



HANGKLIP- KLEINMOND ADMINISTRATION

WARD 10

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AND PUBLIC WARD COMMITTEE MEETING FOR WARD 10 HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023, IN THE PRINGLE BAY HALL, PRINGLE BAY, AT 17:00. PUBLIC MEEETING COMMENCED AT 18:00.

NOTULE VAN DIE GEWONE EN PUBLIEKE WYKSKOMITTEEVERGADERING VIR WYK 10 GEHOU OP DINSDAG, 18 JULIE 2023 IN DIE PRINGLE BAAI SAAL, PRINGLE BAAI, OM 17:00. PUBLIEKE VERGADERING HET BEGIN OM 18:00.

Councillor-Ward 10	Cllr Stephen Williams	Chairperson
Ward Committee Members	Mr Bangikhaya Mantshinga	Backyard Dwellers' Association
	Ms Anuta Scholtz	Rooiels Ratepayers' Association
	Mr Wayne Jackson	Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety
	Ms Elmarie Strydom	Pringle Bay Ratepayers' Association
	Ms Karon Scholefield	Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association
	Mr Pierre Neethling	Resident of Rooiels
	Mr.Thobekile Koti	Overhills
	Mr.Barry De Klerk	Pringle Bay Rewilding
	Mr Amund Beneke	Sunny Seas
New Member	None	
Municipal officials	Ms B Plaatjies	Acting Senior Manager: Kleinmond Administration
	Mr D van Rhodie	Senior Manager: Operational Services
	Ms S Lukas	Admin Support
	Ms L de Villiers	Senior Manager: Environmental Services
	Ms J Hendricks	Special Projects: Environmental Services
Apologies	Cllr Theresa Els	Ward 10 Councilor
	Ms Delia April-Endley	Mooiuitsig Betty's Bay
Absent	None	
Public	45	

1.	<u>WELCOME</u>	ACTION & TARGET DATES
	Cllr Williams welcomed everyone present and opened with a moment of silence for prayer. Ms Plaatjies read the notice of the meeting.	Noted
2.	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	
	Apologies: An apology was received from Ms Delia April-Endley and Cllr Theresa Els.	Noted
3.	<u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE WARD COUNCILLOR & AREA MANAGER</u>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that item 6 on the agenda would be moved to the 1 st item of discussion to accommodate colleagues who had other commitments to attend.	Noted
4.	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 16 MAY 2023</u>	
	Concerns were raised by ward committee members about the incorrect scheduled time they received for the evening's meeting as well as the contents of the minutes. The chairperson apologised for the confusion and recommended that members in future only refer to the notice as set timeframe. The minutes were not accepted as it was stated by members that it was not a true reflection of the previous meeting. Members requested that the minutes be redone and distributed within an earlier timeframe for ward committee meetings. The Chairperson assured the meeting that the Administration would make the appropriate changes and distribute timeously. Ms Plaatjies responded that the request for the minutes to be received within the recommended time was reachable and reported that the amended and new minutes would be distributed as soon as the administration rectified the current document.	Ms Plaatjies
5.	<u>BABOON MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</u>	
	<u>New Baboon management system</u>	
	<p>Liezl de Villiers, Senior Manager: Environmental Services introduced herself and colleague Jill Hendricks, Project Manager for the Baboon Project. She informed that this project had been in existence in Overstrand wide since 2019. She further informed that the project had been on tender from 2020 until the end of June 2023 with service provider HWS which serviced Pringle Bay, Bettys Bay and Kleinmond. This was referred to as the Western region. Ms de Villiers informed that within the western and Eastern region there were both 4 troops. She reported that the Strategic Development plan which was how the tender was structured required the Municipality to obtain an assignment from Province to legally manage baboons and provided the background on how this plan was constituted. An assignment was obtained from Province from 2019 until end of December 2024. She indicated that when the contract with HWS ended a new tender was required and reported the following tender specifications challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenderers required for the two areas, east and west. • Troops were completely different. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different management styles were required. • Application of a virtual fence was only effective in the east due to town structure, characteristics of baboon and people. • Adaptive management techniques were required in the West and a suitable methodology required, within alignment of strategic development plan to keep baboons out of urban area. <p>She reported that the tender specifications were not met and urgent decision making was required to further manage the baboons. She stated that with the available budget the process in the east was continued as it was. In the west rangers were appointed to herd baboons out of the urban areas using paint ball markers. The objective was still to minimise incidents and keep baboons out of the urban areas. The Eco rangers were appointed in the west for Pringle Bay and Bettys Bay troops and the safety of the animals and the environment were of importance. With the constraint of the budget in consideration the early warning system was implemented to assist in managing troops in residential areas.</p> <p>Ms de Villiers reported that the assignment would be lapsing at the end of December 2024 and no council resolution had been made yet on how the process would continue. She requested patience with the process and indicated that the main objective would be the success of minimising the impact on the animals.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>Early Warning system-approval for notice</u></p>	
	<p>Ms Hendricks reported on the Eco Rangers in Bettys Bay and Pringle Bay. She informed that the rangers recently did an audit on public bins to establish what attracted the baboons. According to the information gathered, it was established that waste management was playing a big role. Warning notices were issued to household without animal proof bins and owners who had fruit trees and veggie gardens to inform them of the challenges these presented with regards to managing the baboons. She reported that this process worked well and educational packages were distributed to households in Bettys Bay and Pringle Bay with articles on these issues. It was also presented on social media and the municipal bulletin to keep residents informed of the challenges with baboon management.</p> <p>Ms Hendricks informed the meeting that an early warning system were implemented and it was advertised on social media to inform residents how it would be operated. The early warning signs included the echo rangers using vuvuzelas and whistles to warn residents when troops were in their areas to close windows and doors. She informed that a team of 32 members were in field in the Betty’s Bay and Pringle Bay region working two shifts from 7h00 to 18h00. She informed that in future the Municipality would be running a hotline which would be advertised as soon as it was established. She stated that currently the rangers had Overstrand yellow reflector jackets and id cards as identifiable indicators.</p> <p>Ms De Villiers informed that the main objective for the rangers would be to herd troops around the urban areas to steer them away from the residential areas. She raised concern about residents who indicated that they would not allow rangers on their properties. She urged residents to work with the Municipality and allow rangers to assist where there were troops on the property. Ward Committee members indicated this resulted from concerns with</p>	

