

Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 7 May 2009

Present

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

Apologies

Cathy Shimmin, Rookan Podesta, Eion Brown,

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 5 March 2009

1.1 Matters arising

1.1.1 Bins in the car park

No further developments, but it was noted that KM is responsible.

1.1.2 Beach driving

Things have been much quieter since the change in management of Don Lindsay's castle.

1.1.3 Newsletter

Contents to include:

- Chairman's Chat (Carl)
- Marine Coastal Management Act: a summary of issues affecting NCOA members (Penny)
- Garden Route National Park: overview (Santie)
- Report on Pezula Environmental Liaison Com (Julie)
- Report on river pollution (Julie)

1.1.4 Pezula Environmental Liaison Committee

Julie reported that the meeting had been postponed to the week of 11 May, and that she would be attending.

1.1.5 Powerboats on the Noetzie river

This issue was not discussed with the KM (see item 3 below). Santie agreed to take it up with the Garden Route National Parks people.

1.1.6 Urban Edge

The matter will probably be discussed in the May Council meeting.

2 Meeting with Knysna Municipality

The meeting was held on 19 March. The NCOA was represented by Carl, Julie and Santie. KM was represented by Reggie Smith, Charl Botha, Ed Hill and Niel Perring (briefly). Carl expressed a feeling of dissatisfaction with meeting as a whole, as KM does not seem to be taking NCOA concerns seriously. The following matters were discussed:

2.1 Municipal rates

KM advised us to contact the Finance Committee concerning rebates. However, Carl expressed the view that it appears that no further rebates are likely to be forthcoming, in the light of KM's imperative to maximize income.

2.2 Boardwalk

At the meeting with the Mayor and Pezula on 23 January 2009, Pezula had undertaken to upgrade the path and provide safe access to the steps. However, nothing has been done to date. Reggie Smith asked for a copy of the legal judgement which Julie had obtained on this matter. It was agreed to take legal advice on our options, including the question as to whether the NCOA or Julie should pursue the matter.

2.3 Noetzie road

The portion from the N2 to the start of Pezula is the responsibility of the Eden Municipality and Julie undertook to

approach Norman Angel about sealing at least those parts of the road which are subject to hard wear. Pezula is responsible for the portion which runs through their property to just before the car park, but they appear to have renege on their commitment to maintain this part, and KM is considering legal action. The final portion up to the car park is KM's responsibility, and they have recently graded this portion.

2.4 Illegal trading at Noetzie

Ed Hill commented that KM does write to the owners of Montrose, but it is costly to undertake legal action, and so KM is reluctant to institute proceedings, in the face of a lack of response. It was resolved to consider escalating the matter to provincial government level.

2.5 Car park

KM has placed a guard at the boom, although he receives no pay. Julie has given him a card stating that he is an official guard and that tips would be gratefully accepted.

3 Next meeting

17h15 second Thursday in June.