and various stakeholders such as Cape Nature, Nature Conservation, Overstrand Fire Services, Ratepayers' Association and Volunteer Firefighters to discuss the matter and establish a plan of action. A sub-committee was established which have met on several occasions and it was proposed that a controlled burn take place early next year at an appropriate time along the mountain side eastward from the Botanical Gardens through to the western entrance of Seaview Road in Sunny Seas.

It is essential that the Municipality, property owners and voluntary firefighters work together to reduce the fire risk. A public meeting was held in August.

Baboon Matters – The Present Situation. Adrian de Kock reports that following on from our previous communications in this matter we have had a meeting on 19 June 2013 with the Overstrand Municipality to establish the present position with regard to our various concerns.

Here are the matters which were discussed and the outcome:

Municipal Dump Site

- The “dump site” at the Betty’s Bay Municipal offices is manned seven days a week from 08H00 to 16H00 by a dedicated official but this service is sometimes interrupted through absences due to sick and annual leave. This service has definitely improved the situation and we appeal to residents/visitors to use this site responsibly when it is not manned and not to just dump their refuse outside the bins.
- We have discussed the ineffective locking system on the cages and the fact that the trailer has no wheels which poses a health risk and is counterproductive when emptying the trailer. The Municipality has undertaken to examine the possible solution of replacing the trailer with “industrial bins” such as used in Pringle Bay.

Refuse Collection

- Bags removed from bins are now collected without delay.
- Bins are closed after collection preventing egress by rain water.
- The order of collection of refuse at egress points into the village has to be constantly changed as the baboons change their points of entry in line with these movements.

Baboon Proof Bins

- All households are required to utilize such bins in terms of Municipal by-laws. Letters were sent out to transgressors and subsequently Law Enforcement has issued some official warnings. The next step for those that do not comply will be the issue of fines.
- The locking system on “baboon proof bins” is ineffective. The Municipality no longer supplies such bins but property owners may obtain them from “Bou Handel” or “Buildit”. These bins do not come with locking systems and it is up to purchasers to have suitable systems installed. Those property owners who already have bins would have to see that suitable locks are installed.
- It is up to property owners to ensure that those renting or occupying their properties comply with the regulations.

Signage

- We are negotiating with the Municipality for suitable signage to be erected at the entrances to Betty’s Bay re the prohibition of feeding baboons.

All these matters will be kept on the forefront of Ward Committee meetings and progress will be monitored.

Farewell. After many years of loyal service, more than one can care to recall, we bid farewell to **Avril Nunn**, a long standing executive committee member. Her enthusiasm and energetic service to the community of Betty's Bay was greatly admired and we are very sorry to have bid her goodbye. She has relocated to a retirement village in Somerset West.

Cecile Jonkheid (Area Manager) and Chris Harding (Operations Manager) retire at the end of this year. We have over the years built up a good working relationship with both of them and they have been a tremendous help to us. We wish them a long and healthy retirement.

Dan Fick

Proposed Amendment To The Association's Constitution

The under mentioned proposed amendment to the constitution will be presented for ratification at the AGM on 27 December 2013. In terms of our Constitution we are required to give notice of proposed amendments. A two-thirds majority of members present at the AGM are required for amendments to be ratified.

Amend paragraph 7 (b) by substituting the date 30 April with 31 January.

Amend paragraph 7 (c) by substituting "six (6) months" with "three (3) months".

The reason for this amendment is that it is considered by the committee to be too long a time i.e. six months at present whereby members have to pay their annual membership fees before being considered to be in arrears.

Amend paragraph 7 (a) by substituting the word "minimum" with "maximum".

The reason for this amendment is to correct a previous mistake.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2012 IN THE CRASSULA HALL AT 10H00

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present especially all those who had travelled **from far and wide to be in Betty's Bay over the festive season. A special**

welcome was extended to Councillor Liesel Krige and her husband, as well as to the members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman said that he was pleased to see so many new faces at the meeting. He requested that all present sign the Attendance Register and ensure that their email addresses were correctly reflected - he said that it was important to build up our Data Base so that members could be kept informed at all times of developments in the area.

