

Minutes of the telephonic meeting of
Noetzie Conservancy Owners Association

Held at
17h30 on
Thursday 4 March 2010.

Present

Nick Taylor Chairman NT

Cathy Shimmin Treasurer CS

Julie Gosling JG

Santi Den Boestert Conservancy SB

Eion Brown EB

Penny Suckling PS

Carl Metelerkamp CM

Wendy Dewberry Secretary WD

1. WELCOME

NT Chairman welcomed the members to the 2nd telephonic meeting of the 2010 Committee.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved, but to include that the committee approved the payment of R25 000 to Simon Nicks for report for Headland Development.

NT signed them off.

2.2. Minutes of AGM

The committee agreed that the minutes of the 2009 AGM were not 100 % accurate.

NT asked **CM** to go through the minutes and get back to committee.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Building and Development

3.1.1. HEADLAND Development (Formerly Car park or Infill Development)

NT thanked **JG** and **EB** for their valuable efforts in the comment to the Pezula Proposed Headland Development.

NT: Asked how many comments there were from NCOA

JG: NCOA individual members, Pezula HO members, Judah Square

NT asked what happens to our submissions from here.

JG: Pieter Badenhorst will collect all submissions, respond and submit to DEA&DP. The Record of Decision is then made which can accept or reject the applications, which can then be appealed by either party. The process is publically transparent. All I&AP's will get a notification regarding the outcome.

3.1.2 House Visser Erf 72

This matter has yet to be resolved with the architect. Noetzie Town

Planning Scheme takes precedence over Knysna Municipality, as Gazetted by Provincial Parliament. **EB** to furnish the reference on this.

3.1.3 Don Lindsay Access Road Proposal

In general, everyone is happy that the road will be built, as it will keep vehicles off the beach. . **EB** said that the parking area must include as many bays as the B&B require. Minimising developmental impact is paramount. **JG** will get the Pezula Rules for building. **PS** was nominated to deal with the application from our side. **PS to Action**

3.2. Conservancy

3.2.1. Conservation Interest

CS: We should get SANParks to walk around Knoetzie and tell us what to do and what not to do regarding alien removal. All agreed

NT: It should be informational and educational.

CS: Wendy and Julie should organise this.

JG: Will try to get Cape Nature, DWAF, SANParks involved

NT: A page in the newsletter to educate people is an idea.

JG: When people build, we should do a rescue operation and raise funds by selling the propagated stuff back to the gardeners.

3.2.2. River Car Park

JG: There is concern that alien and debris is being dumped in a catchment area at the river, causing a possible fire hazard and a flood damage hazard. Also, an area has been cleared without notifying NCOA. That it is on Pezula land is a grave concern even further. Any cutting, building, removing, clearing must go through the correct channels and permits obtained. Nick asked Santi to enquire when permissions are required for cutting forest areas and to make this public knowledge. **SdB** suggested a list of info to put up in people's houses, with contact numbers of all the relevant agencies like DWAF, SANParks etc. **SdB to Action**
PS excused herself from the meeting.

3.3. Finance and Managerial

3.3.1. Payment of Accounts

CS: NCOA has paid Simon Nicks' account. NCOA account very low.

EB: NCOA must appeal for funds from members via a mass mail.

CS: We could ask people who have pledged or offered

CS: Only 5 subs payments made so far. If 60% pay, about R11 000 will come in, which will help us. We could call for subs payments through newsletter. NCOA should tell Pezula that our response to their proposal cleaned us out.

EB: When appeal for funds is sent out, legal costs should be mentioned and contributions asked for. All agreed.

3.3.2. Signing of Audit

Auditors Report.

The balance sheet shows a retained income of R39 000, an increase of about R14 000 from the 2008/9 period. R34 000 is savings acc and R3 000

in our current acc. Copies will be sent out.

Comments: NCOA must be more procedural.

1. Members Levy records
2. Members register to be maintained.

Neil wants the practice of members paying individually for services and Noetzie business to be discouraged. CS said that acknowledgement of donations to be made and recorded. EB agreed that this would reflect the true running costs of the NCOA.

