



# NCOA Committee meeting Minutes

<b>NCOA</b>	<b>Chairperson: Nick Taylor</b>	<b>Date 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Time: 17:30</b>	<b>Location Skype</b>
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## Attendees:

Nick Taylor – Chairman; Julie Gosling; Wendy Dewberry; Cathy Shimmin; Lauren Shimmin Santi Den Boestert; Catherine Suckling; Eion Brown
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## Apologies:

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	<b>Decisions and Action Points</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	NT Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting.	info
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous meeting</b>	
	NT the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting. NT suggested we follow up on AGM minutes. EB suggested that the minutes of the AGM be re circulated for a final check and then for them to be put on the website.	<b>All</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
	<b><u>3.1. Building and Development</u></b>	
	<b>3.1.1. Headland Development</b>	
	<b>3.1.2. House Visser Erf 76</b>	
	<b>3.1.3. Don Lindsay Access Road</b> No response from Don Lindsay. Julie suggested that we should not expect a follow up, as we were merely informing him of certain matters.	
	<b>3.1.4. Erf 84</b>	
	<b>3.1.5. Erf 80 House Robinson/Thompson</b>	
	<b><u>3.2. Conservancy</u></b>	
	<b>3.2.1. Tree identification and naming</b> Here is a list of trees given to us by Chris we still need labels for the following trees: Ironwood Turkey Berry Monkey plum Red Currant Pock Ironwood Wendy requested to order these for the NCOA. They are R135. 00 per label. She	<b>WD</b>

will then ask Jeffrey Sass to help us locate these trees and put them up correctly. R700 to be spent on labels, approved by meeting.

**LS**

### **3.2.3. Alien clearing**

WD to approach the KM to clear the debris from the Alien removal initiative which occurred over December. Still not removed, will be removed this week.

### **3.2.4. Water testing**

### **3.2.5. Monkey problem**

### **3.2.5. Water Course Management at River Houses**

CatS, after visiting the site, expressed concern re the extent of work being done behind Derek Bond-Smiths house. She mentioned that George, who was doing the digging, said a trench would be dug and filled with concrete.

Cathy reported that a small porous mound 300mm high, low enough for a car sump to clear with ease will be provided to prevent the overflow into Derek's house ERF 48. Julie was uncomfortable and felt that there should be more documentation like an Oscaer permit.

Cathy was asked to request that Steve talk to the municipality for a permit exemption.

**CS**

### **3.2.6. Beach Driving Permit**

### **3.2.7. Carpark Signage**

### **3.2.8. Pezula Canoe Trips**

Eion sent letter

Julie spoke to Carmen Stoker; she has looked into it and applied to SANParks for a permit. Pezula are happy that they are in the right direction.

**info**

### **3.2.9. Cattle Grid on Noetzie Road**

Following up with Albert McClean (Pezula Home Owners committee) on cattle grid, which he promised would be dealt with this year at our AGM. No progress

**WD**

### **3.2.10. EMP for Noetzie**

Maretha Alant and Fatima were supposed to come to Noetzie, they will be down in 2 weeks and they will advise on EMP.

### **3.2.11. Aims and Objectives for Noetzie Conservancy**

### **3.2.12. Loewen Rentals**

Nick wrote to John, who responded that he would take these issues seriously and would look at the situation and remedy it.

**info**

## **3.3. Finance and Managerial**

### **3.3.1. Payment of Accounts**

### **3.3.2. Signing of Audit**

### **3.3.3. Record Keeping**

Aubrey says that the money has been moved across; matter closed.

**LS**

<p><b>3.3.4. Pledges</b></p>	
<p><b>3.4. Municipal</b></p> <p><b>3.4.1. Illegal Trading at Montrose</b></p> <p><b>3.4.2. Boom</b>  Julie brought this issue up at the meeting with Lauren Waring and Mike M-B of KM at meeting on 17th February. Both the municipality as well as Marine and Coastal Management. agreed that a boom can be installed. The option that the Electricity come from Montrose Castle was discussed but nobody was keen to be reliant on others. Solar was discussed. Solar equipment needs to be secured. There are farm gate examples with high poles and locked boxes and override options. To be installed on the strip road in line with Montrose castle entrance. Gate options suggested is a V shaped gate. Swing open or sliding on rail. 50 cm on the pivot area. Pedestrians will walk around.</p> <p>Eion asked for diagram as that area was designed as a turning shunt and should not be interfered with that. Remotes should be to be paid for by the people who have valid beach driving permits. 3 quotes to be provided. Legal processes need to be followed.</p> <p><b>3.4.3. Weddings on the Beach</b>  Wedding on the beach caused traffic problems and a car had to be pulled out; to be taken up with KM.</p> <p><b>3.4.4 School Site ERF 394/1</b>  Eion wrote to Christo Gilliomee and he has agreed to find the correct person in central government. Eion to follow up.</p> <p><b>3.4.5. Heritage status of old Pezula Castle</b>  Santie brought this issue to the attention of Lauren Waring of KM. It was reported that repairs have been done. Julie however stated in this meeting that there was still glass lying around and asked KM to look into this. This was agreed. No other action is being taken by the municipality.</p> <p><b>3.4.6. Old Wagon Road Access.</b></p> <p><b>3.4.7 Estate Agent Signage</b>  This issue was brought to the attention of Lauren Waring of KM</p>	<p><b>SdB</b></p> <p><b>SdB</b></p> <p><b>EB</b> <b>JG</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>EB</b></p> <p><b>SdB</b></p> <p><b>SdB</b></p>
<p><b>3.5. Newsletter</b>  Newsletter was published. Well done to all involved.</p>	<p><b>CatS</b> <b>info</b></p>
<p><b>4 General</b></p>	
<p><b>4.1. History of Noetzie</b></p> <p><b>4.2. AGM</b></p> <p><b>4.3. PHO /NCOA relationship</b>  Following up with Albert McClein on cattle grid.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p>

