

Waenhuiskrans Arniston Ratepayers Association

Waenhuiskrans Arniston Belastingbetalersvereniging

Notule van 2016 Jaarvergadering op 28 Desember 2016 at 09h30 in Munus-saal, Waenhuiskrans
Minutes of 2016 AGM held on 28 December 2016 at 09h30 at Munus Hall, Arniston

1. Welcome

Murray van Heerden welcomed the ratepayers and thanked them for their support.

2. Apologies

Adrian Penny, Ian Wyness, Lucy Warner, Ugo Riviera and Mari King.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman, Murray van Heerden, tabled the Chairman's annual report.

4. Financial Report

4.1 The financial report was tabled.

4.2 Proposer: Alan Butler, Seconder: Gavin Hau.

5. Minutes from the AGM held on 28 December 2015

5.1 The minutes from the AGM held on 28 December 2015 were tabled.

5.2 Mrs Haarburger's name was incorporated into the minutes.

5.3 Robert Haarburger questioned the minutes regarding Vishuis and stated that the minutes were incorrect as he does not want a financial interest in Vishuis and he does not want the Community Development Trust to be disbanded. Hannes van Zyl responded by stating that he provided a factual account and mentioned the three documents wherein it was recorded that Robert Haarburger wanted a 50% financial interest in Vishuis and the Community Development Trust to be disbanded. **Hannes van Zyl stated that one of the documents refers to the 50% financial interest and the other three documents refer to Robert Haarburger wanting the Community Development Trust to be disbanded.**

Hannes van Zyl requested 2 amendments

Amendment 1 : of the 3 documents requested by Robert Haarburger, all 3 indicate that he wanted a stake in Vishuis, but only in 1 of the 3 did he apparently state that he wanted the Trust to be dissolved.

Amendment 2: Rovina Europa did not call Robert Haarburger a liar.

5.4 Rovina Europa addressed the hall and stated that as secretary of the Vissiersunie, she can confirm that Robert Haarburger stated that he wants a 50% financial interest in Vishuis, he wants the Community Development Trust to be disbanded and that he mentioned that the other white people do nothing for Kassiesbaai. Robert Haarburger denied this and Rovina Europa stated that he is lying. Jo Pentz requested that it be recorded that Robert Haarburger had called Rovina Europa a liar and a "bloody bitch". **Robert Haarburger requested that it be recorded that he did not call Rovina Europa a "bloody bitch". Rovina Europa stated that she did not call Robert Haarburger a liar.** Robert Haarburger stated again for the record that he does not want a 50% financial interest in Vishuis.

5.5 Proposer: Mike Pitt, Seconder: Andre Steytler.

6. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes and the Reports

6.1 Street Lights

6.1.1 The ratepayers were unanimously against street lights.

6.1.2 Rod Lloyd said that there are ways to break the darkness with street lights as street lights can be placed on houses and not on poles on the street.

6.1.3 It was agreed that those who want street lights in their streets would approach the CAM directly on a street by street basis. Alastair Moodie said that it should be viewed as a no unless people approach the CAM on a street by street basis.

6.2 Recycling

6.2.1 Recycling should be done on a more regular basis and the Committee will look into this.

6.3 Refuse

6.3.1 Each person should take this upon themselves to ensure that the bags are placed off the ground to prevent the bags from being opened between being placed on the road and collection taking place.