The Chairman advised that the quorum of 30 members had been met and said that the meeting could proceed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Judy New, Laura Brown, Andrew Schofield, Mr. & Mrs. Borowski, Mervin Burger, Janet Meyer, Richard Starke, David Hofmeyr, Stephen Hofmeyr, Wilna Rademeyer, Jaap van Deventer, Caroline Joubert, Cheryl Broom and Wendy Tawse.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The Chairman said that as had been requested at the last AGM the Minutes of the previous AGM were published in the Buzz and on the website in February and once again an AGM booklet was posted in November to each member. Unfortunately the gremlins crept in and two pages in the minutes were transposed.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 27 December 2011 was approved subject to the following alteration:

Page 6 - line 4 - "**advantaged**" to read "**previously disadvantaged**"

APPROVED: H. HANEKOM SECONDED: F. BROOM

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising which would not be dealt with in the **Chairman's Report**.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that it had been quite a hectic year inundated with meetings and more meetings yet the committee was left with the sense that very little had been achieved mainly because so much was happening. The Association had been faced with many challenges throughout the year deal-

ing with many issues either about deteriorating roads, deteriorating infrastructure, ongoing water pipe breakages, flooding river, drifting sand dunes, problems with waste disposal, contract meter readers, nuisance dogs, baboon infestation, penguins invading properties and last but not least the dramatic increase in crime in the area. Together with this we have had to face a fair amount of criticism but I can assure you that the committee has worked tirelessly at trying to address all these matters some often way beyond our control. People regularly make unhelpful pronouncements which are often out of touch with reality. Expectations of the Association are often high and unrealistic. One appreciates the deep concerns and frustrations but we do not have the powers, authority or resources to overcome all these problems. They say that the recipe for failure is to try and please everyone.

The Chairman said that he would be most remiss in not acknowledging the support received from Councillor Krige, the Area Manager and her officials throughout the year. He said that he could phone them at any time of the day or night and they would make an effort to assist. I would like to thank the committee and our members for their generous support and in particular members of our neighbourhood watch, many of whom are not even members of the Association, for all their hard work and dedication. It is encouraging to experience the responses to emergency call-outs in pursuit of perpetrators of crime. Often we are quick to criticize the SAPS but they have under the circumstances been tremendous in their responses. It is also appropriate to congratulate Avril who celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this month; she continues to serve on our committee and is still going strong. Jill Atwell will be celebrating her 90th in February.

The Chairman informed the meeting that one of our members from Pietersburg had earlier remarked that we just don't realize how fortunate we are living in the Overstrand, he had said that it was absolute paradise when compared to conditions in Pietersburg.

In an effort to tackle our many problems we arranged a meeting with the Executive Mayor and her officials.

Meeting with the Mayor. Our delegation was well received by the Mayor and her officials. We raised a number of issues which mainly pertained to our growing concern about our ageing and fragile infrastructure. Councillor Krige and the Area Manager were also in attendance. He said that we were fortunate that they had agreed to a meeting, as it was not often that they were prepared to receive a delegation since these matters were usually referred to the Ward Committee for discussion.

Issues raised included:

- The continual water pipe breakages and the resultant loss of an enormous amount of treated drinking water. The number of ongoing repairs and maintenance alone and escalating expenditure over the long term must be costing the municipality a substantial amount which should rather be used to systematically start with a program of upgrading the ageing infrastructure. Breakages have also been quite an irritation since durations can last anything up to 18 hours and even longer.

The Mayor stressed that the Overstrand Municipality was faced with many challenges tempered by financial constraints. Due to the non realization of land sales the prospect of major work on upgrading of infrastructure and roads would not be possible in the short term. There was no money left for contingencies. An amount of R5.9mil had been budgeted for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years for the **replacement of the water network in Betty's Bay.**

The Municipality undertook to complete the work of connecting all houses down Bass Road to the new pipe line. This work has recently been completed. Work of replacing ageing pipes, although very slow, was still in progress in other parts the village.

In November we were once again compelled to write to the Director of Infrastructure after an 18 hour break in water supply. He once again acknowledged that our water distribution system is in a very poor condition partly due to the advanced age of the system and also because of the poor original design and construction of the system. The Municipality has undertaken as a priority to replace water pipes in **an effort to reduce water losses and pipe breaks. Some 28km's of**

water pipes have already been replaced. Unfortunately this type of work is long term and results in the disruption of water supply from time to time.

- The deteriorating bridge structure at Otter Close.

The Mayor stressed that there was unfortunately no money to undertake any work to build a new bridge at Otter Close. We appealed to them to use existing materials on site to strengthen the sides of the bridge which was then already showing signs of eroding and to generally tidy up the area which was left with rubble after the last wash away.

The Municipality undertook to carry out remedial work. We arranged for Municipal Officials, Area Manager and Councillor Krige to meet with some of the affected residents to discuss the matter. Work was done but unfortunately after some heavy rains in September the bridge was once again washed away. The municipality was quick to restore access which took three days of work.

