

**BETTYS BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION - BETTYSBAAI  
BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING**

**Minutes of the committee meeting of 29 September  
2015 at Crassula Hall**

**Present:** Rudi, Heinie, Wilna, Hilda, Adrian & Martin.

Rudi welcomed all those present and introduced Martin van Rooyen to the committee. Martin previously served on the BBRA committee and will be taking over the property portfolio.

**Apologies:** Donn

**Confirmation of Minutes:** The minutes of 25 August 2015 were confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** It was decided to deal with any relevant matters under the various portfolios.

**Correspondence:** As per the Secretaries register. Three registered letters from the Overstrand Municipality in respect of property matters were handed to Rudi.

**Finance (Adrian):** The financial statement for August 2015 was distributed. The following was noteworthy:

- 1) Crassula Hall is running at a profit at this stage of R1221-99.
- 2) The Buzz runs at a deficit of R3792-00 mainly due to a reduction in advertising.
- 3) Funds held as custodian for the DIG amount to R54150-00 and the BBRA had donated R2000-00 to this project. Acknowledged by the DIG.
- 4) Surplus of R179102-00 YTD August 2015 mainly due to funds held for the DIG and Fire Fighters donations.
- 5) The signatories for the bank account have been changed with Adrian, Rudi & Heinie now signing on the account. Any two to sign.

**Ward Committee Report Back (Rudi):**

Rudi advised that he had presented the Bettys Bay budget wish list, which had previously been supplied, to replace that received from the Overstrand Municipality which apparently

had totally ignored our input and accordingly was a “dog’s breakfast”.

A discussion took place as to the effectiveness of the Ward Committee system.

### **WCDF Report Back (Heinie):**

Heinie reported that Gawie would stand again as Chairman at the forthcoming AGM.

### **Federation Report Back (Heinie):**

Heinie reported that the meeting had been cancelled and would be replaced by one on 9 October 2015.

### **Portfolio Matters - Feed Back:**

- a) The Buzz & Web Site (Helen & Donn):** The Buzz is at the printers for the current month. Econoprint has been sold and the new owners take over on 1 October 2015. We continue to receive favourable comment about the content of these communications.
- b) Sand Dune Management, Beaches & Amenities (Hilda):** Rudi advised that he had inspected the progress of the sand dune management in Pringle Bay and was impressed with the speed with which the fore dune was forming. Payment had been made of R35,000-00 to Laurie Barwell in respect of the planning of the Bettys Bay project. Hilda advised that Leon Steyn says that the life savers equipment on beaches is not a requirement by regulation and neither do the life savers require same. The Davidskraal braai places are to stay and the notices preventing fires will be removed. We have still not had the promised report back from the Fire Department on the recent fires. The control of refuse is still a problem in respect of effective disposal in baboon prone areas. We await plans from Overstrand Municipality in respect of picnic areas.
- c) Roads & Storm Water (Wilna):** Wilna continues to bring areas of concern to the attention of the

Municipality. Recently Wheeler & Vlei roads. The disastrous state of our gravel roads is due to the poor quality of gravel used. Perhaps they should use grade five gravel and repair shorter stretches over a longer period?

**d) Property, Planning & Development (Martin):**

Martin gave a run down of what he envisages the post will entail and the difficulties experienced with dealing with the Municipality. It is all very well laying down conditions for building work but the Municipality is lax in enforcing same.

**e) Water, Waste & Sanitation (Richard):** Adrian gave a run down on the recent pipe break in Diastella Road, which through incompetence or failing to follow the rules resulted in the loader operator ripping out the main Eskom line, breaking it in two places and the whole area being without power for approximately fourteen hours. He has taken the matter up with Desmond LeKay.

**f) Fire & Emergency Services (Vacant):** Rudi reports that there is apparently a meeting of the fire services in Pringle Bay to which he has not been invited. He will take it up with Lester Smith. We need to establish the position of the Bettys Bay Voluntary Fire Fighters, who apparently have not had a meeting for more than a year.

**g) Security & CPF (Vacant):** The Buzz & our web site have published articles about the security situation. A meeting is to take place in Crassula Hall on Saturday 3 October, chaired by Rudi with an overview of neighbourhood watches by Dan Fick. This will be followed by a meeting in Kleinmond on 15 October to re-establish a CPF. Neighbourhood watches can only be established under the auspices of either the CPF or a national body such as Afriforum. Rudi outlined a plan to involve Millennium to formulate a risk management plan and has written in The Buzz and web site asking for donations and ideas. The SAPS, through various factors is not up to the task of policing our area.

**h) Crassula Hall (Heinie):** Heinie reports that he will obtain the R1500-00 owed by the Miniature Convention for hiring the Crassula Hall. He advises that he has screwed the door of the store shut after it was damaged in a break in. The microwave in the hall needs repair or replacing as it is out of action. The barge boards at the rear of the hall still have to be replaced by the Municipality. Adrian has requested renewal of our lease over Crassula Hall with Overstrand Municipality and awaits notice of the process to be followed.

**General:**

Heinie advises that he has obtained two additional advertisers for The Buzz.

Adrian advises that we must set a date for the AGM. We decided on Saturday 19 December 2015 at 10H00. Rudi to prepare a Chairman's report by 31 October 2015 and Adrian to distribute by E-Mail with the notice of the AGM and financial statement. For members without E-Mail a printed copy will be posted. Adrian is prepared to stand again as Treasurer but will relinquish the Secretaries post.

**Next meeting Tuesday 27 October 2015 @ 16H00 in Crassula Hall.**

**Chairman**

**Secretary**