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Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

BotSoc Talk: Saturday 14th December In The Morning At 10A.M. Nivenia Hall HPG. The Cape Leopard Trust, Bolland project. After a general explanation of the work of the trust, Jeannie Hayward & Anita Meyer will present an illustrated talk with emphasis on the leopards in our area. A voluntary collection will be taken.

Harold Porter Gardens Concerts:

Sunday 22nd December CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 8p.m. Adults R40, Children 6-18yrs R20 Gates open at 6p.m. Booking not necessary. Come early and bring a picnic supper.

Saturday 28th December KARIN KORTJE and ROBIN PIETERS at 7p.m.

Saturday 4th January 2014 GUGULETHU TENORS at 7p.m.

NB! Booking is essential for the two sunset concerts and opens one week ahead 028 272 9311 or at the Garden. Adults R75, Children R35. Gates open at 6p.m. Come early and bring a picnic.

NB at all concert BotSoc members and pensioners pay full price.



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Please send us your comments, suggestions, events and news.

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NB! Reference must include your surname and Erf Number. *Please do not send cash.*

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3. We also leave a number of copies at the Betty's Bay Library.

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The Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association wishes to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2014.

Please drive safely on the roads and enjoy spending the festive season with family and friends.

NOTICE!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER, 2013 at 10H00 in the CRASSULA HALL

ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING (AJV)

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
6. Discussion of Chairman's Report : Bespreking oor Voorsittersverslag
7. Treasurer's Report : Tesouriersverslag
8. Amendments to the Constitution
9. Election of Committee Members : Verkiesing van Komiteelete
- 10.General : Algemeen
- 11.Closure : Sluiting

Special Notice Inviting Nominations for Election to the Committee 2014

The majority of our current members of the Committee have served anything from 2 to 5 years on the Committee and several have given timeous notice that they will not be available for re-election to the Committee in 2014.

Nominations are therefore being invited for election to the Committee of the Association.

Only members of the Association in good standing may be nominated.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded in writing by two (2) members of the Association and accepted in writing by the nominee.

The Committee shall consist of no less than (4) and not more than eight (8) members. We have the option to co-opt additional members to the Committee.

In terms of the Constitution the elected Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting elect from its nominated members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other Officers as it may deem necessary.

The BBRA has grown in strength over the last years having established additional Portfolios to deal with Conservancy, Sand Dunes, Firewise, Security, Neighbourhood Watch, Volunteer Firefighters and Website not to mention other associated committees on which committee members also serve. The community is more and more relying on the BBRA for assistance and guidance in dealing with specific municipal matters. It is therefore essential that we give early attention to recruiting suitable candidates for nomination to the committee next year. We desperately need new ideas and energy to meet the challenges that lie ahead. The general appearance of **Betty's Bay is wanting and the community will need to tackle some of these** issues themselves.

On The Brink Of Another Season...

Christmas 2013 lies ahead of us – less than a month away.

It has been an eventful year in Betty's Bay: neither good nor bad all the time. But with fair doses of each.

Most recently the elements demonstrated their unfathomable force by wreaking extensive havoc in our village and the surrounding areas. Out-of-season, heavy rains during the weekend of 15 to 17 November sent torrents of destructive water rushing down mountain slopes and ripping up roads, leaving a path of devastation after bursting through the Harold Porter Botanical garden and flooding numerous houses in its course.

Yes, the bridge at Otter Close washed away yet again. Sigh. Now, for once and for all, its replacement will have to be a lasting solution. The municipality knows that and agrees.

Due to the heavy and persistent rain, roads that had been in a shocking condition after the winter's exceptionally abundant rainfall worsened considerably: in some cases they became altogether impassable. These conditions have throughout the year posed a huge challenge to the Overstrand municipality. As committed as it is to service delivery, the solutions come slowly, as they have to be introduced in adherence to a municipal-wide plan and schedule. This is in line with the five year Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which although revised annually, lays down the guidelines for operational and other activities. Many residents are understandably frustrated in the process. Repairs have however commenced and will continue as planned.

(At this point I may just mention that the repair work done recently by an independent contractor on the stretch of Disa Road where I live, commenced and proceeded without my having any prior knowledge or information – contrary to the belief of some.)

BABOONS, PENGUINS AND CRIMINALS

The baboons still continue to cause their share of havoc – especially in cases where residents and/or visitors fail to comply with the stipulations of the relevant bylaw that only baboon proof bins are allowed to be used. In the wake of applicable fines having been determined and approved by the court, law enforcement can be expected to be stepped up.