At the OMAF meeting earlier this month to discuss the Draft Capital Budget we once again raised this issue. A new bridge was still planned in the next financial year but could only be attended to once capital had been raised from the sale of property.

- Prevailing sand dune problems in the Morea Road and Nerine Crescent areas.

The Mayor was reluctant to discuss the sand dune problem off the main beach as this was sub judice due to pending civil action taken by a group of residents against the municipality. We nevertheless impressed upon them to give attention to the main parking area which had become a dumping area. They did however undertake to keep the roads clear of drifting sand.

- **The retention of the Supervisor's post at the Stony Point Penguin Colony** especially in view of the proposed upgrading of this important tourist attraction and the fact that the municipality was considering retrenchments. The facility was not a strain on the

municipality's financial resources as it was self sufficient from the income received from visitors to the colony.

Gate monies and staff/visitors fall under the municipality. The reserve is now being managed by Cape Nature.

- Flooding of low lying areas during the heavy winter rainy seasons. We stressed that a storm water management plan needed to be implemented as drains were either too shallow, filled with sand, overgrown or higher than surrounding Erven.

Although the municipality does not have a management plan to clear drains, they will respond when called out to do so.

- Upgrading of roads especially potholes during rainy periods.

No maintenance of roads is undertaken during the rainy season. They have however in recent weeks started to scrape and resurface some of the very poor roads.

- The main beach parking area to be upgraded and resurfaced. The municipality to stop using the area to dump sand being removed from Nerine Crescent.

The area has generally been upgraded. The Ablution block has been upgraded and clad and fencing erected around the car park. All sand from the car park has been removed. Flow of rain water down Access Road into the wetland behind the dunes has improved and will contribute to the stabilization of the dunes.

- Allowing dog owners to freely walk/run their dogs without leashes at prescribed times in designated areas in direct contravention of By-Laws.

This was subsequently discussed at the Ward Committee and referred to the Legal Department since a unified set of rules for the entire Overstrand would need to be established.

The municipality had no objection to allocating designated areas for dogs to walk/run freely at designated times. This was in fact supported by Law Enforcement. Hopefully this will be implemented from the start of the new financial year. We still await a response.

- We also requested that the municipality provide us with an analy-

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

Income			2013	2012	Variance	%
<i>Membership Fees</i>			18965.00	20555.00	-1590.00	-7.7%
<i>Fire Fighters - Fund Raising</i>					0.00	0.0%
<i>Neighbourhood Watch</i>			17385.74	7605.00	9780.74	128.6%
<i>Hall</i>	Hire	5800.00				
	Deposits	1500.00	7300.00	9730.00	-2430.00	-25.0%
<i>Buzz</i>	Advertisements	11680.00				
	Buzz Boxes	845.13				
	Postage		12525.13	9223.65	3301.48	35.8%
<i>Interest Earned</i>			2527.97	2782.64	-254.67	-9.2%
<i>Donations</i>	Conservancy	30.00				
	Fire Fighters	30.00				
	BBRA	740.00	800.00	1055.00	-255.00	-24.2%
	0					
<i>Sundries</i>				120.00	-120.00	-100.0%
Total Income			59503.84	51071.29	8432.55	16.5%

Notes

- 1) Membership stands at 371 which includes 9 life members and 4 who have not paid or short paid their fees for the past year. Approximately 30 members removed from the list due mainly to non payment of subs.
- 2) Fire Fighters - No need for fund raising to the extent of the past. R1250-00 expended on alterations to fire station.
- 3) Hall hire shows a loss of R5830-32 due to the need to purchase 6 tables for R2944-00 and the reduction in income but we have bookings for R5,000-00 for the IEC for next year. Expenditure on the hall was kept to a very reasonable 2-7% increase YOY.
- 4) Buzz showed a profit of R3953-63 in current year. This is due to the increase in advertising revenue and a reduction in costs due to new system of distribution. You will notice that the printing and postage costs have increased by R3638-35 due to the AGM notification being posted whereas in the previous year this was incorporated with the distribution of the "Buzz".
- 5) Neighbourhood Watch shows a surplus of R2676-00 after purchase of magnetic decals, radios, signs, luminous bibs & caps offset against generous donations from members.
- 6) Under other expenses you will note two large items i.e. R1000-00 & R2937-95. These were due to a refund of a donation which was in expectation of advertising which never materialised where we are the custodians of the relevant funds and expenditure on a farewell function for Avril Nunn in honour of her many years of dedicated service to the community respectively.
- 7) We have received the 2012 assessment from SARS in terms of our tax free status and this shows no amount owing.

