

**Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners’  
Association  
10 July 2008**

**Present**

Nick Taylor (acting Chair), Eion Brown, Julie Gosling, Rookan Podesta, Cathy Shimmin.

**Apologies**

Carl Metelerkamp, Santie den Boestert and Penny Suckling

**1. Meeting of 5 June**

**1.1 Minutes**

Item 1.2.3: Eion pointed out that the acronym DEA&DP was incorrect, and should read DEADP (Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning), and that the name of the DEADP official in George is spelt Langa, not Long.

With these amendments, the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

**1.2 Matters arising**

**1.2.1 Meeting with the Mayor**

Julie volunteered to follow up with Christopher Bezuidenhout to enquire about the response of the Mayor’s office to items raised in the meeting with the NCOA in January.

**1.2.2 Noetzie infill**

Eion said he would call Danie Swanepoel regarding progress on the Draft Scoping Report.

**1.2.3 Boardwalk**

Having received no response to his objection to the width of the boardwalk, Eion will follow up with the Knysna Municipality.

**1.2.4 Urban Edge**

Julie reported that Alan McVitty has scheduled a meeting with the Mayor to request a meeting with the ANC caucus to discuss the inclusion of Noetzie into the Knysna Urban Edge.

**1.2.5 Lindsay B&B**

After much discussion it was resolved that, while the committee has no objection to occasional family events, the NCOA should oppose the holding of commercial activities, such as weddings, on Noetzie properties. It was therefore decided to decline the application to hold a commercial wedding at Lindsay B&B.

**1.2.6 Montrose**

Nick was asked to enquire from Penny Suckling as to whether trading activities were continuing at Montrose Castle. Julie noted that cars were constantly streaming past on their way to the castle.

**1.2.7 Fire management**

Julie said that she has submitted the relevant forms to KM.

**1.2.8 Water**

Apparently Don Lindsay is investigating the costs of obtaining municipal water for his property. Julie may also be interested, but only to deal with fire emergencies; she will liaise with Don regarding latest developments. Eion noted that fire hydrants should be supplied to the car park. Cathy raised the issue of the environmental impact of laying water pipes through the forest. The question was also raised concerning the impact of increased water supply on the existing septic tank system.

### **1.2.9 Garden refuse**

Julie noted that the refuse deposited in the ravine contain a number of alien plants likely to spread and contaminate the whole area. Eion promised to speak to George about removing the refuse and not dumping garden matter in environmentally sensitive areas in the future.

### **1.2.10 Sign on Noetzie beach**

Julie noted that the sign was erected by the KM Traffic Dept, which is responsible for all municipal signage, and promised to speak to Richard Mayer about taking it down, or at least reducing its size.

## **2. Budget**

Cathy reported that she was having technical problems with the software, but committed herself to producing a budget for the next meeting. In the meantime, she will be sending out reminders to members to pay their subs.

Julie reported that she has deposited R720 from the sale of calenders.

Although Alan McVitty has volunteered his services on a pro bono basis, it was agreed to pay him R5 200 for service rendered to date.

## **3. Wynne-Jones Generator**

Julie noted that the noise from the generator is very intrusive and undertook to speak to Aubrey about it.

## **4. Pezula castle**

Eion reported that the old castle at the top of the hill in falling into ruin. Julie promised to contact Heritage WC about the matter.

## **5. UCT students**

Rookan thanked Eion for hosting the students. Eion responded that he had found their visit most interesting, and noted that good things regarding conservation of the environment are likely to flow from their work.

6. **Next meeting:** 18h30 on Thursday 7 August.