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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27 DECEMBER 2007
AT 10H00 AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL, PRATT STREET**

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Colin Bird, welcomed those present and informed the meeting that since no additional nominations for places on the committee had been received an election would not be required and the outgoing committee would continue in office. The Chairman informed the meeting that in terms of the Constitution as outgoing Chairman he automatically becomes a member of the new committee.

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2.1. Apologies

The apologies of Robin Fryde were noted.

2.2. Present

The members as per the register attached.

3. Minutes of AGM held on 27 December 2006

3.1. Mr Beamish brought it to the meeting's attention that the reference to him in paragraph 6.4.1 of the minutes is incorrect and he requested that his name be removed from the minute as he did not attend the meeting. His name was accordingly deleted from the minute and in its stead the words "by a member" were inserted.



- 3.2. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by M van Heerden and seconded by C Christowitz.
- 3.3. The minutes were approved and accepted by the meeting.
- 3.4. Matters arising

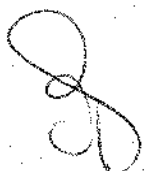
It was agreed that the issues relating to matters arising will be discussed under new matters as there was a certain amount of overlap.

4. Reports

Chairman's report and discussion

- 4.1. The Chairman referred to his letter of October 2007 and tabled that as his report. A copy of this letter had been circulated to all members and copies were also available at the meeting.
- 4.2. Further to his letter of October 2007 the Chairman thanked Brent Hill and Peter Gird for taking the initiative to stop crime in Arniston. The Chairman requested that all members make their e-mail addresses available to these gentlemen so that news and information regarding security could be circulated by them. Mr D Maritz reported that he was to have a meeting with the Municipality with a view to them agreeing to lease or sell a designated property in Camp Street to an entity set up by the Association for the purpose of developing a police station.
- 4.3. The Chairman thanked Martine Aubin for donating all the profits of her book Arniston/Waenhuiskrans, a Photographic Memoir, to the Waenhuiskrans/Arniston Community Development Trust ("WACDT"). The Chairman stated the book is in fact a record of what Arniston has been and that all members should try and retain it as it is. He made the point that the beauty of Arniston made it attractive for exploitation by those with narrow interests and emphasised that the ratepayers must not allow unlimited and unplanned development in Arniston. The members present unanimously agreed.

- 4.4. The Chairman informed the meeting that an unfortunate aspect was the fact that the Cape Agulhas Municipality ("CAM") appeared to have decided not to in any way communicate with the Waenhuiskrans / Arniston Ratepayers Association and, over time, letters had been sent to them concerning many issues including the development at Dollas Downs and erf 599 but no replies have been forthcoming. The impact of the relationship between the Association and CAM is an agenda item and it was agreed that it would be discussed at this stage.
- 4.5. The Chairman informed the meeting that attorneys had been instructed to address a letter to the Cape Agulhas Municipality to ask them to *inter alia* state what the state of affairs was relating to the building on erf 599. The chairman further informed the meeting that although this has not been confirmed there was talk that the building had commenced without approved plans. This aspect he hoped would be cleared up when the Cape Agulhas Municipality replied to the letter addressed to them.
- 4.6. The Chairman informed the meeting that initial legal advice was also that the transfer of the land (erf 599) from the Cape Agulhas Municipality to the current entity which was apparently doing the construction, might in fact be irregular and that this transfer could be set aside.
- 4.7. After a discussion the meeting resolved that the chairman should proceed with the investigations into the situation relating to erf 599 and that should his investigations and advice indicate that building operations were being conducted without approved plans and that the legal advice was that the transfer of the property from the Cape Municipality to the current holding entity was irregular, that he be authorised to institute legal proceedings on behalf of the association to regularise these aspects.
- This resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority.
- Mr D Maritz said that the sale agreement had been changed because the conditions made it difficult for the purchaser to develop the property.
- 4.8. A financial report from Boshoff Visser Bredasdorp Inc for the year ending 31 October 2007 was tabled for approval. The Chairman read out the current bank balance of R9 998.94. Since the report had not been circulated prior to the meeting it was resolved to table them for adoption at the next AGM.



- 4.9. It was unanimously agreed that the fees for 2009 be increased to R50.00 per annum. The Chairman pointed out that since the fees were previously R30.00 members would have to pay an additional R20.00 prior to the next AGM in order to keep their membership valid and hence their vote at the next AGM.

5. Nomination for election to committee

6. New matters

6.1. Conservation Association

Auret van Heerden raised the issue that the beaches were eroding and enquired whether the vegetation on the sand dunes behind the beaches (in particular Roman beach) should not be removed. Charles Steytler informed the meeting that the CSIR had done tests and prepared a report in this regard. Hannes van Zyl informed the meeting that these studies, whilst under funded, are ongoing and that the committee should follow this up and see what is happening. Struisbaai and other beaches in the Western Cape have similar erosion.