Expenditure			2013	2012	Variance	%
Buzz	Printing	8571.50				
	Postage Etc.		8571.50	13179.92	4608.42	35.0%
Printing/Stationery & Postage			5282.79	1644.44	-3638.35	-221.3%
Voluntary Fire Fighters						
	Operational	1250.00				
	Fund Raising Cost		1250.00	3387.98	2137.98	63.1%
Crassula Hall						
	Refunds	1800.00				
	Electricity	1430.00				
	Equipment	3177.80				
	R & M	797.50				
	Disposables	342.52				
	Cleaning	775.00				
	Municipal Charge	4807.50	13130.32	12782.71	-347.61	-2.7%
Neighbourhood Watch			14709.74	4836.00	-9873.74	-204.2%
Bank Charges			1587.96	1691.85	103.89	6.1%
Conservancy				2076.00	2076.00	100.0%
Other						
	Web Site Domain	600.94				
	SAPS - Horsemen Entertain	270.50				
	DOCS - Entertain	98.35				
	Refund - Eco Centre Donation	1000.00				
	Avril - Farewell Party	2937.95				
	Federation Membership	100.00				
	Transport Costs	35.00				
	Tea Etc AGM 2012	121.80	5164.54	2397.48	-2767.06	-115.4%
Total Expenditure			49696.85	41996.38	-7700.47	-18.3%
Surplus/Deficit			9806.99	9074.91	732.08	8.1%

Bank/Cash Reconciliation			
	2012	Income Surplus	2013
Cash	-83.41		2630.72
Cheques Account	17258.61		22823.50
32 Day Notice Account	38860.38		39723.96
Investment Advantage Account	37131.75		37796.14
Total	93167.33	9806.99	102974.32

sis of the budgets over the last 5 years so that we could compare the proportion of rates collected from the various towns with the proportion of expenditure in each of the towns. Whilst we accept there to be a degree of cross-subsidization, it could be that **Betty's Bay is being starved of an equitable share of the rates revenue.**

The Director of Finances undertook to provide us with these details but the response was not satisfactory. We still need to pursue this matter.

OMAF. The Chairman said that he and the Treasurer had attended a special meeting of the Overstrand Municipal Advisory Forum in November at which the Integrated Development Framework for the next 30 years was presented. This, including the determination of setback lines, would deal with the long term mechanism for future sustainable spatial growth and development. Public workshops are to be held in June next year with the final document to be completed by July/August.

The Chairman said he would like to share some interesting statistics that were tabled which underline the challenges that lie ahead. One can imagine how this will impact on us in the years to come. The Overstrand is the third highest growth area in the Western Cape; available serviced land is going to be rapidly developed to its capacity. Only some 3000ha remain vacant and **available for development along the Overstrand's 230km's of coastline.** Population is currently estimated at 87,000 and growing at almost 6% pa with bulk migration coming from the Eastern Cape. By 2030 an additional 11,000 homes will have to be provided. As can be seen there will be a massive pressure on land. Younger families are moving into the area which will place even further pressure on providing affordable housing other than subsidized housing. The challenges which we face will be to minimize urban sprawl so as to protect our sensitive environment and ecological systems; it would be necessary to promote urban densification to allow for additional accommodation, aging infrastructure would need to be replaced, our water supply would have to be expanded, more schools would have to be built, more

migrants will be seeking employment in a struggling economy, increased poverty and budgetary constraints, just to mention a few. 59% of our water assets are in poor condition and it will take some R1, 2Billion to replace this. To achieve all this will require money, lots of money. We will need at least R101mil per year over the next 20 years to keep up with the pace of upgrading and new infrastructures. External loans cannot be utilized to maintain and/or repair aging infrastructure. The alternative is to raise these funds through the sale of property and to increase tariffs. This brings me to the budget.

Draft Capital Budget was tabled a couple of weeks ago. Of the total amount of R226mil that has been requested by all and sundry, the wish lists put forward by the 12 Ward Committees alone amounts to R108mil. We can **expect a large proportion of these requests, especially the 'nice to haves'** to be dropped off. The shortfall against a proposed budgeted R97mil amounts to a 30% increase over the previous year. Apart from raising these funds from external loans and the sale of land, the only other source is from increased tariffs. We should anticipate an increase of around 9% as opposed to the average increase countrywide of 18.8%.

