

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION HELD AT 88 CREST ROAD, PEARLY BEACH, ON FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2016 AT 10H00

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Isolde Smith for the use of her house. The meeting was then opened in prayer by Cllr Coetzee.

PRESENT : Messrs Peter Burton-Moore; Dave Kunneke;
Mike Lamb & Cllr Dudley Coetzee (ex officio)
Ms Nelia Hurter; Isolde Smith; Shirley Coetzee
& Vivienne Burton-Moore

APOLOGIES: Mr Jason Stonehewer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5 FEBRUARY 2016

Nelia enquired if Theo Coetzer was in fact the SAPS liaison person. It was confirmed that he is not. He is also no longer a member of the PBRPA committee. It was pointed out that Nico Opperman would be the contact person for this portfolio. Nelia also requested a correction to the February minutes – that they should read SAPS and not SAP, this was then corrected. Approval of the minutes were then proposed by Nelia Hurter and seconded by Isolde Smith.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Infrastructure

The municipality have responded to our request – the boardwalk was being fixed, the notice board at the drop off zone has been requested, the Stop sign has been erected in Central Street, the ablution block has been painted and the walkway has been rectified. However there are still a few outstanding issues – quite a few intersections need cleaning. Shirley requested that members take photographs of any areas which need work and forward these to Dave. The committee could speak to homeowners who were not responding to requests by the municipality to clear their properties, as the municipality is not able to carry out any work on properties where homeowners have not responded to their requests. Dave suggested an email be sent from the municipality but Cllr Coetzee confirmed that only registered letters are permitted.

Fire Hazards

Mike mentioned that Stuart Thomson would be prepared to identify properties which were a fire hazard and pass this list onto the committee. It was suggested that Stuart be encouraged to join the Ratepayers Association. There are also a number of municipal properties which present a fire hazard. Jason would be contacted re a fire break being created next to the primary dune on the seafront. .

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Shirley again asked that members take photographs of problem areas

Building Plans and Developments

Nelia was not able to present a report back as the person responsible for supplying this information is away at the moment. She will do so at the next meeting.

Pearly Beach Affaire and Conservancy

Shirley read a portion from the minutes of the last Conservancy meeting with regard to their participation in the PB Affaire. The committee is concerned that the reason for us having an Affaire is social and community orientated, while the Conservancy's need is to raise funds. As Jason was not present it was decided to postpone this discussion until the next meeting. Nelia suggested that the PBRPA set a date for an Affaire in 2016 as there is much preparation involved.

Fireworks Census

Cllr Coetzee stated that there is no blanket ban on fireworks in the Overstrand area yet. However Pearly Beach is not an approved area for setting off fireworks. If any person is unhappy they should submit a letter to the municipality in their personal capacity. This letter could be sent to Dudley Coetzee in his capacity as ward councilor for ward 11 at dcoetzee@overstrand.gov.za

It was suggested that if fireworks are allowed in a controlled area it would not become a fire hazard. Some members were against fireworks because of the effect of the noise on animals. It was noted that Franskraal Ratepayers' Association has already submitted a letter to the Municipality stating that they do not want fireworks permitted in their area. The opinion of the committee members was taken and the result was tied at 4 against and 4 in favour. It was agreed that the views of all ratepayers be surveyed.

Village Green Update

Shirley stated that the clearing of the fynbos garden is out of control and that she has personally taken at least 3 bakkie loads of garden refuse to the drop-off site in Pearly Beach. There is still a great deal more to be dumped. This would be discussed with Jason. Shirley stated she is willing to assist with the removal of garden refuse from this area, but that this be limited to once or twice a month.

Cllr Coetzee advised that an amount of R15 000 00 has been allocated to the Conservancy from the Mayor's Grant In Aid Fund towards the maintenance of the Fynbos Garden.

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Finance and Membership

Peter informed the meeting that there is a balance of R3517.46 in the bank and that he has a petty cash float of R1620.90. It was suggested that he keep R500.00 as petty cash and deposit the balance into the bank account. Isolde advised that 3 membership payments have been received.

Shirley requested that Peter, Isolde and Vivienne meet to set up an invoicing system with a view to forwarding an invoice to all members with outstanding fees. This would be for the current year only. Peter advised that he has approached the new owners of The Ark to join the Association and they have expressed interest in doing so.

Matters referred by the Ward Councillor

The new property evaluation role is available and any appeals must be received by the 18 March. Nelia stated that she had been inundated with requests from property owners for evaluations as they were unhappy with the one issued by the municipality. Cllr Coetzee responded that it was not necessary for Estate Agents to issue valuations, as ratepayers who believe that their property has been incorrectly valued (when compared to other similar properties in the area) should lodge an appeal with the municipality.

Robberies/Burglaries

Mike is concerned at the recent increase in house robberies and suggested that we obtain a regular report from SAPS to be discussed at our monthly meetings. This report should also include information obtained from both SAFE and SECMA. Concern was raised that 99% of robberies are reported to the police and they are fully aware of the identity of the culprits, but no further action seems to be taken. Nelia and Cllr Coetzee would set up a meeting with the Gansbaai Station Commander to address this issue. Cllr Coetzee also suggested that a neighborhood watch system at Pearly Beach would be very effective and would be accredited by the Department of Community Safety. Nico Opperman would be requested to address our next meeting on this and other SAPS matters pertaining to Pearly Beach.

Mission Statement

Mike suggested that over the next few months each member write down what they believe the objectives of the Association are and that this be discussed with the possibility of a mission statement being approved at the next AGM. Shirley agreed that it was a good idea although she believed that the Association would need to "live up to" to any mission statement that is drafted.

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Honorary Life Membership

Mike communicated his reservations regarding the bestowing of honorary life membership of the Association. Criteria for life membership will be set at the next meeting, although there is no need to formulate this immediately as any recommendations will have to be approved at the AGM.

Business matters were concluded for the day and the next meeting was set for Friday 15 April where Isolde again offered her home as the venue. The May meeting was also confirmed for Friday 20 May, 2016, although Shirley stated the need to synchronize meetings with those dates set for the ward committee meetings. This will mean that management committee meeting dates would probably have to be adjusted in future.

Shirley thanked the committee for their attendance and once again extended the committee's thanks for the use of Isolde & Andrew's home as a venue.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

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