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Notule van 2012 Jaarvergadering op 27 Desember 2012 in Munus-saal, Waenhuiskrans Minutes of 2012 AGM held on 27 December 2012 at Munus Hall, Arniston

1. Welcome

The chairman, Colin Bird, welcomed the ratepayers and thanked them for their support. The agenda was amended to incorporate the Flower Valley Trust presentation under general.

2. Apologies

Steven Boers, Rod Lloyd, Andre Pieterse, Ebbe Dommissie and Steve.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman tabled his annual report.

3.2 The position paper in respect of Erf 599

3.2.1 The Chairman complemented the municipality on their position paper.

3.2.2 The Chairman explained the nature of the position paper with specific emphasis on the need for adequate consideration of specification when one goes out to tender and the need to take cognisance of the socio economic benefit.

3.2.3 Cape Agulhas Municipality has requested comments from the public by 05 February 2013.

3.3 The cost recovery on the legal action was R348,000.00.

3.4 Community Development Trust

3.4.1 19 students have achieved post matric qualifications who were sponsored by the Community Development Trust.

3.4.2 The Chairman commended the trust and congratulated them on this achievement.

3.5 The Chairman's report was adopted (proposer: Murray van Heerden, seconder: Gavin Hau).

4. Financial Report

4.1 The financial report was tabled.

4.2 The Chairman stated that Waenhuiskrans Arniston Ratepayers Association ("WARA") had at present 115 members.

4.3 Gavin Hau suggested that the committee put approximately R20,000.00 in a call account to obtain interest of about 4.5%. The Chairman stated that the committee would look into this.

4.4 Amount of R348,000.00 recovered from the court case

4.4.1 Robert Haarburger queried the fact that this amount is not reflected in the financial statement.

4.4.2 Mike Dichmont stated that he contributed a sum of money and always saw it as being separate to WARA.

- 4.4.3 Henry du Plessis requested that the auditors consider this query and comment.
- 4.4.4 Robert Haarburger responded to Mike Dichmont by stating that the Applicant in the court case was WARA.
- 4.4.5 The Chairman advised that the committee would liaise with the auditors in this regard.
- 4.5 The financial report was adopted (proposer: Peter Gird, seconder: Pieter Siebert).

5. Minutes from the AGM held on 27 December 2011

- 5.1 Gavin Hau's name to be corrected in paragraphs 9.2.2 and 9.5.
- 5.2 Casey Hofmeyr's name to be corrected in paragraph 2.
- 5.3 Paragraph 4.3 to be amended to reflect the following:
Membership. Robert Haarburger argued that permanent residents should be members of WARA as the people sitting in the hall were not representative of the community. A member: "What's a permanent resident?" The chairman replied that there was indeed no restriction on membership. Robert Haarburger asked that the committee address the community about Erf 599. The Chairman responded that his request would be considered.
- 5.4 Paragraph 9.3 to be amended to reflect the following:
Town planning. Rod Lloyd points out that the residents should have an obligation and accept and respect the conditions of the Town Planning Scheme, in order to protect the character of Arniston. Many departures and double bulk occur at Bredasdorp, where CAM approves all plans without sufficient input from the Arniston residents, although it was agreed that WARA should be an essential party to every application. He proposed a subcommittee of experts like architects, as the town planning scheme was to be changed soon and there was no master plan at present. Stephen Boers volunteered to serve with others on the proposed aesthetics committee.
- 5.5 The minutes were adopted (proposer: Murray van Heerden, seconder: Ian Golding).

6. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

- 6.1 Paragraph 4.3
 - 6.1.1 Robert Haarburger asked if the committee had addressed the community about erf 599.
 - 6.1.2 The Chairman advised that the committee had considered his request and decided against it.
- 6.2 Paragraph 4.5.3
 - 6.2.1 Pieter Siebert requested for this paragraph to be translated into English which the Chairman duly did.
 - 6.2.2 Neil Giliomee's property is adjacent to the property upon which the generator is situated. He enquired as to who the owner is of erf 599.
 - 6.2.3 The Chairman responded that the municipality is the owner of erf 599 as of September 2011.
 - 6.2.4 Neil Giliomee enquired as to who the owner of the building on erf 599 is as there are items being stored in the lower level of the building. He stated that we should stop this rental and he would like to know who the contact person is in this regard.
 - 6.2.5 The Chairman confirmed that the property was owned by the Cape Agulhas Municipality and asked if anyone present knew who it was that was using the building. There was no response from the meeting.
- 6.3 Paragraph 9.1
 - 6.3.1 James Africa's house was destroyed as a result of an electrical fault from wiring installed by Eskom.

