

Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 6 August 2009

Present

Carl Metelerkamp (chair), Julie Gosling, Santie den Boestert, Eion Brown, Rookan Podesta, Penny Suckling and Nick Taylor.

Apologies

Cathy Shimmin.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 9 July 2009

1.1 Corrections

It was pointed out that Eion Brown had been present. With this correction the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

1.2 Matters arising

1.2.1 School site

Julie reported that Sue Swain has offered to assist in motivating and lobbying the KM to hand the site over to the NCOA.

1.2.2 Noetzie infill

Eion reported that he has still not been successful in contacting Danie Swanepoel at DEADP in George.

1.2.3 Powers of the NCOA regarding building plans

Carl reported that he has been through the documents supplied by Cathy from Chris Everett but has been unable to find anything to indicate that the Transitional Local Council had formally recognized the NCOA's right to approve building plans. The fact that KM has referred building plans to the NCOA, including those of Dr Visser (see below), may be recognition of the importance of obtaining comment from the NCOA but does not confer the right on the NCOA to approve plans.

1.2.4 Traffic on the Noetzie road

It was agreed that Eden Municipality, who is doing a good job of keeping their section of the road in reasonable condition, should be approached to consider tarring the two steep sections on which wear is particularly heavy. Julie reported that KM is getting impatient with Pezula's failure to fulfill their obligation to sealing their section of the road.

1.2.5 Clearing garbage off the beach and alien plants upriver

It was agreed that excursions to undertake these tasks should be advertised in the Newsletter and organized during the Christmas season.

2 Meeting with KM

Julie had circulated minutes of a meeting on 29 July between herself, Elbie Burger and members of the KM prior to the meeting. Julie further reported that Pezula has applied for a subdivision of part of their property and that, in terms of Sec 31(1) of LUPO, the KM will hold them to all the terms of prior approvals before new subdivisions can be registered. Regarding illegal trading at Montrose, the KM regards this is a non-compliance issue and will hold a site visit in order to determine whether application for a restaurant license is warranted.

3 Proposed new house for Dr Visser

Julie reported having written to the architect explaining that plans cannot be considered until details concerning the positioning of septic tanks and soakaways have been located. It was agreed that the NCOA has no objection in principle to the house, but that certain technical matters (eg the position of septic tanks and soakaways, the difficulties of excavating in that terrain, encroachment on the building line, light pollution, and conformity to colour and architectural style traditions) would require attention. It was further resolved that Nick would write to Dr

Visser's architect immediately, acknowledging receipt of the concept plans, noting the above points, and undertaking to provide more detail in a matter of weeks. Eion was requested to elaborate the current building guidelines document, in discussion with Julie, and to submit this to the Committee as soon as possible.

4 Bush clearing at Rumbelo's property

Julie reported having stopped some men clearing reeds with a chain saw outside the Rumbelo's property. Apparently Pam Golding has a key to the access road to the river properties.

5 Bollard at the bottom of the Old Wagon Road

Julie has consulted Marine and Coastal Management on the bollard, and received praise for a job well done. Thanks to Hennie den Boestert for the construction.

6 Next meeting

17h30 on Thursday 3 September