

Minutes of the telephonic meeting of
Noetzie Conservancy Owners Association

Held at
17h30 on
Thursday 9 February 2010.

Present

Nick Taylor - Chairman **NT**
Cathy Shimmin - Treasurer **CS**
Julie Gosling **JG**
Santi Den Boestert - Conservancy **SdB**
Wendy Dewberry - Secretary **WD**
Eion Brown **EB**

Apologies

Penny Suckling **PS**
Carl Metelerkamp **CM**

1. WELCOME

NT Chairman welcomed the members to the 1st telephonic meeting of the 2010 Committee. The following Office bearers were elected for 2010:

Chairman - Nick Taylor
Treasurer - Cathy Shimmin
Secretary - Wendy Dewberry
Conservancy - Santi Den Boestert
Municipal Liaison - Julie Gosling
Newsletter - Wendy Dewberry

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.2. Minutes of AGM

Minutes of AGM held at Noetzie December 2009 - will be discussed when available from Cathy Suckling.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Building and Development

3.1.1. Car park Development

INFILL OBJECTION by NCOA (now referred to as HEADLAND DEVELOPMENT)

EB reported that Simon Nicks suggested that the NCOA only submit information at our disposal when necessary.

The animal movement, which would be blocked with the proposed development, is a main concern, should the existing plots of the Noetzie Township be developed. The balance of items should be for personal input.

JG confirmed that Pezula Homeowners have been given I & AP status and

extension for comment.

CS said that Tim Everett timnik@iafrica.com has valuable input. **EB** to follow it up. **CS** urges all people to submit responses - some people she has spoken with report that they are not submitting again as no changes were made from last comments submitted.

EB replied that option "5" in the document is a response, but agreed that comments from I&AP were answered in a poor manner - specifically that other reports have no updates, and only one diagram in the report pertains to the new option "5". Nowhere is it stated that the Developer wants option 4.

JG proposes that the NCOA committee send legal representative Elbie Burger's Pezula Homeowners Response Doc to all NCOA members for their use and interest. **CS** agrees.

EB: NCOA commissioned Simon Nicks for that purpose, and the doc belongs to PHO. **JG** informed committee that she commissioned Elbie in her private capacity, which she shared with PHO. Therefore NCOA has the right to use the document.

WD to forward the doc to NCOA members.

EB suggested that we urge members to respond as I&AP - even if it is with the comment "we support the NCOA document." and to add our own personal response issues. Otherwise use Simon Nicks' report. All agree. **WD** to circulate to NCOA. Document comments from I&AP get sent to Pieter Badenhorst pbps@iafrica.com, who then compiles response and submits that to DEA& DP

3.2. Conservancy

3.3. Finance and Managerial

3.3.1. Payment of Accounts

EB reported that Simon Nicks' invoice stands at R25 241.00 for the Headland Development Professional Services

JG suggested a pledge fund, as suggested by Carl in his term of Chairmanship - and this should also be included in the newsletter.

CS appeals to all to insist on quotes in future, and that the NCOA will pay Simon out of NCOA Savings Account.

3.3.2. Signing of Audit

It was agreed that the Audit will be signed by our present Chairman - Nick Taylor

CS said that Mr Neil Metelerkamp had picked out a number of issues in the audit which need to be addressed and amended - an example mentioned was the post box for the NCOA, which he discovered was being paid for by a NCOA member (Julie).

Neil requests better record of Minutes.

The current committee must decide where they will be lodged.

CS includes that we need to decide how we will treat people who pay more than they are required to.

We need to come across as a professional organisation.

CS will arrange the next steps of this issue and put it on the agenda for the following meeting.

3.4. Municipal

3.4.1. Illegal Trading at Montrose

NT asked what the issues at hand were presently regarding liquor licence application by Pezula.

EB stated that SAP closed Montrose.

The NCOA decided to contact the Knysna Magistrate and apply to be an I&AP in this regard, since Montrose is operating illegally. Since an application by Pezula for a liquor licence must be advertised, we will be aware of any movement, but Mike Maughan-Brown of KM is dealing with the issues.

CS elected to talk to Cath Suckling in this regard of the confrontation between her and Pezula drivers and SAP.

EB voiced concern that the issue will slip through while we wait.

JG will find out the status from the Municipality and report back to NCOA Committee. **JG** reports that PHO are also up in arms about the illegal trading in terms of the shuttle through the estate.

3.4.2 Boom

Currently, **JG** pays Xolile, the current man on the gate, a stipend of R300 per week. **CS** has put R5000 of the budget aside for a security company to occupy the car park over holiday seasons.

JG to investigate costs for this from Allsound Security Co in Knysna

CS mentioned that some NCOA members offered finances to help in this regard. **JG** suggested we put this in the newsletter.

3.4.3 Weddings on the Beach

JG says that the NCOA should approach the KM to discuss the issue, since there are nearly always problems with non-compliance, even when strict guidelines are given with the permissions.

It is suggested that **JG** go to SANParks with photographic evidence.

SdB offered to arrange a meeting with the Municipality - Kate Southey.

CS suggested that we ask that if they insist on granting permissions, that we insist that they send a monitor with each approval which may deter their permissions.

4. GENERAL

4.1. History of Knoetzie

CS said that Chris Everett, who has vanity-published a family Noetzie history book for private distribution only, has offered to edit a similar broad scope book of Noetzie History which could be published on demand.

JG recommended that the NCOA endorse it.

WD to write a letter to Chris telling him that the NCOA says he should go ahead. It was decided to call for submissions and stimulate interest via the

newsletter and website. Also, that he should write a covering article for the newsletter.

5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

SdB reports that Chris Gower went onto the Noetzie website to read the Infill document and that the only legible comments were those of Pezula. ALL the I&AP comments were inscrutable.

SdB reports that the Knysna Environment Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 11 Feb and she will be attending and report back to the committee.

EB said that pg 576, Item no. 3 of the scoping report has an issue the NCOA should discuss - not for the submission doc.

IT READS, under a heading Appendix 4: Response to Comments for I&AP's
(BY P. Badenhorst)

The fact that Noetzie is not currently without blemish is no reason to develop: AGREED. However, without finances, repair and remediation is highly unlikely to occur. Mentis (2006) makes the point that Noetzie will be converted to "playgrounds for the rich". It is not the place of this author to comment on the social nature of Noetzie. However, the fact that Noetzie is not currently without blemish, I suspect due to individual landowners with no single developer from whom the financial commitment for repair and remediation can be demanded. I have seen many residential areas that are in a bad state (vegetation wise) because it is not possible to hold several individual landowners responsible for the degradation. At least a single developer can more singly be held accountable?

CHAIRMAN CLOSED.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 4 March 5.30 pm\

Approved as a true reflection of the meeting:



N. C. Taylor
Chairman