- 6.3.2 James Africa proposed an action against Eskom and was supported by the Community Development Trust. They are proceeding with legal action.
- 6.4 Paragraph 9.3
 - 6.4.1 Town planning comprises the biggest workload of the committee and Steven Boers oversees this, however, we are asking for volunteers to assist with spreading out this work load.
 - 6.4.2 Volunteers: Steven Boers, Ugo Riviera, Christine Craven, Ron Kirby, Mike Pitt, Glen Loudon
- 6.5 Paragraph 9.5
 - 6.5.1 Gavin Hau presented a plant which was approximately two metres long and someone identified it as dune crobery.
 - 6.5.2 Gavin Hau advised that Arniston is a recreational area for swimming, surfing, walking on the beach and so forth. The dune crobery is eating up the dunes and destroying the beaches. He suggested that we get community help to eradicate the dune crobery as the social impact of having no beaches in Arniston would be devastating.
 - 6.5.3 The committee will address this with the municipality and nature conservation.
- 6.6 Paragraph 9.6
 - 6.6.1 Mr Radford requested proper steps going down on both sides of the hotel beach, especially for the less agile people. He stated further that it needs at least another two steps by the showers.
 - 6.6.2 Ferdie Spamer expressed support for Mr Radford's request.
- 6.7 Paragraph 9.9
 - 6.7.1 Ferdie Spamer stated that the bush is enroaching and growing onto the pavements which is dangerous for cyclists. The municipality has been allocated funding to clear this.
 - 6.7.2 The Chairman responded that this is an administrative problem and the committee will look into it.

7. New Committee

Murray van Heerden, Vivian Lourens, Peter Hofmeyr and Casey Hofmeyr retired and were reinstated.

The WARA Committee is Colin Bird, Peter Hofmeyr, Vivian Lourens, Murray van Heerden, Rovina Europa, Casey Hofmeyr, Sam Lawrence and Steven Boers.

8. New Matters

- 8.1 Annual Membership Fees
 - 8.1.1 Annual membership fees increased from R5.00 to R50.00 and was then reduced to R20.00.
 - 8.1.2 Gavin Hau enquired whether the annual amount of R20.00 encouraged additional members and on the basis that the number of members has not increased that the annual amount should increase to R50.00.
 - 8.1.3 Robert Haarburger stated that the amount should not be increased so as to encourage additional members, particularly from Kassiesbaai.
 - 8.1.4 The Chairman advised that decreasing the annual amount to R20.00 did not have the desired effect.
 - 8.1.5 The annual membership fee was increased to R50.00 (proposer: Gavin Hau, seconder: Rovina Europa).
- 8.2 Mr Beamish advised that the municipality cleared the rooikrans between 3rd avenue, 4th avenue and main road during the course of the year and should be congratulated on this.

8.3 New Valuations

- 8.3.1 Christo Joubert advised that the municipality is in the process of obtaining new valuations for the properties and that these amounts have decreased.
- 8.3.2 Clive Corder stated that the hotel is valued at R15 million with the plot valued at R8 million and the building valued at R7.1 million. The same person from last year is doing the valuations this year and Clive Corder questions his impartiality.
- 8.3.3 The Chairman advised that you can only query your own property valuation.
- 8.3.4 Gavin Hau stated that Bredasdorp sees Arniston as a cash cow and enquired whether the association would fight these valuations on the residents' behalf.
- 8.3.5 The Chairman advised that this point would be recorded and referred to the committee for evaluation.

8.4 Sewerage Treatment

- 8.4.1 Mike Dichmont queried the new sewerage treatment facility and stated that his property has not been connected, however, he is being charged a fee for this. He questioned why he hasn't been connected or why he is being charged if he isn't connected.
- 8.4.2 The Chairman advised that this would be included on the agenda for the new committee.
- 8.4.3 Christo Joubert stated that he does not want to be connected as the houses that are connected have a pungent smell around their property and this indicates that there is clearly something wrong with the system.

The chairman thanked all for attending the meeting, which finished at 11:13.