

Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association - **Bettysbaai Belastingbetalersvereniging**

Meeting of the Committee held at 16H00 on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at Crassula Hall.

Attendees - Adrian, Jorika, Tim, Rudi & Wilna.

- 1) Welcome - Rudi welcomed all those who attended together with Fanie Krige.
- 2) Apologies - Richard & Hilda.
- 3) Confirmation of previous minutes - Confirmed.
- 4) Additions to the agenda to be discussed under the relevant portfolio:
 - a. 4.1 Security meeting with Protection Services.
 - b. 4.2 The way forward in respect of The Buzz.
 - c. 4.3 2017/18 Budget & Five year plan.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes - To be discussed under various portfolios.
- 6) Correspondence - As per Secretary's register. Adrian has asked Heinie to check the post box weekly whilst he is away on holiday from 3 October 2016 until near month end.
- 7) Finance - Adrian
 - a. The financials for August 2016 were distributed to the Committee. No queries.
 - b. Financial position is in a healthy state at present.
 - c. Crassula Hall shows a surplus of R5789-61 YTD as at August 2016. It appears that Overstrand Municipality has only begun charging the new rental of R145-38, Vat inclusive wef 1 July 2016 although the old lease expired last year. They have also charged us R255-06, excluding Vat, being two months rental as a deposit. They have yet to charge us for the insurance on the building. Our insurance for contents cover commences on 1 September 2016 and they will charge by debit order.
 - d. A discussion took place as to the operations of our bank account with ABSA and it was decided to convert to internet banking wef 1 November 2016. Attached is the relevant resolution and covering letter setting out the details which form part of these minutes.
- 8) Ward Committee Report Back - Rudi
 - a. Ward member training took place and the first meeting mainly centred around the issue of the next budget and IDP five year plan.
 - b. Adrian enquired from Fanie who had decided on limiting the "wish list" to 10 items per Ward? Fanie advised that it was the Overstrand Municipality. Adrian then advised as follows:
 - i. The BBRA had canvassed their members and had drawn up a comprehensive list of 10 items needing attention and incorporation in the IDP. We are not happy that all could not be included and gave our list to Fanie to take up the matter with the authorities.
 - ii. The current limitation of items ignores the wishes of the property owners and as such amounts to censorship and makes a mockery of the consultation process.

- iii. Additionally we feel that the current combined list from the Ward is skewed in favour of the less advantaged which impacts on the needs of the ratepayers of Bettys Bay.
- iv. An examination of this list reveals some concerning items i.e.
 - 1. Plans to build 100 houses in Mooiuitsig. Have the current residents of Mooiuitsig been consulted? There is little work opportunity in Bettys Bay and the proposed residents will surely not want to live so far from places of employment. These residents would then suffer much unemployment which in turn would lead to increased crime levels.
 - 2. The idea of provision of sporting facilities in Mooiuitsig is not considered a necessity. There are more pressing matters. Previous playground equipment was trashed?

9) WCDF Report – Heinie

- a. The WCDF is to hold their AGM on 11 October 2016.
- b. A positive meeting was held with the new Mayor.

10) Portfolio Matters –

- a. Web Site – Donn – Working well.
 - i. The Buzz – Vacant – A decision was taken to scrap The Buzz and incorporate into the web site taking note of the following:
 - 1. Adrian has discussed with Donn and they are working on a format to incorporate the advertisers.
 - 2. Advertisers will be contacted and the advantages pointed out to them.
 - ii. Adrian to contact Helen and get back the MS Publisher software from her.
- b. Sand Dune Management, Beaches & Amenities – Hilda.
 - i. At last the dune maintenance management plan has been approved by Province. Now the matter of moving sand back on to the beach has begun.
 - ii. Jorika stated that this exercise has created an illusion of a road on to the beach resulting in vehicles parking on the beach.
- c. Roads & Storm Water – Wilna.
 - i. Wilna had a meeting with Municipal officials with particular attention to Auxallis Road which needed urgent attention. They attended to this problem but due to the use of the incorrect material it had to be redone at a cost.
 - ii. Wilna is continuing to advise of roads needing attention and this is showing some success.
 - iii. Plateau Road has become a danger due to gradient and the resultant creation of severe wear where the gravel meets the tar.
- d. Property, Planning & Development – Vacant – Rudi reported that the court case re erf 3054 has been postponed to 29 September 2016.
 - i. Due to the fact that Martin van Rooyen has not fulfilled his obligations re our agreement on property matters his involvement is terminated.
 - ii. Overstrand Municipality advised of application to consolidate erf 2840 and 2841. Rudi has no problems.