Our penguin and cormorant colonies (at Stony Point) are growing whilst most others around the sub-continent are shrinking at an alarming rate. While this is an encouraging trend, it also creates headaches for the residents in the immediate vicinity. In an endeavour to manage and preserve the delicate ecosystem successfully, CapeNature and Sancob have taken hands with the municipality. Meanwhile the upgrading of tourist facilities at Stony Point are nearing completion.

I appeal to residents in the proximity of Stony Point and visitors alike, to exercise patience and understanding during this imminent holiday season. If and where practical problems arise, all efforts will be made to alleviate and eliminate them in due course.

Criminals at work in our area appear to be appallingly audacious. Many a burglary takes place in broad daylight. In some cases the victims themselves are partially to blame – for maybe forgetting to lock a sliding door, shut a window or remove expensive items out of sight. Our well organised neighbourhood watch system adds much value to the efforts that are aimed at reducing crime levels. I herewith extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to each and every person who is willing and available to perform this thankless but

absolutely indispensable duty. At the same time I would like to encourage many more residents to volunteer and join this essential and worthy cause.

In conclusion: granted, there are many faults and glaring defects all around us for which we readily and maybe logically hold council and the municipality responsible and accountable. They cannot be denied and must certainly be addressed. But as we enter another Christmas season during which many of us will hopefully share time and enjoyment with family and friends, I want to appeal to you to lift your eyes and look beyond the immediate: let the fynbos-scattered mountain slopes, the breathtaking clouds, the ever-changing ocean and the far horizons beyond it add unexpected and rewarding value to your holiday season...

I wish each and everyone all the best and brightest for Christmas and the New Year.

May God bless you all richly.

Lisel Krige (ward councillor).

Lakeside Chapel Appoints New Pastor

A new pastor has been appointed to serve the Lakeside Chapel in Betty's Bay. Hans van Dyk and his wife Stefné will be welcomed officially on Sunday, 1 December 2013.

Hans was also known as one of the magistrates of the Caledon court which serves the greater Hangklip area. He and Stefné (who is well known in music circles), settled in Betty's Bay at the end of last year. *See photo on our webpage. –Ed.*

Hans received his theological training at the DRC seminary at Stellenbosch. He has had pastoral and ministerial experience in quite a few towns in which they have lived in the Overberg and further afield. Stefné has a passion for music education, especially amongst the youth and disadvantaged and is currently involved in projects in the area.

The Lakeside Chapel in Betty's Bay provides undenominational Christian fellowship in the Hangklip area for families and individuals from different backgrounds who seek to serve Jesus Christ and one another.

George Green

Betty's Bay - A Conservancy Village

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association extends a hearty welcome to you and your family. We hope you will share in our pride in this wonderful area; our coast line, the mountains, the vlei areas, the fauna and especially our unique Fynbos flora.

Some facts about our area:

Betty's Bay is situated within the buffer/transitional zone of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve and it is important to think of the Biosphere as not only a floral kingdom, but to take into account the entire ecosystem. The Kogelberg area was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and Betty's Bay was awarded Conservancy status.

Visitors continue to visit our area because of the beautiful Fynbos, beaches and the peace and quiet. However, so many fail to endeavour to abide by the simple rules of keeping our area clear of litter and adhering to the simple rules and regulations that exist.

Roads

This year we have experienced extremely heavy rains and unfortunately many of our roads have been affected. We would request all our visitors and community to please drive carefully, the municipality is really trying their best to correct the situation.

We would like to take this opportunity of offering some hints on the preservation of this paradise.

- **Litter, Waste And Recycling**

We have an active recycling programme. Please recycle where ever possible. The white plastic bags are for recycling - glass bottles, paper, plastic and cans. We do have special containers for glass and paper situated at the Waste Station next to the Municipal Offices (opposite the Library) on Clarence Drive, Betty's Bay.

- **Black bags** are to be placed in the baboon proof bins provided on the property. These containers should be placed outside the property on Mondays for collection by the Municipality. Please do not place the black refuse bags outside the property – should there be no baboon proof bins provided it would be appreciated if the bags could be placed in the cage provided at the Waste Station.