	<p>HWS with whom they unfortunately did not have positive dealings. They suggested that the list of homeowners who were opposed, be revisited. Ms de Villiers informed that thorough discussions with the rangers would follow to ensure they are familiar with their mandates and job descriptions.</p> <p>Ms Hendricks indicated the application for the noise exemption was pending approval for the use of the vuvuzelas.</p>	Noted
6.	<u>MATTERS ARAISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>	
	<p>The Chairperson noted that as the minutes were going to be rectified, the points of matters arising would be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Concerns on the frequency of the ward committee meetings were raised by members. They indicated that it caused a delay in the feedback they required. The chairperson recommended that ward committee members continue with the addressing of issues important to their constituencies when there were no scheduled ward committee meetings and confirmed that he would provide Cllr Els with their request for special ward committee meetings upon her return.</p>	Noted
	<u>Progress: Water Pipe Replacement Project</u>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed that according to Mr Robinson, Manager: Water Infrastructure, the appointed budget for the current financial year was allocated for Overstrand Wide but that Ward 10 would be prioritised due to the need. The Chairperson continued with the following on the progress of the water pipe replacement project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty's bay-96% completed. • Kleinmond -30% completed. • Pringle bay- 98% completed. 	Noted
	<u>Progress: Wastewater Treatment Upgrade</u>	
	<p>The Chairperson explained to the meeting that the recent rain caused a delay in the progress of the wastewater treatment upgrade. He indicated that a progress report was available from the contractor and was hopeful for better progress as soon as better weather conditions allowed.</p>	Noted
	<u>Overhills Rehabilitation Stakeholder Meeting</u>	
	<p>The Chairperson corrected the item heading as "Overhills Rehabilitation Stakeholders Meeting". Mr Koti provided feedback on the previous meeting he attended. The Chairperson reported that it was decided that Mr Koti liase with the relevant stakeholders in other regions to establish a committee for this purpose. He further indicated his availability to assist Mr Koti to set up and create the committee.</p>	
	<u>Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre</u>	
	<p>Ms Plaatjies informed that the matter was discussed at council level. Mr Jackson reported that the Centre was allocated to the applicant for a three-year period and the chairperson offered assistance from the administration regarding the lease agreement should it be required.</p>	Noted