CS requires invoices and records of payment

CS is not happy for non-paying members to be excluded. NT suggested that 2 categories of Payer's/Nonpayer's be kept. **CS** wrote off the bad debt from the previous period, and will keep plot owners on the record indefinitely.

To the question of a proposed budget for the ensuing year, **CS** feels that there is no need to have a budget since the money goes out so erratically. She will reflect a budget but does not see the need. **NT** feels that it may have advantages and should be discussed at the next AGM.

The Audit occurs 3rd week of November.

3.3.3. Record Keeping

CS. Neil Metelerkamp said that any payment from NCOA account must be reflected in the minutes. He wants the minutes signed in hard copy.

CM said that Website minutes are adequate

CS: Neil wants hard copy, signed minutes.

EB to make a copy of files for Neil. The Chairman must copy, sign and file these minutes and hand them over at the end of each year.

3.4. Municipal

3.4.1. Illegal Trading at Montrose

JG had a meeting with Mike Maughan-Brown to find out what the term "holiday Business Concession" implies in terms of this issue. **EB** will go to Simon Nicks to get clarification. He says Pezula would first have to apply for a concession. **CM** stated that since Noetzie is outside the urban edge, they will not get concessions.

JG said that B&Bs require licences, but holiday rentals do not and that a B&B concession does not exist.

CM said that the zoning scheme does not allow the illegal issue of the Land Usage Plan Ordinance. A formal complaint was made to the police, who came and closed Montrose down for a day or two and yet they continue to operate. Still nothing has been done, so where do we go from here?

JG said that the Pezula Home Owners are up in arms about shuttles through the estate and will fight the shuttles vehemently. NCOA should write a letter to SAP. No liquor licence application has been made by Pezula yet.

NT suggests we draw up a plan of Action. **CM** asked that if the law is not forthcoming, what we can do to change anything.

NT suggested that we do two things:

1. Lay a complaint to the Station Commander pointing out inaction by Municipality

2. Approach the Minister of local government. **NT to Action**

3.4.2. Boom

JG Quote from Allsound Security co for Boom:

9 hr per day (8 - 5 pm) = R290.00pd

CS: Should it be done? If so, consider when it should be done, for how long, and budget issues

PS: Agrees it should be done over Dec/Jan Peak season

NT: 1 or 2 months?

JG suggested that a student could do it

PS: Could put people in danger. Rather leave it to professional services

JG: Gavin Williams who used to be on the boom could take leave over that period and NCOA could pay him.

JG to discuss with K Municipality

WD reports back on meeting with Kate Southey regarding continued problem of illegal driving onto the beach by wedding parties and day trippers. Locks and keys are not a good idea, in case of emergency. Kate advocated signage and replacement of the bollard.

PS suggested that the green stickers should be called permits.

NT: Agreed: we have the permission and signs and bollard must be put into place. **JG** to Action

3.4.3. Weddings on the Beach

No discussion

3.5. Newsletter

The Easter newsletter must come out around the end of March and must include;

Chairman's chat by NT

Headland Response input by EB

Auditors Report CS

Article by Dwaf SdB

History Book of Noetzie

Leopard Foundation JG

Nature Sightings

Rainfall

4. GENERAL

4.1. History of Knoetzie

To be added to the Newsletter.

4.2. Website

An updated website was suggested by **WD**. **CM** said that our website was adequate and within our budget. All agreed the status quo is preferable.

4.3. Illegal driving on the beach by Noetzie member

Some Noetzie members were very upset to see another member transgressing the driving permit regulation by towing a boat to the river with a Landrover. JG was given the task of writing to the member concerned and furnishing him with details of

his beach driving permit parameters. **JG to Action**

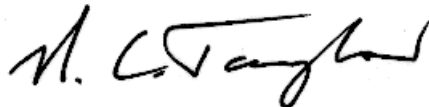
5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

None

CHAIRMAN CLOSED.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 1st or 8th April, 2010, to be decided.

Approved as a true reflection of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Taylor', written in a cursive style.

N. C. Taylor
Chairman