

Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 6 November 2008

Present

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

1. Minutes of the meeting of 2 October

1.1 Matters arising

1.1.1 Meeting with the Mayor

Julie and Penny met with Mayor Eleanore Bouw-Spies on 28 October. The NCOA team was well received by the Mayor and constructive discussions ensued. Issues discussed included:

- Pezula's obligations in terms of the Pezula Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the maintenance and upgrading of the Noetzie road. Julie reported that progress had already been achieved on this issue, graders having been busy on the road since 4 November.
- Old Wagon Road. This carries heavy traffic due to commercial activities occurring at Montrose, and is a danger to pedestrians. The Mayor is investigating taking legal advice on this matter. KM will place a uniformed gate guard at the boom over season
- Urban Edge. There is disagreement in the Council over this issue and the decision has been deferred to the November meeting. KM received a letter of objection from Pezula which Eleanor agreed to forward to NCOA - we were later informed that as the letter was a legal one it was confidential
- Boardwalk. Pezula has not commenced work, and the Mayor undertook to follow this up with Pezula.
- Electric fence on Don Lindsay's property.

1.1.2 Boardwalk

Eion still following up with the Knysna Municipality.

1.1.3 Water

Julie has spoken to Don, who appears to have dropped any plans to obtain KM water, because of cost.

1.1.4 Beach driving

Four options were discussed for controlling vehicular access to the beach:

- Boom at the bottom, below the turn shunt opposite Montrose gate.
- No entry sign at the bottom.
- No entry sign at the top.
- Instituting a permit system at the top boom.

Julie and Eion will investigate, in discussion with Neil Metelerkamp, and report back.

1.1.5 Beach weddings

The practicalities of holding weddings on the beach should be outlined and placed both on the website and in the Newsletter. The policy of the NCOA should also be outlined and explained.

1.1.6 Newsletter

Content:

- Tim and Niekie's nature article
- Discussion on the subject of beach weddings
- Feedback on meeting with Mayor
- Julie on Alan Henderson
- Reminder of subs payments

- Notice of AGM
- Wild life photos

2. Subscriptions

It was agreed to send out reminders to members who are in arrears of less than a year. Arrears of longer standing are to be written off. Statements and invoices will be distributed at the AGM. Voting cards will be distributed to those in good standing. Voting rules to be checked in the Constitution.

3. KM Rates

Prior to the revaluation of properties, the KM gave 80% rebate to Noetzie property owners. Following the revaluation, the rebate has been amended to 20%, resulting in increased charges in the order of 200%. Eion and Julie are to query this practice with KM.

4. Preparation for the AGM

Date: Tues 30 December

Time: 9h00

Venue: Julie's house

Minutes: Carl to polish and print

Agenda: The meeting will commence with a call for agenda items, and only these will be discussed
 Chairman's report
 Treasurer's report, including audit by Neil M
 Conservancy report
 Integrated zoning scheme

Invitees: Mayor and councilor Amy Matungana: Nick to do this
 Cape Nature and Parks Board: Julie?

Availability of Committee members: Carl would like to stand back because of business commitments
 Julie has completed a 3-year term, but is prepared to stand again.
 All other members are available

5. Representation on the Pezula Environmental Liaison Committee

It was agreed that Santie should attend. Jessica Hayes will inform us of the meeting details.

6. Next meeting

To be decided following election at AGM