	<p><b>4.4. NCOA/ Noetzie Home Services Group</b></p> <p>Nick wrote the letter to Jan Willem following up from the AGM; no response was received. The Roelofs house has been advertised for fractional ownership. Eion says that fractional ownership is like having shares in a co that has a property. Property is owned by one individual with an agreement. NCOA can do nothing?</p> <p>Nick spoke to Steve about an emergency key for the private road; however the new keys haven't arrived from Cape Town.</p> <p><b>4.5. WEBSITE</b></p> <p>Web site up to date, Carl very kindly saw to it.</p>	<p><b>NT</b></p> <p><b>CatS</b></p> <p>info</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b>	
	<p><b>5.1 Montrose illegal trading</b></p> <p>Cameras taking the shuttle. Elbie to be employed to look into the matter. She has quoted for her services. Letter will be R650 if Elbie deems it necessary. Eion queried the legal premise of 'Occupational practice' which Julie had stated needed to be taken into account. He asked that we find out exactly what the section 31(9)b is. Julie will look at it and query what that clause says. Deadline of Monday next week for a decision as to whether Elbie will be asked to look at the issue. Agreement will be reached by email consensus from all in the committee.</p> <p><b>5.2 Knysna municipality</b></p> <p>It has been brought to the committee's attention that the Noetzie Town planning scheme is lacking. We need to change 1.7 This is in terms of commercial activity. There is no definition for "Holiday Business concession." This needs to be assessed. Mike MB will assist but wants to understand what the original intent was. We need to define it, and put it on the web site. Simon Niks to be canvassed – no charge. Request a definition of original intent from Robbie and Chris.</p> <p><b>5.3 Montrose</b></p> <p>MMB send a letter giving the date of the 14<sup>th</sup> March as a deadline. A land inspector will be sent to check if they are trading. CAS to check with inspector.</p> <p><b>5.4 Old Pezula Castle</b></p> <p>Would send out somebody to check re glass and the open tank. Some renovations have been done. Municipality will come down and check and make the place safe. Are we satisfied with that? It was suggested that the NCOA goes to provincial government. Also Julie will ask re this at the meeting with.</p> <p><b>5.5. Visser house</b></p> <p>Wendy wishes to state that she is not satisfied with the process and wants this to go on record. She stated in an email: Number one – the Geotechnical report was carried out by Dr Visser who sat on my stoep and told me there is bedrock.</p> <p>The geotech report should be done by another party, not by the applicant himself. According to Mike Maghan-Brown, a professional is required to carry out this investigation. AT the time that Dr Visser was here, no other person came to inspect. I do not know how far down the bedrock begins, but it is WAY before 2 meters. This means that blasting or hammerjack will have to be used to get to this level.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p>

The final say is with the municipality. The application for the Oscar permit required the geotechnical report. As a committee, we have reservations in terms of major excavations. Nick reported that there was on file Geotechnical report from a Mr Stapleberg of The Council for Geoscience from the Western Cape Regional office.

#### **5.7 New NCOA member category**

We will encourage local people such as fishermen to become members. Julie wishes to put a proposal to have the community canvassed. She has spoken to the fishermen that she assists with fishing licenses, 3 of whom are keen to join. Julie will pay for them as ordinary members. If there are additional members Cathy is happy to sponsor a few.

Julie stated that in addition to bringing a great local representation they are great eyes and ears.

The committee was very enthusiastic with this plan.

#### **5.8 Earth Life Hour**

Action Ad's will have an advert for earth life hour to be sponsored by NCOA at no charge.

<b>6 Next meeting date</b>	
The next meeting will be held on SKYPE Date: 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 Time: 05:30	

**Accepted as correct by the Chairperson Nick Taylor**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Date: \_\_30 April 2011\_\_