- 6.4 Spatial Development Framework (SDF)
 - 6.4.1 Rod Lloyd addressed the hall regarding the Spatial Development Framework and its importance and impact.
 - 6.4.2 The Chairman encouraged the hall to register as interested and affected persons if they have not done so already.
 - 6.4.3 Robert Haarbuerger addressed the hall and said that the Spatial Development Framework is a five year plan and that the CAM looks at their assets and how best to utilise them and it is not about our own selfish interests.
 - 6.4.4 Rod Lloyd responded by saying that the finances raised from Arniston are not ring-fenced for use in Arniston.
- 6.5 Roman Beach
 - 6.5.1 The Chairman mentioned that a ratepayer requested the paving or tarring of the Roman Beach road and car park to be placed on the agenda.
 - 6.5.2 The hall was unanimously against the paving or tarring of the carpark.
 - 6.5.3 Alastair Moodie said it might be an employment opportunity for someone to direct the traffic on the four days that the Roman Beach car park is chaotic.
- 6.6 The "S" Bend
 - 6.6.1 Gavin Hau requested a speed hump on the "S" bend to slow down the traffic which is particularly bad in the mornings and evening. The Committee will look into this.
- 6.7 Memorial Benches
 - 6.7.1 The hall was unanimous that the bench on Spuitgat is very unsightly and is above the skyline.
 - 6.7.2 Jackie Golding requested information about the bench process.
 - 6.7.3 The Chairman said that the Committee will look into this as well as the memorial bench process and will raise this with the CAM.
- 6.8 Application by the Arniston Hotel for a Permit to travel North and South on the beaches for tourism
 - 6.8.1 The Chairman advised the hall that objections are to be submitted by 27 January 2017. Those that were in favour of the application can submit their comments too.
 - 6.8.2 The Chairman explained that it is a permit to take people up to the fence and to take people beyond the Beacon to De Mond.
 - 6.8.3 Mike Pitt questioned whether the activities include recreational activities and the Chairman said yes.
 - 6.8.4 Gavin Hau mentioned that fishing rods are not mentioned as the items which are taken with.
 - 6.8.5 Martine Aubin questioned whether disabled people would also be allowed to be transported to the same areas.
 - 6.8.6 Robert Haarbuerger made reference to the Integrated Coastal Management Act which allows such permit applications. Robert Haarbuerger explained that they are providing a service and it does not increase employment opportunities. Robert Haarbuerger stated that the Arniston Hotel is applying within the law to obtain a permit as the Arniston Hotel is a tourism business.
 - 6.8.7 Chris Jacobs represents some of the owners on the South side and he stated that they have not been consulted.
 - 6.8.8 Gavin Hau mentioned that one of the reasons underlying the request for the permit is historical significance, but beyond the Monument on the South side there is nothing else and there is nothing beyond the Beacon on the North side other than the black oystercatcher and rare sea birds. Gavin Hau stated further that he cannot comprehend the reason for this application.
 - 6.8.9 If one permit is granted, what is to prevent other tourism businesses from obtaining permits.
- 6.9 Fluid flowing onto the beach in front of the Hotel
 - 6.9.1 Cedric Linder mentioned that he has raised this multiple times with the CAM and other people in the hall mentioned that other people have also raised this with the CAM.
 - 6.9.2 Robert Haarbuerger stated that he has spent a considerable amount of money and time on the laundry and sewerage and requested for Mike Dichmont or Cedric Linder to show him where the sewerage is flowing from the Hotel onto the beach.
 - 6.9.3 Cedric Linder agreed to show Robert Haarbuerger where the sewerage is flowing from the Hotel onto the beach.

- 6.10 Additional steps at the Hotel beach
 - 6.10.1 Lucy Lehr requested additional steps at the Hotel beach for the less agile individuals. Mr de Villiers and Mr van der Merwe were the individuals Lucy Lehr addressed at the CAM. The Chairman stated that the Committee would take this up with the CAM.
- 6.11 Whats App Group – Arniston Prevent Crime
 - 6.11.1 Marianne addressed the hall and advised people to contact SuidpuntSecurity or the WARA Secretary if they are interested in joining the Whats App Group.
- 6.12 Roman Beach Embankment
 - 6.12.1 The CAM has appointed an environmental team to ascertain what is causing the dangerous embankment and how to remedy this.
 - 6.12.2 Jacoba Human stated that the cars parking on top of the embankment is a danger as it could cause the embankment to weaken. Jacoba Human made mention of the fact that previously part of the embankment collapsed which resulted in the death of an individual.
- 6.13 The Weekender
 - 6.13.1 Chris Jacobs mentioned that on the weekend of 9 December The Weekender was run for the second time at a loss. Chris Jacobs stated that The Weekender hires the entire campsite and holds a music festival. Chris Jacobs stated further that The Weekender has a Facebook page and Bailey organises it.
 - 6.13.2 Both Chris Jacobs and Jo Pentz contacted the police and the police were not interested. The Police advised that The Weekender received permission to continue until 3am and that it is a youth upliftment project apparently. Jo Pentz said we should support it provided that it ends at a reasonable time as not much upliftment happens at 3am.
- 6.14 Erf 599
 - 6.14.1 Sally Rowan requested a brief summary of the plans for erf 599. The Chairman advised that this will be circulated once finalised.

7. New Committee

- 7.1 Proposal of new committee members: Margot Rudolph, Alan Butler, Sam Robertson and Sam Lawrence.
- 7.2 Proposer: Ian McIntosh, Seconder: Peter Gird.
- 7.3 The WARA Committee is Peter Hofmeyr, Murray van Heerden, Casey Hofmeyr, Rod Lloyd, Margot Rudolph, Alan Butler, Sam Robertson and Sam Lawrence.
- 7.4 A Chairman is nominated at the committee's first meeting.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting, which finished at 10:44.