

Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association

Water Working Group

Meeting Friday, April 25, 2014

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Minutes

Present

Hanre Blignaut .. hblignaut@overstrand.co.za
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1. Maintenance of Contacts between Ratepayers and OM
 - 1.1. *Immediate water loss problems to Denovan 084 782 3470 or Ricky.076 833 9579*
 - 1.2. *Piet Gous available if we want to visit the BB treatment works on 082 786 2188*
2. Revisiting of Sewer installation and upgrade plan.
 - 2.1. Transport and Treatment. SSI.
 - 2.1.1. *Hanre confirmed that this pipe line plan was still many years away and that OM was struggling to finance infrastructure projects – No Change*
 - 2.2. Capacity of Kleinmond Treatment Works
 - 2.2.1. *Stephen earlier confirmed that this was within 50% capacity and that on reaching 75% planning starts for an upgrade - No further comment required*
3. Potable Water Reticulation – Replacement of A/C program.
 - 3.1. *Program is ongoing but slow given fund problems. Hanre reported that approximately 25% of the pipe system has been replaced*
4. Leak or Break Reporting
 - 4.1. *Richard again asked for serious attention to be given to the replacement of the main feeder from the BB reservoir down to Disa Circle. This line is vulnerable and critical, a point previously agreed by Denovan and Ricky*
-This discussion was reiterated but it is not in the current phase although a lot of other main sections have been replaced and Richard asked that serious attention be given to inclusion in the next phase.
Denovan presented a pipe break report for February and March 2015. All 12 breaks were repaired either the same day or latest the next day. All breaks were in different areas.
 - 4.2. *A contract to detect leaks is in progress*
5. Use of Disakloof water directly into Network?

- 5.1. This is possible and was recommended as a standby for fire protection and that the fire protection people be made aware of this option and be given a suitable key to open the valve.*
6. Dawidskraal Pipe and Cable Crossing.
6.1. It was agreed that serious attention be given to the pipeline across the river to Otter Close as the restriction posed by the current small bore pipes is not only unsuitable for 6 houses but a fire hazard as the hydrant in Otter Close was useless during the recent fire and had it been operating correctly could perhaps have stopped the fire right there.
7. Checking of Septic tanks and soak-a-ways in sensitive areas, Bass Lake, Rondevlei and Grootwitvlei.
7.1. This program seems to have stopped and should be revisited
8. Water Quality Monitoring
8.1. Pringle treatment Works – Buffels
8.1.1. Done regularly
8.2. Disakloof
8.2.1. Not required at this point
8.3. Buffels River Estuary at Beach.
8.3.1. This has been checked usually 2 x per year. Only on 2 or 3 occasions have the readings been above limits occurring at times of lowest flow
9. Buffels Dam Capacity and Municipal policy of expansion
9.1. With the reduction in leaks reported in recent months the consumption of the dam has been sufficiently reduced to re-project the time line for the need to increase the capacity. From OM graphic projection the dam will see us through to 2030+. More leak reductions may extend this further.
- 10. Michael asked that the B&B Bucaco Sud be checked to see that a conservancy tank has been installed as required by their extension plans*

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