Over the Christmas holiday season refuse will be removed as normal on a Monday, however, there will be municipal vehicles travelling around during the week, except on Public Holidays, to remove refuse placed in the baboon proof bins outside the property. Should a Monday be a public holiday the refuse will be collected the following day. Kindly take any refuse bags that have not been collected to the container provided at the Waste Station opposite the Library at the Municipal Offices in Clarence Drive, this will prevent dogs, mongoose and baboons ripping the bags open and littering the area.

- **Pumping of Tanks**

Remember December/January are very busy months with many holiday makers visiting Betty's Bay, therefore please ensure that you make timeous arrangements to have your tank pumped – **please do not leave it until the last minute.**

- **Baboons**

They will try to enter a house if they see or smell food inside. Please keep all doors and windows closed if nobody is at home. Note that it is illegal to feed the baboons, harm or shoot them.

- **Pets**

Leashes are compulsory when taking dogs for walks, even on the beaches. Please ensure that your pets do not constitute a nuisance or danger to fellow residents, birds and our precious wild life. When walking your dogs it would be appreciated if you would pick up the faecies.

- **Fires**

Fires can be a major hazard in our area – Fynbos burns very quickly. We ask that you exercise extreme caution when setting and lighting fires and to avoid doing so at all times when the wind is strong. Please be extra careful to extinguish the fire COMPLETELY and not to let it die down on its own, as the slightest bit of wind can cause a fire. Under no circumstances must hot coals be dumped in the bushes,

this has been the cause of many fires in Betty's Bay.

- **Fireworks**

NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED. Please do not discharge any fireworks or crackers in Betty's Bay. The unlawful discharge of fireworks is not only a fire hazard to the summer Fynbos but also affects animals and annoys your neighbours.

- **Water**

Please use water sparingly as this is a very precious source in the Western Cape.

- **Lights**

Lights are a pollutant, negatively affecting not only your neighbourhood but also the fauna. Outside lights should not be left on all night. Relax and enjoy the stars!!

- **Noise**

You have come to Betty's Bay for the peace and quiet. Please respect this. Sound systems should be for your ears only!!

- **Speeding**

Many visitors to Betty's Bay, especially the youngsters, are often seen spinning their cars around corners on the sand roads. This is not only extremely dangerous but also aggravates the conditions of the roads, especially after heavy rains. We also request parents not to allow young children to drive – we know that the roads are quiet, but this is all the more reason why youngsters ride their bicycles, skate board or play games in the roads.

- **Sand Dunes**

Please help to protect our sand dunes by adhering to the path ways and not creating new paths every time you visit the beach. Please do not interfere with the natural growth on the dunes. Sand boarding can be enjoyed on the dunes in Silver-sands.

- **Oyster Catchers And Bird Life**

We request visitors to please not interfere with the rare Oyster Catchers during breeding season. Areas have been demarcated where there are nests. Please keep children and dogs away.

We would also request you to please respect other people's properties, we have chosen not to have fences but that does not give anyone the right to walk through our properties.

We sincerely trust that you will help to keep Betty's Bay the lovely, peaceful village that keeps bringing you back to visit us.

Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch

Security Precautionary Measures.

As we approach the festive season and the annual influx of visitors, all residents/visitors are urged to be extra alert and vigilant especially as holiday makers can be expected to be overly relaxed and sometimes careless in securing their belongings against thieves and burglars. This can provide criminals with an open invitation to commit thefts. Precautions that can be taken to eliminate such temptations are basic and if universally applied could

materially reduce losses by theft and burglary.

Due to a significant number of housebreakings and theft even when owners were in residence, it is considered essential that homeowners be cautioned to take appropriate steps to protect themselves against any criminal activity. To achieve this we need to prevail upon homeowners to assist the Neighbourhood Watch by being our 'watchdogs' at all times. To achieve this we all need to:

- Keep a list of emergency numbers prominently displayed at or near the telephone. An Emergency Contact list is published monthly in the Buzz;
- Never open a door to an unexpected visitor;
- Avoid walking alone, particularly in isolated places;
- Arrange with reliable neighbours for reciprocal surveillance when away from home for any length of time;
- Leave interior lights on when away somewhere at night. As our areas do not have street lights we need to take special precautions as criminal elements are easily able to remain concealed;
- Ensure that residences are easily approachable and free from concealed means such as shrubbery and trees;
- Consider the installation of movement sensor activated lights at front and back doors;
- A watch dog is a good early warning system especially if kept close to the owner or inside the house;
- Be familiar with your environment. Be constantly on the look-out for suspicious looking characters or vehicles and do not hesitate to report them to the SAPS and/or the NW;
- Ensure that Erf numbers are clearly and prominently displayed for emergency purposes;
- Ensure that all windows can be properly locked and are burglar proofed. This will also prevent invasion by baboons;
- Never sleep with windows open unless burglar proofing is fitted, even in upper storey rooms where a window is situated near a drainpipe;
- Ensure that external doors are fitted with adequate locks;
- Never leave door keys hanging in the door;
- Don't leave spare keys lying around in your house. Place them in a safe place;
- Firearm owners must ensure that their firearms are kept safe at all times. Firearms must always be under your direct control or locked away in a firearm safe;
- Never leave ladders, axes and spades outside. These are potential housebreaking tools and weapons;
- Ensure that an intruder detection system is connected directly to a security company providing a 24 hour service. Ensure that the system is always activated when away from home. Ensure that the system is periodically checked and maintained

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Emergency Contact Numbers

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| Overstrand Emergency | 24 Hours | 028 313 8111 |
| Fire Department | Control Room | 028 312 2400 |
| | Marlu Rust | 082 776 9287 |
| | Wendy Tawse | 082 442 8005 |
| | Fires in Reserves | 082 783 8585 |
| Police | Emergencies | 10111 |
| | Charge Office | 028 271 8219 |
| | Capt. Marthinus | 082 778 6793 |
| | Sector Policing Officer | 082 522 1831 |
| Security Providers | Safe Security | 028 272 9110 |
| | Response | 082 410 7845 |
| | ASK Security (Office) | 028 272 9500 |
| | 24 Hour Emergency | 082 951 1892 |
| | | 071 135 9029 |
| | Sandown Bay Security | 028 271 5633 |
| | | 028 271 3306 |
| | | 028 272 9575 |
| Ambulances | Provincial | 10177 |
| | ER24 | 084 124 |
| Doctors | Dr Du Plessis | 028 271 4227 |
| | Dr Van Niekerk | 028 271 4227 |
| | Dr Morkel | 028 271 4227 |
| | After Hours | 082 653 6355 |
| | Dr Greeff | 028 272 9999 |
| | After Hours | 082 659 9437 |
| | Dr Moses | 028 271 3152 |
| | After Hours | 078 417 5628 |
| Dentists | Dr Duvenhage | 028 271 3467 |
| | After Hours | 082 861 0616 |
| | Dr Engelbrecht | 028 271 3662 |
| | Dr Visser | 028 271 5321 |

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| Hospitals | Hermanus Provincial | 028 312 1166 |
| | Hermanus Medi-Clinic | 028 313 0168 |
| | Vergelegen Medi-Clinic | 021 850 9000 |
| Child Welfare | Kleinmond | 028 271 4044 |
| Veterinarian | Dr Dave | 028 271 4183 |
| | After Hours | 083 440 5191 |
| KAWS | Animal Welfare | 028 271 5004 |
| Pharmacies | Albertyn Pharmacy | 028 271 4666 |
| | After Hours | 082 927 5240 |
| | After Hours | 082 868 4267 |
| | Kleinmond Pharmacy | 028 271 3320 |
| | After Hours | 082 652 4309 |
| Optometrists | Obermeyer | 028 271 3119 |
| | Optical Eyes | 028 271 5684 |
| Municipality | Betty's Bay | 028 272 9263 |
| | Kleinmond | 028 271 8400 |
| | Fire & Water | 028 313 8111 |
| | Law Enforcement | 028 313 8111 |
| | | 028 271 8466 |
| | Traffic | 028 313 8111 |
| | Sewerage Removal | 028 271 8435 |
| | Hermanus | 028 313 8000 |
| Seawatch | Betty's Bay | 028 272 9532 |
| | Mike Tannett | 082 994 9300 |
| NSRI | Gordons Bay | 021 856 1992 |
| | Hermanus | 028 312 3180 |
| Electricity (Eskom) | Electricity | 021 859 5304 |
| | Emergencies | 08600 37 566 |
| General | Councillor Lisel Krige | 028 272 9533 |
| | Betty's Bay Post Office | 028 272 9363 |
| | Centre Shop | 028 272 9230 |
| | Penguin Place | 028 272 9257 |
| | Tourism Bureau | 028 271 5657 |
| | Fynbos Service Centre | 082 719 6200 |
| | Fire Extinguisher Service | 083 741 9914 |

and upgraded where necessary;