	<u>Soccer Clubhouse</u>	
	The Chairperson announced that the budget for the clubhouse was approved and allocated. Mr van Rhodie reported that the current building was derelict due to vandalism and informed with the allocated R894 000 budget the small works contractor would be used for maintenance or upgrade. Mr Van Rhodie informed that the possible commencement date would be at the beginning of September 2023. Mr Koti requested transparency from the Municipality on the work done at the clubhouse and requested that the relevant stakeholders be informed of the process. The Chairperson informed that he would facilitate this communication. Concerns were raised by the ward committee about the soccer league. The Chairperson explained that the office of Sport and Recreation would be the appropriate department to officially provide this information.	Noted
6.2	<u>PUBLIC MEETING</u>	
	<u>Progress: Water Pipe Replacement Project & Wastewater Treatment Upgrade</u>	
	The Chairperson introduced himself at the commencement of the public meeting at 18:00. He reported on the feedback received for the Water pipe replacement Project and Wastewater treatment upgrade. The Chairperson informed that both Bettys Bay and Pringle Bay were over 90 percent completed and that Kleinmond was running a bit behind on 30%. He commented further on the budget allocation of R6 million for this purpose, Overstrand Wide. The Chairperson informed that Ward 10 would be prioritised due to the high need.	Noted
	<u>Roads and Stormwater Damages</u>	
	The Chairperson reported that damages on roads and stormwater were severe for Ward 10. Mr Van Rhodie informed that an assessment was made as prescribed by the Disaster Management Department and that according to this assessment the damages amounted to approximately R25 million. The Chairperson informed that reports from all Wards in the Overstrand were submitted and approval of the request for funds from Province were awaited. He reported that confirmation of the allocation and timeframe for commencement of the repairs would be communicated as soon as the request for funding was approved and the money received from the Provincial Government.	Noted
	<u>Question Session</u>	
	The following questions and concerns were raised by the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the assessment of R25 million only for Betty's Bay or did it include Pringle Bay? • Concern about the cause of the road, stormwater and drainage problems. • Mr Chris Smith indicated that masterplans were mentioned in previous financial years and not much resulted of it. • Johan Meyer raised concern about the grader operator who visible required the necessary training on how to effectively grade the roads. • Mr Benecke suggested that the IDP included funding for Disaster Maintenance Projects. 	

- Concerns were raised about the lack of maintenance and the visibility of municipal officials in areas where it was unknown to the residents their specific purpose.
- Mr Siebertsen raised concern about the manner in which roads were graded and mentioned various roads. He requested that residents be informed of what the priority roads were.
- Ms Kitshoff requested information on logging calls with the Municipality.
- Suggestions were made by the vice- chairperson of the Ratepayers Association, Mr Vorster, that a committee be established to obtain all the mentioned suggestions from the residents to prevent overloading the Operational Manager with individual suggestions.
- Concerns were raised about the structure of the Municipality which did not allow effective public service.
- Residents raised concern about the overgrown state of the Municipal Road reserve and fire risk it posed.

Answers:

- Mr Van Rhodie reported that the assessment was for the entire Kleinmond administration. He stated the importance of receiving and utilising the funding from The Provincial Government to do the necessary maintenance. He mentioned that including kerbing and increasing the size of pipes where necessary. The requested funding was based on the allocation should a contractor have been appointed. The Chairperson informed that a masterplan was discussed. He stated that this would put the Municipality in better position to maintain and fix what was required.
- The Chairperson informed that a current master plan, Overstrand Wide, would involve applying what was required per ward in the current financial with updated information. Mr Van Rhodie suggested to rather refer to the implementation plan and informed that a stormwater masterplan already existed for Pringle Bay and Bettys Bay. He further indicated that some updates to the existing master plans might be possible as there were developments since it was set in place.
- The Chairperson recommended that residents with expertise and suggestions can consult with Mr Van Rhodie, Operational Manager: Kleinmond.
- The Chairperson informed that the IDP process was already closed but that the suggestions could be presented to Cllr Els upon her return, to determine any possibility of adding items to the IDP.
- The Chairperson recommended that all complaints be reported. This would result in the reporting of complaints / works orders to be monitored. Mr van Rhodie informed that the Municipality had maintenance schedules set up with the appropriate supervisors to monitor. He also stated the current challenges with regards to the availability of resources and vehicles. He would make the schedules available for residents to be informed of work being done in certain areas.
- Mr Van Rhodie informed the meeting of the challenges within the current financial constraints, he also mentioned that the Municipality had a shortage of material and only had one grader available because of a mechanical breakdown of the other grader.
- The Chairperson informed that a works order with a reference number

	<p>could be obtained by calling the Municipal operational helpdesk. He further informed that the Collaborator App be downloaded for logging calls. Mr van Rhodie explained the difference between a collaborator reference number and a works order number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson agreed with the proposal for a committee. He recommended that Cllr Els be included before the establishment of any new committees. Mr van Rhodie added the importance of consideration of the budget before any suggestions were made. • The Chairperson agreed about the structure and the constraints it caused and informed that the Municipality were currently in a restructuring process. • The Chairperson informed the meeting that the clearing of open spaces was listed on the agenda for discussion. He raised his own concern that there were residents preventing Municipal officials from cutting the vergers. He stated the conflict in the area with some residents not allowing the Municipality to execute their mandate. It was concluded by the meeting that the number of residents opposed to the clearing were minimal and the Municipality would have further discussions with them. 	Noted
7.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	
	The next meeting would be communicated.	Noted
8.	<u>CLOSURE</u>	
	The meeting closed at 19h00	Noted