6.2. Waenhuiskrans Arniston Community Development Trust

Hannes van Zyl informed the meeting about the aims and objectives of the Trust. Although the Trust assists in various small adhoc projects, such as school trips for children, school clothes for school children, assistance with restoring thatched roofs in the fishing village, and so forth, there are for now only two consistent ongoing projects being bursaries for students and a project to assist people from the fishing community with tourism projects.

In the bursary program eight students are presently supported. Three students have so far successfully completed Technicon diplomas. Two of the three will continue with further study in 2008. The star student in the project is still Wilhelm Africa, who will do his 4th year in medicine at the University of Stellenboch in 2008. He also plays an important role of educating younger children in Arniston Waenhuiskrans during the holidays.



In the local tourism development project a key aspect is the erection of a building which will serve as a resource center for the fishing community, as a museum with a record of the history and natural history of the area and also as a visitors center, which will give information to visitors but will also help local entrepreneurs with marketing and administrative services to be tour guides, to sell crafts or food, rent houses or with any other kind of tourist activity. The building project will be complimented by extensive training of local residents to help them manage other business, with ongoing support to ensure the success of those businesses. Land for the building was negotiated with the Fisherman's Union and approved by the community, to a design by renowned architect Martin Kruger. But when the Trust planned to proceed with the building works the land surveyor acting for the Trust discovered a discrepancy in the interpretation of the Fisherman's Union committee of the cadastral beacons. Part of the land, allocated to the building was on a small sliver of land next to the harbour that belongs to the Municipality. The Trust approached the Municipality, through the ward councilor, but in a meeting the Municipal Manager indicated that that land should rather be made available for developers. Later, at a planning session lead by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, the Mayor of the Cape Agulhas said that the Municipality can make land available for erection of such a center, in the same manner that the Municipality made land available for a police station. The Trust filed the necessary application, and is now waiting for an answer from the Municipality. The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism promised to follow up on development initiatives for Arniston Waenhuiskrans after March 2008.

6.3. Relationship with Cape Agulhas Municipality

The Chairman reiterated what has been set out hereinabove and stated that the Cape Agulhas Municipality does not bother to reply to letters written by WARA, this is notwithstanding a meeting with the then Mayor, Eve Marthinus, who undertook to regularise the situation. It was emphasised that the Cape Agulhas Municipality's attitude with regard to the building of the community centre for the inhabitants of Kassiesbaai just epitomized their approach in this regard. The Chairman further informed the meeting that the executive committee had to resort to appoint attorneys to try and obtain information relating to erf 599 as to date nothing had been received from the Cape Agulhas Municipality in reply to numerous queries in this regard.



- 6.4. After a discussion the Chairman and the executive committee were requested to do all things possible and to take any steps necessary to ensure that a proper working relationship with the Municipality develops.

7. General

- 7.1. Mr André Pieterse, the representative of the owner of erf 513 explained to the meeting why a portion of Cliff Street was blocked off. He informed the meeting that this was not to prevent people from getting access to the street, but merely to ensure that people, in particular the fishermen, did not park in such a manner that he could not get into the property. He further informed the meeting that immediately adjacent to the house, dune rehabilitation was taking place and that this dune would be cordoned off for approximately a year, whereafter it would once again be re-opened to the public.
- 7.2. On a question from the members he agreed to change the sign stating "private road" to a sign stating that only pedestrian access was allowed. Mr Pieterse agreed with the meeting that the road, including that portion cordoned off and erected with a sign, was public open space and that the public was allowed there, reiterating only that the barrier was erected so as to stop the access to the house being blocked. On a question from Mr James Joubert, Mr Pieterse informed the meeting that the access for people coming from Harbour Road to Bob's Shop was open to the public and he apologised for the period when it was not open during building construction.
- 7.3. The problems relating to parking and the traffic in general were raised and the new committee was mandated to see what could be done in this regard.
- 7.4. Mr I Goldin enquired about the status of the "Baken", Nature Reserve. It was pointed out that after numerous meetings of diverse parties and the general public an agreement relating to the deproclamation of the road and management of the nature reserve was reached. The deproclamation of the road is a key aspect of the management of the nature reserve in a way that would ensure ongoing access for residents and visitors as well as work opportunities for permanent residents and income to ensure conservation of the reserve. However, the Cape Agulhas Municipality had refused to support the agreement. Mr van Zyl informed the meeting that during the recent visit by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, the Minister instructed Cape Nature to proceed with deproclamation of the



road and also with its endeavors to get assistance from local authorities for the deproclamation. If they do not get the necessary assistance, they should call upon him to intervene. He would be following up their progress in the matter in March 2008.

7.5. Mr Joubert of the Joubert Trust voiced his opposition to the proposed re-development of Bob's Shop.

8. Executive Committee

Confirmed as: C Bird, D Maritz, E Dommissie, G Graaff, K Higgins, M van Heerden, O Lawrence, P Hofmeyr, V Lourens.

9. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked members and, in particular, the committee for their support during the year.



CHAIRMAN

30 DECEMBER 2008

DATE