

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT 25 CHARLIE VAN BREDA ROAD, PEARLY BEACH, ON FRIDAY 20 MAY, 2016, AT 10H00

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

PRESENT : Messrs Jason Stonehewer, Mike Lamb, Dave Kunneke & Cllr Coetzee, (*ex officio*)

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

APOLOGIES : Mr Pete Burton-Moore

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mike pointed out that the following discussion had been omitted from the April minutes. Shirley asked that this be included with the May minutes – Mike Lamb suggested that sponsors be obtained for the marine information posters displayed at various places in the village. Cllr Coetzee would refer this matter to the municipality.

It was pointed out that it is against the law to have more than two estate agents boards on a single property and for this reason law enforcement would be requested to check and a fine could be issued to offending property owners who fail to comply with the relevant bylaw.

Jason confirmed that fishing was permitted at Castle Beach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 15 APRIL 2016

With these amendments, the previous minutes were approved. Proposed by Isolde and seconded by Vivienne.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Infrastructure Update:

Dave shared an email which he had sent to the municipality outlining the various problem areas which require maintenance.

Pearly Beach Affaire:

Jason stated that the Affaire is a conflict of interest as the Conservancy would like to use this as a fund raiser and the PBRPA not. A tentative date for the Affaire would be Tuesday, 20 December. The Carol Service could take place on Thursday 22 December.

We have been offered the use of a Bedouin tent. We would however have to check that it is suitable and if so, erect permanent tent pegs on the green. Isolde stated that she cannot apply for a liquor license in her personal capacity, so would apply under the banner of the PBRPA, identifying herself as the contact person. Shirley suggested that Isolde approach Pete for the money needed to cover the cost of the licence as well as courier costs involved as soon as she is ready to make the necessary application.

Building Plans and Developments:

Nelia submitted a list of developments for the month of April 2016:

April 2016

Erf 263 – 21 Twist Street – New House

Erf 116 – 22 Broadway Street – Boundary Wall

Erf 522 – 66 Arcadia Street – No application for additions are on record according to M Crafford in the building dept.

The Ark applied for consent use to operate as a B & B. In the interim, the owners are renting out two rooms, which is permissible.

Village Green:

Jason confirmed that the lawns had been mowed and that someone will be appointed to maintain the garden at a cost of R300.00 per week. It was also noted that the septic tank needs to be pumped out. The Chairperson and Cllr Coetzee will follow up on this matter.

Fire Hazards:

Mike has met with Stuart who is prepared to serve on a committee as the "legman." He will liaise with the Fire Dept in Gansbaai in order to understand what procedures should be followed. Stuart has indicated that he would like Jason serve in an advisory capacity on the committee. Jason stated that pressure should be placed on the fire dept to carry out their duties. Stuart will report back to the PBRPA on a regular basis. It was noted that Joe Schoeman in Hermanus is responsible for bush clearing.

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Fireworks Survey:

Vivienne presented the final list of email responses including a list which had been circulated at the angling club.

Nelia asked that it be recorded that certain families had written all the names of family members on the list when in fact there was only one home owner. This would be taken into account before the list is presented to the municipality. . Cllr Coetzee responded that the matter would only receive consideration in August when a decision will be taken by the new council. He also stated that he did not believe it would be a priority. The current bylaw states that no fireworks are allowed in Pearly Beach. It is also minuted that this survey is merely an opinion poll and not a legal vote. If an area is approved for the display of fireworks, Law Enforcement, Traffic Control and the Fire Dept will be in attendance.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP:

There was nothing further to report on the status of the finances. The current bank balance stands at R4300.88

Gary Muller and family of 29 Crest Street had completed a membership form and were proposed by Nelia and seconded by Shirley. They have already paid their membership fees.

Nelia requested Isolde to email the current membership list to her so she could scrutinize and update it for her records. Pete would follow up with the new owners of The Ark regarding their membership application.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

The Chairperson stated that she had received a complaint about speeding at the intersection of Arcadia and Camp roads and that Ivy Hartman together with another resident had requested a traffic calming zone. Both residents had been advised that it would not be possible to erect such a device, but that law enforcement would be requested to monitor the violating of traffic laws in the village. The matter had been discussed at length with Cllr Coetzee who would approach the relevant authorities in this regard. Shirley warned the committee to carry their driver's licences when travelling around the village, to respect all traffic laws and that use of cell phones while driving be discouraged as failure to comply could result in a heavy fine being issued if Law Enforcement is active in Pearly Beach.

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CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Jason advised that a nature club has been initiated in Eluxoiweni. There would be two meetings per month and that speakers from various organizations such as Grootbos and the municipality had been invited to participate.

He also mentioned the following was being undertaken by the Conservancy:

- Volunteer hacking parties would be organized to clear the greenbelt.

- Caracal boards to be erected. Shirley asked if photographs could be forwarded to her to include in the newsletter and also to be posted on the Conservancy's webpage.

- Dave asked if there was a way the drop off zone could be disguised by the planting of trees in front of the fence. Cllr Coetzee responded that trees had already been planted in this area, but that they just needed time to grow.

SPECIAL ADDRESS BY NICO OPPERMAN REGARDING SAPS LIAISON

Nico was then invited to address the committee. A copy of the crime statistics was circulated to each member. Alarmingly Pearly Beach represented 45% of the total crime in the area. Nico advised that most of the crime in Pearly Beach is organized from Gansbaai. Unfortunately the police station in Gansbaai is under-staffed and under-resourced. He again stated that a new cluster commander has been appointed in Hermanus and is making changes. 10 trainees will be deployed in October 2016. From October three vehicles should be available for policing the area. He suggested that pressure be placed on the police to have a contact point in Pearly Beach. The viability of a neighborhood watch was discussed at length. Jason stated that we would need 1 or 2 people to drive this initiative. Cllr Coetzee suggested a circular be sent out to the Pearly Beach residents (reflected on the current database) stressing the need for all home owners to join and contribute in some way. Mike suggested including homeowners in Eluxolweni as well.

GENERAL

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was then closed at 12h10.

The next management committee will take place on Friday, 1 July 2016 at Pearly Shells Guesthouse, Crest Road, Pearly Beach at 9.30 am. This will take the form of a breakfast meeting.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

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