- When out walking always make sure that your cellphone is concealed. Never leave cellphones lying on a seat in the car;
- Be alert at all times to any strangers, perhaps disguised as workmen or vendors, who may be loitering in the neighbourhood. Also be aware of job seekers;
- Look out for suspicious vehicles that cruise the area at intervals and who may be keeping houses under observation. People and/or vehicles giving rise to suspicion should be reported to the SAPS, along with the fullest possible personal and vehicle descriptions;
- Ensure that front and back doors are not left open or unlocked;
- Keep garage doors closed and locked;
- Ensure that valuable items are not left on seats in cars parked at unprotected and isolated areas. Rather keep them locked away in the boot;
- Never leave car keys in the ignition when away from the car;
- Keep a list of the make, model and serial numbers of electrical appliances and other valuable equipment should it be required for investigation purposes.

We also need to prevail upon visitors to act responsibly when making braai fires. They should:

- **NEVER** light an outdoor fire when the weather is hot and dry and/or windy;
 - **ALWAYS** have a garden hose connected and readily available to use when holding a braai;
 - **NEVER** leave the fire unattended;
 - Extinguish the braai fire **COMPLETELY** after use;
 - **DO NOT** discard coals in the bushes.
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The Wind bloweth...

Summer at last! November – and the year is almost over – again. Turkeys of the frozen variety huddle together with Pekin ducks in the freezers of supermarkets. Why do traditionalists clamour for these unfortunate fowls (at an exorbitant price) while their feathered counterparts roam freely and scratch holes in the gardens we laboured so hard to protect against the ravages of winter? Probably the only reason against including a francolin or two on our Christmas menu is that they are protected. Or too cute and friendly. Or too darned hard to catch? And anyway... oh yes - someone else plucked the turkey.

Christmas is approaching... seemingly breaking the speed limit en route. One of our grandchildren, saving to buy the complete set of Enid Blyton's Famous Five books, is very busy creating gifts suitable for Granny to buy for her friends. So far we have purchased a bottle of mint and chocolate confectionary at a price other kids dream of (her savings are only half way to reaching their goal) and the books will only be reserved for her until December.

A sweet tooth is necessary to enjoy these little masterpieces, so let me know if you qualify...

Our German (Swallow) neighbours arrived recently, and yours truly has been invited to spend a morning across the road next week, to be taught how to produce Christmas angels from different varieties of Pasta. It is questionable whether the Italians had Christmas tree decorations in mind when producing the different varieties, but these little members of Pasta Grande heaven just ooze charm and character. Who wouldn't, with hair by Vermicelli, an outfit by Pennoni and Macaroni, and wings by Farfalloni? The heads are wooden beads, and mine have smiley faces... cool, man!

It's almost time to erect the tree (the top of ours wobbles a bit, but the kids still love to decorate it) and time to give them carte blanche as to what goes where. And we have to remember whose turn it is to attach the cute little angel figure to the top... The sooner the better. They've been begging for weeks to spend another weekend with us... let's kill all the pre-Christmas birds with one stone. Excluding a turkey and francolin, that is. But seriously, don't the Christmas decorations in shops rekindle some of the excitement we experienced in our childhood when schools closed, lights went on in shops and they played Christmas carols as we tried to decide upon yet another brooch to give our Granny (who already had a fair collection from previous years and, bless her, was still wearing them.) The budget was always tight, but that was half the fun.

Our Grandmother was of the Victorian English variety, a wizard in the kitchen who produced Christmas cakes and pies par excellence, perfect shortbread, trifles to die for and wonderful surprises attached to the huge Christmas tree. Her pantry was always packed with exciting treats which mounted on the shelves as Christmas day approached. My grandparents had a total of seven grandchildren, and made sure that our Christmas memories would last a lifetime. They both sang in the Anglican choir, so seasonal carols were played in their home weeks before the big day arrived.

Jesus bade us remember Him through the Last Supper, His death and resurrection, and not celebrating His birth at a time that is not accurate, but He must love the way families make a special effort to get together at this time, and (hopefully) spare a thought for those whose Christmas will not be joyful. The rain of these past few days will have caused more hardship to people who had very little to start with, and their Christmas day will be just another struggle to make ends meet, and survive. Jesus also said that "the poor will be always with us," couldn't, or rather shouldn't we make an effort to give some of our Christmas fare to allow others to experience the joy of the season of giving?