A number of people have the tendency to use the media to vent their frustrations about increased municipal tariffs as I am sure we as pensioners are all feeling the pinch. Often these statements are devoid of all the finer details and more often than not we the BBRA is being challenged to do something about it. We continue to challenge the municipality through our involvement on the Ward Committee and through OMAF. One of the latest comments is to criticize the salaries earned by Councillors and to compare it to what is being earned by farm workers and once again want to know what the BBRA is going to do about it. To be quite frank I really do not think that there is much more that we can do than what has already been done; if any of you have some better ideas then it would be much appreciated. We seek solutions. Salary scales and annual increments are in any case determined by national government and not the OM. Questions also being posed are what is the BBRA doing about our roads and the upgrading of our infra-

structure? These are long term projects at a high cost to ratepayers which necessitates increased tariffs. This is the vicious circle we face.

OM Chairmen's Forum. The 16 Chairmen of all Overstrand Ratepayers' Associations have established a forum to collectively engage with the municipality to address issues which affect all ratepayers' associations. Of particular concern is the dramatic increase in the cost of services. We nevertheless have to be circumspect in our demands as the municipality continues to face financial constraints. Concern expressed by most of the Associations is that more attention is being given to the development of infrastructure in the Hermanus area than in other outlying areas. Our first objective was to request the Municipal Manager to make budget documents available at least five working days prior to the OMAF meeting. The municipality responded to this positively.

Crime. During the first half of the year we continued to be plagued by increasing incidents of housebreakings on a week by week basis despite us having an active partnership with SAPS and the CPF. Copper thieves targeted Telkom telephone cables; there were at least five incidents of cable theft in Betty's Bay leaving residents without communications for weeks on end. In one particular incident in Wheeler Road a cable alarm was activated at 11pm one night during a heavy downpour. Together with SAPS we took up positions along Clarence Drive and the culprits eventually emerged some 5 hours later. They were pulled off near Palmiet Bridge but managed to flee into the mountain side. They were tracked in darkness for several hours but managed to escape. The vehicle and cable were recovered.

The Tactical Response Team of the SAPS has also been active in the area but move up and down the coast as hot spots arise dealing specifically with poaching issues. They have done a great deal in assisting to reduce poaching in our area. As you may already have read in the media poachers often operate in gangs and show a great deal of aggression when confronted. On two occasions we have confronted groups originating from the Eastern Cape but now based in Hermanus. All we can do is confiscate their equipment and hand it over to the SAPS. These groups number anything from 9 to 15 at a time and have become very sophisticated. They often operate with three vehicles to cause confusion. A new trend is to activate an alarm by smash-

ing a window of a house or car and then make a getaway with the catchment. There was a great deal of civil unrest in Hawston in the beginning of November when a group of poachers went on the rampage setting the administrative building of the SAPS Canine Unit alight, shooting one policeman and destroying several police vehicles. A Traffic vehicle was also set alight. The violence had started after SAPS had arrested two poachers in possession of perlemoen and crayfish. The crowd had already been angry after a poacher had drowned the previous week when being pursued by SAPS. These are the same people who regularly poach in our marine reserve.

After a successful SAPS Imbizo earlier in the year we were able to establish NW activities throughout the village. We divided the town up into manageable zones. These zones under the coordination of Coordinators have had a dramatic effect in reducing incidents from as many as 15 housebreakings per week down to an average of 2 per week, sometimes even less. This can be attributed to patrols being undertaken throughout the day and night. Allow me to dwell on this for a moment because I want you to appreciate the tremendous effort being made by members of our NW. Whilst neighbouring towns are struggling to even get their operations off the ground, we have Wardens operating day and night often through the night from 6pm to 6am. Unfortunately there remain remote areas where little, if any, patrols are undertaken and breakings are more frequent in those areas especially because those areas are predominantly made up of vacant holiday homes. **To patrol a town 15 km's in length is no easy task especially when there are no street lights and there is dense bush.**

Initiatives started three years ago to make our village safer, are only now starting to bear fruit. It has taken much effort, not to mention the commitment and cost to individual members of the NW for which we must be most grateful. Through the generous support from some of our residents, we have been able to equip our Wardens with ID Cards, magnetic car door signs and bibs. We have also erected NW signs throughout the town. What we now desperately need are portable two-way radios so that the respective zones can communicate with each other when on patrol as sms messages are costly. We have already purchased 2 radios from donations received and 8 Wardens have purchased their own radios. We are very much involved in supporting and assisting the SAPS. We are represented on the Crime Combating Forum and Community Police Forum. Our NW network has assisted in

the apprehension of a number of suspects, prevented numerous attempts at poaching, recovered stolen items and assisted detectives in their investigations. They have also been involved in road blocks, assisted in the search for missing persons and recovery of an injured hang glider on Blesberg. Our NW has been instrumental in the arrest of at least 17 suspects during the latter part of this year. Cooperation between SAPS, Seawatch, MCM, Cape Nature and the NW has been constructive. A special thanks to SAFE and ASK Security for their assistance often beyond their contractual mandates.