- iii. A discussion took place around plot clearing and the stripping method employed by Municipal contractors. This has the following effect:
 - 1. Destroys all natural fynbos vegetation and then encourages alien growth particularly as the aliens are not treated with herbicide.
 - 2. Wilna stated that the requirements are that only 50% of an erf be cleared and not the entire plot. Where she sells a property she arranges clearing to an acceptable level and all estate agents should do the same.
- iv. A discussion took place about the derelict building in Delpport Road. This has been going on for years with the previous owner passing away, his son taking over and apparently with intentions of renovation. Substantial fees are due to Overstrand and they are dragging their heels about either action by the owner or forced sale.
- e. Water, Waste & Sanitation - Richard - Nothing to report in his absence.
- f. Fire & Emergency Services, Security & CPF - Jorika & Tim -
 - i. The disaster/fire plan is still awaited from Marlu. Fire plan for the whole of Overstrand received but this does not address the problem.
 - ii. Adrian was requested to distribute to members the pamphlet re the "data dot" system by E-Mail and on the web site. Not yet done.
 - iii. Jorika advises that three group ops are planned for next month and that they are having a positive effect. SAPS involvement is appreciated. Problems are as follows:
 - 1. Not enough volunteers. An open day is planned to encourage more participants.
 - 2. There is the need for more equipment i.e. camera for use during such ops and night vision equipment as well as a cell phone. Jorika will investigate but the Committee agreed in principle to this expenditure.
 - a. It was commented that insurance of this expensive equipment would be prohibitive.
 - b. Due to cost a protocol needs to be drawn up as to the handling and control of such equipment.
 - c. Jorika to investigate whether to buy a cell phone on contract or pay as you go.
 - 3. NW training by DOCS is planned to take place on either 20th or 27th October in the Crassula Hall.
 - iv. Tim advises that although SAPS advises a decrease in crime this is not so as many go unreported and therefore not counted by SAPS. Our info comes from the Security companies and Whatsapp. Of concern is the advent of violent attacks on residents.
- g. Protection Services - Adrian attended a meeting hosted by Neville Michaels re security issues and the following was discussed:
 - i. Law Enforcement has started issuing fines of R500-00 for residents not using baboon proof bins.

- ii. A discussion took place re CCTV cameras.
- iii. Adrian brought up the following issues re the Volunteer Fire Fighters:
 1. The Bettys Bay Volunteer Fire Fighters (BBVFF) are an offshoot of the BBRA but we would not interfere with operational or training issues.
 2. The BBVFF have been non functional for a long time now with no meetings, training or monthly reports to Marlu.
 3. As far as the quote for R90+ thousand goes for the supply and erection of 10 warning boards we will not fund this.
 4. Rudi and Adrian held a meeting with Marlu two months ago about his responsibilities in respect of the BBVFF. We pointed out to him the personality problems between Wendy and the rest of the crew and his need to handle this. He has done nothing to date.
 5. He was instructed by Neville Michaels to report to us re the concerns we have during the upcoming fire season and plans in place but to date has only supplied a copy of the Overstrand Fire plan which is useless.
 6. We will keep a tag on him and if he does not address the issues we will arrange a meeting between Neville Michaels, Lester Smith and Marlu.
- h. Hall – Heinie
 - i. Our claim from the IEC has been acknowledged and passed up the line. This is for the cistern damage and cleaning.
 - ii. The Craft Market has requested hire of the hall over Easter next year i.e. 18 days. We intend to charge them R800-00 per day.
 - iii. WST has requested use of the hall at 18H30 on Wednesday 26 October 2016. Sean on 062 094 6795 to be contacted by Jorika re purpose and acceptability.
- i. General -
 - i. Our AGM is to take place on Saturday 17 December 2016 at 10H00 in Crassula Hal.
 - ii. No Federation meeting as yet.
- j. Committee Meeting – 16H00 Tuesday 25 October 2016 – Crassula Hall

Chairman
Secretary