It has been wonderful to see how generously residents and visitors alike fill takeaway containers and donate part of their Christmas dinner to the poor and needy in our area, and deliver them to pickup points from which they are distributed. The number of meals increases annually, and we thank all who respond so willingly. And those who give of their time to collect and personally hand out the meals...

Bless you. You may say: "Why bother about it now?" Well, why not? Yes, there is still time before Christmas, but have you noticed how time flies? Let's make provision now... before prices rise and double at the Spar, and we have to consider chasing the francolin after all...?

Beverley Green

Encroaching Dunes Update—Nov2013

The following letter is written by one of the affected residents of Nerine Crescent. It has been sent to the local authorities on behalf of an action group seeking resolution to their problems.

Good Day

I am writing to you on behalf of a Committee appointed by a group of property owners in Nerine Crescent, Morea Road and Nivenia Road near the Main Beach in Betty's Bay. I am sure that you are all well aware of the problems experienced in recent times with sand encroachment from the Betty's Bay Main Beach onto properties in these streets and also onto the streets and the road reserves. Refer to the attached photographs taken during March 2012 and March 2013. The Committee has the support of 16 owners of properties in these streets.

Dialogue between property owners and Overstrand Municipality has been hampered in the recent past by the Court application brought by a group of property owners against the Municipality to keep Nerine Crescent and the road reserve clear of sand. This Court case has now been concluded with the Court ruling against the Applicants and leave to appeal being denied. The Committee now wish to, in terms of the mandate (included below) given to us by the group of property owners, establish a dialogue with the local authorities (Municipality and the Province) on the way forward in jointly addressing the sand encroachment problem at Main Beach Betty's Bay.

Please indicate by return mail if you would be willing to attend, or send a representative of your organisation to, a meeting at Betty's Bay to discuss this issue. We, the rate payers of this area, appeal to you our Local Government, to work with us on managing this problem, which is not of our making and which we cannot manage on our own. We have the full support of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association (BBRA) and a representative of the BBRA will join us for the proposed meeting.

Please feel free to forward this mail to other organisations that you feel could also make a contribution as the proposed meeting.

Mandate of the Committee:

We, a group of owners of properties being threatened or effected by drift sand in the vicinity of Nerine Crescent and Morea Road near Main Beach in Betty's Bay, hereby nominate Ron Whytock, Gottlieb van der Merwe and Belius Potgieter to on our behalf approach the local Council, officials of the Overstrand Municipality, the Province and political parties as may be appropriate, with the following mandate:

1. To request the Council and/or the Province to take measures to effectively control sand encroachment on to our roads and road reserves to provide uninterrupted access for normal sedan vehicles to our properties and to allow normal access to our Services (water, electricity and sewage).
2. To request the Council and/or the Province to take measures to effectively stabilise the dunes to the seaward side of Nerine Crescent and Morea Road to prevent sand movement onto the road and our properties.
3. To work with the Council in exploring possible measures to achieve the above.

4. To monitor progress in the implementation of measures proposed with officials of the Municipality or the Province.

The following is specifically excluded from the mandate:

1. The approval by the delegation of any measures proposed by the Municipality, as the nominees are not technically qualified to do so.
2. Agreement on behalf of the Group to any proposals that may have a financial impact or obligation on property owners.

Kind Regards

Gottlieb van der Merwe

Friends of the Library / Vriende van die Biblioteek

Library hours: Mon to Fri 9h00 – 16h00

2013 is quickly coming to a close. Looking back over the year, we hope that you enjoyed a successful & purposeful year. We look forward to yet another year.

May we wish you a Peaceful & Blessed Christmas with your family and friends.

May 2014 inspire you to great & precious things for yourself & others!

Join the Friends of the Library / Sluit aan by die Vriende van die Biblioteek

Your ideas, suggestions & talents make this organization a successful group of people coming together, sharing ideas and offering cheerful fellowship. We support the Library & librarian by helping to maintain an efficient service to the community.

Annual fee of R25 pp or R30 per family. This can be paid at the Library.

SALE of Books & Greeting cards: Christmas cards will be available in the Library.

Become involved with **The Local History Collection** at the Hangklip Library, Betty's Bay. If you have any articles/newspaper clippings/ photographs of the Hangklip area

(Rooiels, Pringle Bay or Betty's Bay) -- **PAST or PRESENT**, we would be very grateful to receive them to include them in this Collection; appreciation for your help & expertise too!

Do you have any past editions of the BUZZ, PRINGLE POST?

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