Some 30 NW Wardens attended training workshops over weekends during November presented by the provincial Department of Community Safety.

We were party to a meeting with the MEC of Community Safety in May. The Minister was on an oversight and fact finding visit to the Overstrand. Councillor Krige and our Cluster Commander from Hermanus were also in attendance. We took the opportunity of discussing the dramatic increase in crime, the lack of SAPS service delivery due to manpower constraints and that the Hangklip area was justified in having a satellite police station established because of the immense distances that have to be travelled to respond to emergencies.

The Minister stressed that there was a shortage of some 600 officers in **the Western Cape alone. He emphasized the importance of having CPF's and NW's working in close harmony with SAPS. He said the community needed to become more involved in combating crime. He stressed that one could not have NW's without neighbours. The Minister undertook to raise our concerns with the Provincial Commissioner.** There has been no further feedback.

Property Matters. We have had to be particularly alert to the number of applications for changes to title deed conditions and subdivisions. We are likely to face more of these applications in the coming year. Colin Chaplin keeps in touch of all these issues.

We made representations to the municipality regarding street numbers and these have now been allocated. These now appear on your monthly accounts.

Stony Point Project. The project has made some progress. We have been informed that work will only commence early in the New Year. Nature Con-

servation and Cape Nature in consultation with a Surveyor met to demarcate the fence line along the boundary of all neighbouring land owners. Moulting counts were used to establish the timing of the fence installation. The municipality has already commenced with the removal of plant growth. Cape Nature is now fully involved in the ecological monitoring programme at the colony.

Baboon Infestation. Adrian de Kock will elaborate in more detail on this matter.

Coastal Setback Lines. As previously reported an intense study by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) gave rise to the proposed development of setback lines for the entire coastline of the Overberg District. The final report was received in June and disseminated to all homeowners on our data base. I met with our Environmental Manager earlier this month who confirmed that there has been extensive interaction between the municipality and the DEA and the municipality has challenged a number of issues since there are instances where the draft regulations do not coincide with the setback lines. The municipality has assessed the planned setback lines and proposed that these be adjusted. Tenders are to be invited for Consultants to undertake the public participation process early next year. More on this will hopefully emerge in the New Year and you will be kept informed.

Fire/Emergency Support Services. We have been extremely fortunate that we so far have had no fires this year. Our Fire Station at the municipal offices has been upgraded and provided with office space. Volunteer firefighters have increased to nine (9) members.

Main Beach. During October we had a near drowning incident at main beach because of the dangerous rip currents. Some two years ago this matter was also raised by Brian Edwards and it was taken to the Ward Committee resulting in Life Guards being deployed during peak times. We have now had warning notices erected on the beach drawing attention to rip currents.

Membership. Quite a number of members have been removed off the list since they have not paid their annual dues for some time. Our Treasurer **will elaborate further on this matter. What I discovered at the Chairmen's** Forum is that we have the highest membership throughout the 16 associations in the Overstrand. Unfortunately, an increasing number of non-

members, including those who have not paid their dues, periodically call upon the Association either to complain or seek assistance. Instead of taking their issues to the municipality they pass it on to the Association expecting us to resolve their problems. This has put a tremendous pressure on us.

Conclusion. This brings me to the conclusion of my report but I would once again like to thank the many people in the community who do function behind the scenes doing a great job. A special word of thanks to all those involved with Seawatch and Cape Nature for the excellent and often dangerous work being done to prevent poaching. To our NW Wardens for their sterling efforts in keeping our village safe. To all those who are actively involved in the firefighting team our sincere thanks and appreciation.

I further wish to pass a motion of thanks to the committee for their support throughout the year. Also a word of thanks to our Councillor, Area Manager and all the municipal officials with whom we have built a good working relationship.

Ladies and gentlemen, many thanks for hearing us out and many thanks for attending. To those returning to other venues after the holidays, we wish you all a safe journey. We trust you all had a blessed Christmas and wish you a safe and prosperous New Year. I thank you.

Dan Fick

Chairman

6. DISCUSSION OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. A. Heydorn expressed his amazement at the wide spectrum covered by **the report. He said he felt that the Chairman's portfolio was in fact that** of an unpaid Town Manager. He passed a vote of thanks for the hard work undertaken throughout the year.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Heydorn for his kind words but stressed that it was all due to the support of a tremendous team on the Committee and the various coordinators.

