

Minutes of Noetzie Roundtable discussion held on 23 January 2008 in the
Municipal Committee Room

Attendance: [Attendance Register attached]

Council

Executive Mayor: Cllr Eleanor Bouw-Spies
Cllr Andrew Finn
Johnny Douglas [Municipal Manager]
Ed Hill [Chief: Town Planner]
Reginald Smit [Director: Corporate Services]
Lauren Waring [Director: Community Services]

Pezula

Keith Stewart
Marius Botha
Peter Rimbault

NCOA

Julie Gosling
C Metelerkamp
E Brown

1. Opening and Welcoming
Executive Mayor: Eleanor Bouw-Spies
 - 1.1 Purpose of the meeting
 - To resolve the issues between the Noetzie Residents Association and Pezula
 - Agenda was amended to include the activities at Noetzie Castle

2. Public Toilets
Chains that have been used to close off the area in the immediate vicinity of the toilets are currently making it impossible for the municipal trucks that are used to empty the sewage tanks to turn. NCOA will get the keys to the locks and remove the chains on the day that the Municipality wants to clean/empty the sewage tanks.

It was also stated that the toilets are totally inadequate and needs to be upgraded. The possibility of making the toilets enviro-friendly need to be investigated.

3. Steps to the beach

- (i). General view is that access to the steps should be accessible. Pedestrians should have access from the carpark to the steps.
- (ii). Pezula believes that the current side walks are at the right place and that it does afford pedestrians access to the steps.
- (iii). Pezula will give a servitude over their land for pedestrians to walk.
- (iv). It is has been agreed that Pezula will have the pedestrian route surveyed and designed within the next 60 days [before 30 March 2008] and submit the plans to Council.

4. Hilltop parking

NCOA maintain that the current parking should remain.

Council is of the view that the parking should be as close to the beach as possible.

Pezula is of the view that we should look at short and long term solutions, They don't have a problem, that the parking, in the short term, stays were it is but will in future revisit their opinion if and when it becomes necessary.

5. Activities at Montrose Castle

The castle is currently zoned as a residential property. Pezula was not interested in the initial zoning of the castle which was zoned as a B&B.

There was a problem with the septic tank but it is in the process of being resolved after their meeting with Mr Greg McCulloch from the Municipality. They are in the process of installing a new septic tank and the work will be finished within the next three weeks. The process will be completed by the end of February 2008.

Statements were made that the castle is being used as a restaurant and that taxi's and shuttles are transporting guest to same. It has been raised in the meeting that the Castle is being advertised on the internet as a hotel.

The Mayor said that Pezula can't use the Castle as a business and a place where they prepare and serve food if they do not possess the necessary approvals and certificates and that the zoning scheme needs to be adhered to.

6. School site
NCOA proposed that the school site be used for environmental educations and that the taking over of the school site from the Provincial Government needs to be investigated.
7. Electricity
Agreed that the provision of the buying of electricity from Pezula is a matter between the latter and the private owners and that the billing is done at Eskom rates.
8. Maintenance of the Access Road
The responsibilities are as such:

From the parking up = Knysna Municipality

From the parking down = Eden District Municipality
9. New infill project
On this project it was noted that there is an agreement between Noetzie residents and Pezula. Pezula is currently busy finalizing their application herein and did not consult NCOA. It was stated by the NCOA that their input is needed and that this has not been done.
10. Noetzie Castle
NCOA made the statement that this Castle was run as hotel. This has been denied by Pezula.

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