

Minutes of the telephonic meeting of
Noetzie Conservancy Owners Association

held at
17h15 on
Thursday 18 November 2010.

Present

Nick Taylor - Chairman **NT**
Cathy Shimmin - Treasurer **CS**
Julie Gosling **JG**
Santi Den Boestert - Conservancy **SdB**
Penny Suckling **PS**
Wendy Dewberry - Secretary **WD**
Eion Brown

1. WELCOME

NT Chairman welcomed the members to the 9th telephonic meeting of the 2010 Committee.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of Previous meeting

NT the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Building and Development

3.1.1. HEADLAND Development

No new development

3.1.2. House Visser Erf 76

CS sent snap of DR Visser's existing Saucer-shaped house to all members for perusal.

General consensus (not everyone though) agreed to at least look at a proposal and find out about the flying saucer, although most feel that it would not fit in with the feel of the area.

Wendy to contact Dr Visser regarding him submitting an initial informal proposal for a saucer-shaped house.

WD to ACTION

3.1.3. Don Lindsay Access Road

Vegetation has been hand-cleared but the process has yet to go through the Land Use (LUPO) process. He is yet to have the existing road deproclaimed from public access and his land sub-divided before he may continue.

3.1.4. Erf 84

No new development

3.1.5. Erf 80 House Robinson/Thompson

The KM have the plans in hand, which were signed off by JG for the NCOA

3.2. Conservancy

3.2.1. Tree identification and naming

The labels have arrived and SB, JG and WD plan to place them in the next while.

3.2.3. Alien clearing

Pezula, NCOA and SANParks have set the date for Monday 22 through Wednesday 24 November for another alien clear up the Knoetzie River. There is a preliminary meeting on Friday 19th Nov with Nico Oosthuizen of SANParks regarding this. Further, a date is sought for NCOA members to do a hand pull further down the river. It is proposed that PHO are invited.

3.2.4. Water testing

We await results from samples taken after rains.

3.2.5. Monkey problem

No further comment

3.2.5. Water Course Management at River Houses

Drawings are with Chris and Steve. Steve will apply for the permit. JG to apply for dealing with the Forest Elder over the road and the tree over Henry's house.

JG to ACTION

Boardwalk to be repaired by George. It is recommended that the coating be carried out after season.

Greg and Derek have not responded to comments to mitigate flooding of their house with heavy rains. CS feels that the ball is in their court at this stage.

3.2.6. Beach Driving Permit

Permits have been issued. NT to write to John Loewen informing him of his situation and what he should do from here to get access for his tenants.

Meanwhile, the new permits exclude tenants from driving on the beach, until application has been formally made for each case.

It is suggested that this be included in the next newsletter.

3.2.7. Carpark Signage

Nothing Further

3.2.8. Pezula Canoe Trips

The issue of Commercial activity at Noetzie should be mentioned to SANParks. EB to call Andre Riley, and remind him that Pezula is still trading illegally.

EB to ACTION

3.2.9. Cattle Grid on Noetzie Road

This is a rekindled issue. PHO, the Environmental Manager and Pezula Estate Manager will now deal with the installation of a grid at the road where the camera is situated to stop the buck from getting trapped along the electric fences.

Ken Coetzee suggested 2 cattle grids and another underpass be placed.

3.2.10. Electric Fence – Pezula's illegal

PHO reported to JG that the the fence has been switched off under their instruction and that it will remain off until Don installs the electric gate across his access road.

JG to ask that it be disconnected.

JG to ACTION

3.3. Finance and Managerial

3.3.1. Payment of Accounts

Nothing discussed

3.3.2. Signing of Audit

JG to send bill for Postbox to CS.

JG to ACTION

3.3.3. Record Keeping

NT thanked CS, who will sign off so that Neil can do the Audited Financials for 2010.

CS to ACTION

NT to send minutes for October 2010.

NT to ACTION

3.4. Municipal

3.4.1. Illegal Trading at Montrose

PS referred to KM threats to Pezula via a letter and that nothing has been done since the issue arose in 2008. NT to write to MMB to enquire what the status is. Also for this letter, see point 3.4.8.

NT to ACTION

3.4.2. Boom

Nothing discussed

3.4.3. Weddings on the Beach

No discussions

3.4.4 School Site ERF 394/1

JG reports that the site is with National Govt, and NCOA should attempt to get consent use and maintain it as a pristine portion of fynbos with paths and informative signs as part of our Conservancy program. EB to get a letter from Dept of Education.

EB to ACTION

3.4.5. Application for Powers from Knysna Municipality

Proposed and agreed for removal from Minutes

3.4.6. Erven 32, 34, and 35.

Proposed and agreed for removal from Minutes

3.4.7. Rates

Proposed and agreed for removal from Minutes

3.4.8. Heritage status of old Pezula Castle

KM is dealing with this. NT to ask MMB re. status.

3.5. Newsletter

To come out end November

4. GENERAL

4.1. History of Knoetzie

2 Evenings are proposed - 19th December and 12 Jan for a bring and braai and recording session.

WD to ACTION

4.2. AGM

Date set 27 December, 9 am, Gosberry House

CS to bring projector.

CS to ACTION

Notice of AGM to be sent out 1 month in advance.

WD to ACTION

Agenda items to be called for and submitted 24 hours before meeting

Invitations to be extended formally to DA Richard Dawson, KM Mike

Maughan-Brown, SANParks Maretha Alant, Cape Nature Natalie Baker and

PHO Albert McLean

JG to ACTION

Reports must include

Chairmans report

NT TO ACTION

Conservancy Report

SB to ACTION

Treasurer Report

CS to ACTION

Municipal Report by MMB

WD to ACTION

Members for the following year 2011 discussed. People currently at the end of a first term (3 years) and need to stand down or stand for re-election are SB, EB, CS, PS.

Ideas for invitations to stand included Lauren Shimmin, Camilla Lindsay, Catherine Suckling and Steve Getliffe.

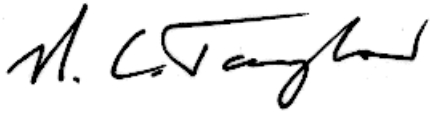
4.3. PHO /NCOA relationship

JG reports that a good relationship exists. We should formally invite PHO reps to NCOA AGM. JG suggests that the members attend the Conservancy Forum meetings too.

5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

NT closed the meeting with thanks to members of committee

Approved as a true reflection of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Taylor'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a long, sweeping underline.

N. C. Taylor
Chairman