Mr. Eddy supported Dr. Heydorn's sentiments and said that the community does not realize how much work is put in by the committee. He felt that it was important to appeal and encourage each and every member of the com-

munity to become members of the Association, as there were many who could share their expertise and give guidance when needed. He also felt that it was not fair on members who pay their subs regularly that time be spent by the committee to assist those who are not prepared to become members.

Mr. C. New enquired whether there was any indication as to when property would be sold and money become available to re build the bridge at Otter Close. Councillor Krige advised that there were negotiations taking place for the sale of property, but said that no time frame could be given.

Mr. Brian Edwards said that although the Setback Lines seemed good in principle there were certain implications which were of concern. He said that the necessity of having to have Environmental Impact Studies (amounting to thousands of Rand) done in certain cases was very worrying. He said that if not implemented in a practical manner there would be huge financial implications for owners of Erven near or on the coastline. Dr. Heydorn said that the purpose of the Setback Lines was twofold - 1. To protect homeowners and prospective homeowners against problems arising in the future (sand dunes) and 2. To protect the environment. Feedback given at the first Public Participation had resulted in a number of changes being made. He said he felt it important to support the Setback Lines and urged all to attend the Public Participation meetings which are due to be called in the New Year. He said that it was important to ensure that the community who are all Ratepayers ensure that the process be implemented with wisdom and common sense. Prof. M. Orren said that another fact to be taken into consideration was Global Warming - he stressed that this was a fact and said that the sea was rising by 3cm a year and that this was affecting our coastline. He said that storms were increasing and more intense, temperatures were rising and rain fall was becoming less every year.

In answer to a question asked as to what is a Setback Line, Dr Heydorn explained that there were 2 lines. The green line demarcated areas which posed immediate danger and the orange line was a precautionary line - to be very careful. He said that this was still very vague and hoped that it would all be clearly defined at the Public Participation Meetings. D. Fick under-

took to ensure that the community would be informed and notices would be printed as soon as a date was set.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer advised that the financial statement for the year ended 31 October 2012 had been circulated to all members.

Financial Statement

1. The year ended with a surplus of R9074-91.
2. YOY Income increased by R1659-06 or 3.4%.
3. YOY Expenditure Decreased by R1000-54 or 2.3%.
4. The main reason for the increase in income was due to donations to the Neighbourhood Watch of R7605-00 and an increase in membership fees collected of R2330-00 but this was largely offset by a decrease in advertising income from the Buzz of R5732-70.
5. The expenditure improvement was mainly due to an improvement in the cost of the Buzz of R2934-08 and Fire Fighter costs of R7232-83 which was offset by the following:

R1500-50	Crassula Hall
R4836-00	Neighbourhood Watch
R1946-80	Conservancy
6. The net position for the Crassula Hall amounts to a deficit of R3052-71 caused by the need to purchase a new stove costing R3954-00.
7. The net position for the Buzz amounts to a deficit of R3956-27 however this position should improve with the publishing of the news letter on our Web Site and the availability of it at local distribution points. As we no longer post the Buzz other than on request and payment of postage, we should see a saving in this area but with the economic times we are finding difficulty in attracting new advertisers.
8. Donations totaling R11344-00 up to 12 December 2012 by concerned residents towards the Neighbourhood Watch have been gratefully received. This goes a long way towards the purchase of necessary equipment such as signboards, magnetic signs, radios, jackets/bibs etc.
9. Tax returns have been submitted for the 2010 & 2011 tax years to The Tax Exemption Unit in Pretoria and we await the assessments

although it is not expected that we will have any liability to SARS.

Membership

1. Membership stands at 373 as at 12 December 2012.
2. Membership fees of R635-00 are currently outstanding for the past two years mainly due to the following:
 - a) Members not paying the fee of R55-00 per person which was introduced two years ago but rather paying the previous amount of R50-00 per person.
 - b) Households where two members are registered only paying for one member.
 - c) Those still outstanding were being followed up.
3. Due to increased costs we believe that the membership fees should be increased to R60-00 per person effective from the year beginning on 1 November 2013.
4. Last year we showed a membership of approximately 400 but many had not paid and after communication with them we removed those members who did not settle outstanding amounts after a suitable period. This action decreased our numbers to approximately 350 but recent communication by our Chairman, Dan Fick has added an additional 23 members to our list.
5. As it is more efficient and cost effective please see that we have your current E-Mail address.

BABOONS

The baboon problem in the Hangklip area is of ongoing concern. Unfortunately some of the causes are as a result of residents themselves illegally feeding baboons, not complying with refuse disposal regulations and failing to take the necessary precautions in protecting their properties.

