

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT 10h30 ON 1 SEPTEMBER, 2017 AT THE COFFEE LOUNGE, PEARLY BEACH

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer.

PRESENT : Messrs Peter Burton-Moore, Jason Stonehewer
& Alderman Dudley Coetzee, (*ex officio*)

Ms Shirley Coetzee; Isolde Smith; Nelia Hurter,
& Vivienne Burton-Moore

APOLOGIES : Mr Mike Lamb

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 2 AUGUST 2017

The previous minutes were approved. Proposed by Isolde and seconded by Peter.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Plot Clearing

Alderman Coetzee referred to the new policy for "Clearing and Maintenance of vegetation creating fire hazards" which is available for downloading on the municipal website. In this policy it clearly states that only manual plot clearing may take place on plots smaller than 1 hectare. There was an unfortunate incident where the acting fire chief gave approval for someone to clear their plot using a "bossie-slancer". This was resolved once Alderman Coetzee referred him to the above policy. A drone was used by the municipality to inspect the area around The Esplanade and letters have been sent to all home owners who need to clear their plots. It was pointed out that milkwoods can be trimmed, but only branches with a diameter of less than 20cm and a permit is required. Nelia will pass on letter re contractors to Alderman Coetzee to follow up. Jason mentioned that from a conservancy point-of-view they would only like to see aliens being removed. Alderman Coetzee will approach "Working for Coast" workers to assist with alien removal on municipal land as they have the correct equipment.

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FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Peter has paid the Tourism Levy. He has R300 in petty cash and there is over R6000 in the bank account. Isolde will investigate the cost and requirements for a liquor license which is required for the Pearly Affaire in December.

Alderman Coetzee informed the meeting that Liquor License applications have moved to the Department of Community Safety. The following are being considered;

- *Increase in the cost of a Liquor License – Alderman Coetzee is not sure if this affects an Events License*
- *The license will be valid only between 8am and 5pm. An additional after-hours license will need to be applied for.*

MEMBERSHIP

There was no change in membership from last month.

BUILDING PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Nelia presented the list for August.

Pearly Beach Resort

Erf 2228	–	New House
Erf 2470	–	Addition

Pearly Beach Village

Erf 403	–	20 Ridge Road – New House
Erf 1851	–	15 Perlemoen Street - Addition
Erf 626	–	5 Longmarket Street – Addition
Erf 397	–	19 Ridge Road – Addition

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE

Isolde stated that the potholes in Arcadia and Main need immediate attention. Shirley asked that photos be taken of any other maintenance that needs to be undertaken and she will forward these to the municipality. It was noted that the new engineer has been appointed. Shirley suggested that we allow him time adjust to his new responsibilities.

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The priority list for Dust Control measures has been forwarded to the municipality. This is as follows:

1. Protea Road from Main Road to Therondraai
2. Heide Street from Charlie van Breda Drive to Protea Road
3. Vergesig Road from Charlie van Breda Drive to Oranje Street
4. Tower Road from Vergesig Road to Ridge Road
5. Marine Road from Central Road to Crest Road
6. Beach Road from Central Road to Crest Road
7. Arc Street from Steep Street to Central Road
8. Steep Street from Central Road to Twist Street
9. The Crescent from Central Road to Central Road
10. Commercial Street from Law Street to Church Street
11. Shortmarket Street from Main Road to Commercial Street

Broadway will be dealt with separately as this road requires a different type of surfacing as it is used by heavy vehicles.

Alderman Coetzee stated that the municipality and traffic department will conduct a survey on positioning of stop signs and speed calming measures required in the village.

The broken cables and poles in Crest Street have been repaired. Peter mentioned that the boardwalks are still in need of attention. Alderman Coetzee will follow up again. The upgrading of Castle Beach in order to achieve Blue Flag status is on schedule. This will require the upgrading of the ablution facilities which will take place before the 2017 summer season.

The drop-off zone trees have been planted and each has a dripper. Peter mentioned that the moles are a problem. Isolde will obtain more information on a solar repellent which is used at the Angling Club to deter moles.

PROGRESS REPORT ON WEBSITE AND XPLORIO:

Shirley informed the meeting that migration is taking place at the moment. Both she and Nelia are very pleased with the professional attitude at Xplorio. Training will be given once migration is completed. Nelia and Shirley will be responsible to overseeing the updating of the site. The link between the Ratepayers' website and the Conservancy will remain in place, Jason advised that he will continue overseeing the updating of the Conservancy page. /4.....

The page for the Neighbourhood Watch will be added at a later stage once the website is fully operational.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT BACK:

Isolde confirmed that it is progressing well, but that the NW needs more people to patrol. More vehicles are needed on the road. The NW is working closely with the police and security companies who also have radios. Shirley asked Isolde to convey the RPA committee's thanks to the NW members. Two radios have been donated to the NW.

Alderman Coetzee briefly outlined the cause for the recent unrest in Eluxolweni and advised that it was related to housing issues. The matter is being dealt with by the municipality.

THE PEARLY AFFAIRE

The Pearly Affaire will take place on Thursday 21 December and the Christmas Carol service on Wednesday 20 December. This will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Jason informed members that the renewal of the conservancy grant for garden workers has been unsuccessful. Alderman Coetzee offered to approach the "Working for Coast" supervisor and ask for assistance twice a week to maintain the fynbos garden. The Swop- Shop is going well, but donations of items to give to the kids would be welcomed. Vivienne will attend the Conservancy Committee meeting to be held on Saturday 9 September.

The next meeting will be held at the **Coffee Lounge (new premises situated at Stasie 7 Restaurant, Law Street)** on **Thursday 12 October at 09h30**.

With no further matters to be discussed the meeting adjourned at 12h25.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE