

ANNEXURE 1

December 2008

This annexure to my newsletter #4 of December 2008 sets out some of the matters that have been dealt with by your committee during 2008. I will deal with these at the Annual General Meeting on the 30th December as appropriate.

Accounts

A full report will be presented at the AGM.

Membership

As at the 31st October 2008, the end of the Association's financial year, we had 217 members.

Relationship with the Municipality

As you may know the previous Municipal Manager, Keith Jordaan has been replaced by Reynold Stevens. Representatives of the Committee met with Mr Stevens and his senior officials in August and were encouraged by the open and positive nature of the discussions. We remain hopeful that the Association will be able to continue the development of that relationship in the best interests of the community.

Ward Committee

WARA remains unrepresented on the Ward Committee which situation is untenable. Your Association is arguably one of the largest formal property owning ratepayer groups in the Municipality. To deny us recognition at the Ward Committee is, we believe, contrary to good and fair governance.

Security

The sub committee established has been largely inactive. This is attributed to the fact that the incidence of crime appears to have diminished. Whilst there have been incidents of theft there have been of a petty nature with the exception of the theft from the Hotel of high value photographic equipment. The perpetrators of the Hotel theft were soon captured and the majority of the stolen goods returned to the owners. Brent Hill runs a voluntary crime information clearing house for which public service he deserves our sincere thanks.

Police station

The Municipality have made land available for the construction of a Police Station. We undertook to mount a campaign to raise funds for the building. Fundamental to the success of the venture was the securing of a commitment from the SAPS to operate a station from the premises and to pay rental. We failed in our efforts, championed by Dawie Maritz to secure such a commitment.

The Trust

The Waenhuiskrans Community development Trust (WACDT), which was founded jointly by your Association and the Waenhuiskrans Arniston Conservation Association (WACA) has, under the Chairmanship of Hannes van Zyl, continued to provide assistance to members of the community. A report on the activities of the trust will be tabled and open for discussion at the AGM.

Nature Reserve

Nature conservation have, with the support of the National Minister of Environmental affairs, made formal application to de proclaim (not to close) the road and to formalise access by vehicles. We are hopeful that the Municipality is reconsidering its previous opposition to the plan. This is a matter with wide reaching implications and therefore needs to be monitored closely by the incoming Committee

Water Quality

The pipeline from Bredasdorp has been installed and commissioned. All reports are that the pipeline should ensure that Waenhuiskrans has henceforth an adequate supply of fresh water. We have had concern expressed at the possibility of the Municipality considering discontinuing its dependence on water from Theewaterskloof. The concern is that once stopped such a resource is virtually impossible administratively to re instate. This is another matter for the agenda of the new committee.

Streets in Kassiesbaai

We have been anxious about this matter for some time and are delighted to hear that money is to be made available by the Western Cape Government to complete the project.

New Development

The Municipality has started the processes necessary prior to the development of 100+ new houses in on the #2 campsite and surrounding public space. Members are encouraged to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) in order to remain informed and to record their opinions on the matter.

Sewerage Scheme

The first phase of the scheme has been completed and is, apparently, operational. We have has complaints from members about a smell around the Hotel and about the fact that those served by the scheme will nevertheless be required to retain their septic tanks. Since the scheme is of a 'solids free' design the tanks will retain solid matter and will require to be emptied periodically. These matters have been taken up with the Authorities and we await a reply.

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Desember 2008

Dié bylae tot nuusbrieff #4, Desember 2008, is 'n lys van sake waarby die komitee in 2008 betrokke was. Ek sal op die jaarvergadering op 30 Desember na behoefte daaraan aandag gee.

Rekeninge

'n Volledige verslag sal voorgelê word by die jaarvergadering.

Lidmaatskap

Op 31 Oktober 2008, teen die einde van die Vereniging se finansiële jaar, het ons 217 lede gehad.

Verhouding met die Munisipaliteit

U mag reeds bewus wees dat die vorige munisipale bestuurder, Keith Jordaan deur Reynold Stevens vervang is. Verteenwoordigers van die komitee het in Augustus met mnr Stevens en sy senior amptenare vergader. Ons was bemoedig deur die positiewe houding tydens dié gesprek. Ons het vertrou dat die Vereniging dié verhouding verder sal kan ontwikkel, tot voordeel van die gemeenskap.

Wykskomitee

Die WAB is steeds nie op die plaaslike Wykskomitee verteenwoordig nie. Ons is moontlik een van die grootste formele belastingbetalingsgroepe in die distrik. Ons glo dit strook nie met goeie en regverdigde praktyk om nie aan ons erkenning te gee nie.

Veiligheid

Die sub-komitee wat gestig is om sake met betrekking tot sekuriteit te hanteer, was grootliks onaktief. Dit is onder meer weens die feit dat gevalle van misdaad grootliks verminder het. Terwyl daar 'n paar gevalle van diefstal was, was dit meestal op klein skaal, behalwe vir fotografiese toerusting wat vanuit die kamer van 'n gas in die hotel gesteel is. Dié oortreders is spoedig gevang en die meeste van die toerusting is terugbesorg. Brent Hill koördineer die verwerking van inligting aangaande diefstal. Dié werk word vrywillig gedoen en vir dié diens verdien hy ons opregte dank en waardering.

Polisiekantoor

Die Munisipaliteit het grond vir die bou van 'n polisiekantoor beskikbaar gestel. Ons het onderneem om 'n veldtog geloods om fondse vir die gebou in te samel. Dit was noodsaaklik om eers die SAPD se betrokkenheid te bevestig, sowel as hulle ondermeming dat 'n polisiekantoor vanuit die gebou sal bestuur en maandeliks huur sal betaal. Ons kon egter nie deur ons pogings, soos bestuur deur Dawie Maritz, so 'n verstandhouding bevestig nie.

Die Trust

Die Waenhuiskrans/Arniston Gemeenskapontwikkelingstrust, gestig in samewerking tussen ons en die Waenhuiskrans/Arniston Bewaringsvereniging, bied onder leiding van Hannes van Zyl ondersteuning aan mense in die gemeenskap. 'n Verslag oor die aktiwiteite van die Trust sal vir bespreking by die jaarvergadering beskikbaar wees.

Natuurreservaat

CapeNature het met die ondersteuning van die Nasionale Minister van Omgewingsake 'n formele aansoek ingedien om die beplande pad wat toegang bied tot die reservaat te deproklameer (nie te sluit nie). Ons hoop dat die Munisipaliteit sal hulle vorige teenstand aan die plan gaan heroorweeg. Die nuwe komitee sal die saak moet opvolg.

Gehalte van water

Die pyplyn vanuit Bredasdorp is in werking. Alle verslae dui daarop dat die pyplyn genoegsame vars water aan Waenhuiskrans sal voorsien. Van ons lede was bekommerd omdat die Munisipaliteit sy toegang tot die water uit die Theewaterskloofskema wil staak. Die gevoel is dat as dit eers gestaak is, dit feitlik onmoontlik is om weer toegang tot so 'n bron te verkry. Dit is 'n saak vir die agenda van die nuwe komitee.

Strate in Kassiesbaai

Ons is vir 'n geruime tyd angstig oor die saak en is nou bly om te hoor dat die Weskaapse owerhede geld beskikbaar maak om die projek te voltooi.

Nuwe ontwikkeling

Die Munisipaliteit het begin met die proses wat nodig is vir die ontwikkeling van meer as 'n honderd nuwe huise by die tweede kampeerterrein. Lede word aangemoedig om as belanghebbendes te registreer om sodoende ingelig te bly.

Riolering

Die eerste fase van die rioolskema is voltooi en klaarblyklik in werking. Ons het klagtes ontvang van lede oor stank rondom die Hotel en oor die feit dat party inwoners wat deur die skema bedien word, steeds septiese tenks moet aanskaf. Aangesien die skema as 'n skema sonder soliede materie ontwerp is ("solids free"), moet tenks steeds periodiek skoongemaak word. Dié kwessie is aan die owerhede genoem en ons wag op verdere inligting.

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