The BBRA has during the past year taken the following actions:

1. Attended a meeting between concerned residents and Overstrand Municipality on 12 March 2012.
2. Attended a follow up meeting on 10 April 2012.
3. Attended a meeting with the Mayor where the baboon question was raised amongst other concerns.
4. Addressed a letter to the Municipal Area Manager in September 2012

asking for feedback on matters of concern raised at the previous two meetings. This letter was published on our Web Site and in the Buzz.

5. Received a reply from the Municipal Area Manager on 15 October 2012 which in our opinion does not in the main address the problems listed. This was again published in the Buzz and on our Web Site asking members to give us feedback. Unfortunately to date there has been little response from members. We intend to address the Municipalities reply stating in detail our dissatisfaction with their response.
6. **We have applied for the assistance of "baboon monitors" during the next municipal financial year through the Overstrand Municipality. If they consider our application has merit it will be forwarded to province for consideration of financing from the "cleanest town" project.**
7. **The "baboon problem" remains on the agenda for Ward Committee meetings.**

You can be assured that we will continue with our efforts in addressing this problem.

Adrian de Kock

Treasurer and Vice Chairman

Mr. Edwards expressed concern as to the high bank charges being paid and suggested that perhaps a change of banks should be considered. The Treasurer advised that he had held lengthy discussions with the management of the bank and although high he had managed to get certain costs reduced. He said that the committee was reluctant to change banks as it inevitably lead to confusion amongst members doing EFT payments.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

In order to comply with a SARS directive there is a minor amendment to be made to the Constitution. The proposed amendment appeared in the AGM booklet and required to be ratified

Proposed Amendment Paragraph 9

(n) Minutes of all meetings must be kept safely and always be on hand for members to consult.

ACCEPTED: MR. BOTTOM

SECONDED: A. NUNN

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

D. Fick informed the meeting that the majority of the current members of the Committee had served anything from 2 to 5 years on the Committee and that some had given notice that they would not be available for re-election to the Committee for 2013. He said that this provided the opportunity for new blood and new ideas including some younger folk which is so essential for our committee and community. Unfortunately only two nominations had been received. D. Fick called for nominations from the floor, no nominations were received. The Committee shall at its first meeting in January after the Annual General Meeting elect from its members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other Officers that are necessary.

Available for re-election:

Adrian de Kock	-	Treasurer.
Colin Chaplin	-	Property, Planning & Development.
Wendy Tawse	-	Fire, Emergency Support Services.
Avril Nunn	-	Waste Management, Water & Sewerage.
Wilna Rademeyer	-	Roads & Stormwater.
Nic Swart	-	Editor of Buzz.
Dan Fick	-	Security
Liz Fick	-	Secretary

New Nominations:

Fred & Cheryl Broom

10. GENERAL

Contract Meter Readers

Mr. M. Roux enquired what the position was regarding the Contract Meter Readers. He said that he had approached the municipality as his account had been showing a 0 reading for the past 3 months. He said that he had been advised to take his own reading monthly and to phone it into the municipality. Mrs. V. Bossut said that her meter had been read regularly and that following complaints the meter reader was now in uniform with an identity card.

D. Fick informed the meeting that he had received numerous calls from

irate members of the community stating that strangers were wondering in their properties looking for meters. These men were not in uniform and had no identification, neither were they in possession of meter reading equipment. He said that he had taken the matter up with the Area Manager who had informed that the contract had been awarded by Hermanus to a company from Cape Town. He said that he had insisted that the meter readers be provided with uniforms, identity cards and proper equipment. D. Fick said that the committee would once again take this matter up with the Area Manager in the New Year as there had been numerous complaints about accounts.

Mooihawens

Mr. Eddy enquired whether there had been any changes in the ownership at Mooihawens. He said that in previous years the resort had been very busy, but was very quiet this year. L. Fick said that she had heard that the hiring costs were very high which might be the reason for lower occupancy.

11. CLOSURE

D. Fick once again thanked all present for attending the meeting and wished them all a safe journey back home at the end of their holidays. On behalf of the committee he wished all a very healthy and fruitful 2013. The meeting was then adjourned.



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BETTY'S BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

AND

I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

NOMINATE (Please Print Name)

TO SERVE ON THE BBRA COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2013.

Signed: 1.

Signed: 2.

AGREEMENT OF NOMINEE

I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

AGREE TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE BBRA COMMITTEE

Signed:

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BETTY'S BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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OF THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION

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Number of Members:

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Postal Code:

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