

**Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners’  
Association  
14 August 2008**

**Present**

Carl Metelerkamp (chair), Penny Suckling, Eion Brown, Rookan Podesta and Nick Taylor.

**Apologies**

Julie Gosling, Santie den Boestert, and Cathy Shimmin.

Note: although Julie was not able to attend the meeting, she sent a written report, which is quoted at relevant points below, and marked ‘JG’s report’.

**1. Meeting of 10 July**

**1.1 Matters arising**

**1.1.1 Meeting with the Mayor**

JG’s report: ‘Christopher Bezuidenhout reported that the Mayor has instructed the Municipal Manager, Johnny Douglas, to deal with the issues brought up by the NCOA in the meeting on the 23rd Jan and to date has not yet received a report. He will follow it up and come back to me next week.’

**1.1.2 Noetzie infill**

Elbie Burger has emailed Peter Badenhorst and asked for comment on the response of DEADP to Pezula’s Final Extended Scoping Report. In the meantime, the NCOA should consider publicizing DEADP’s response to all interested parties, including Noetzie homeowners.

**1.1.3 Boardwalk**

Eion will follow up with the Knysna Municipality.

**1.1.4 Urban Edge**

JG’s Report: ‘Alan was told by (Mayor) Eleanor that a decision had been made to exclude Noetzie. I have just spoken to Alan (Wed 16h45) and he is going to get in touch with Andrew Finn immediately for further feedback. I am waiting for a copy of the minutes of the Section 80 committee meeting which was held on Tuesday 5th in which the urban edge was discussed and recommendations made which will be forwarded to the Executive Mayoral Committee and ultimately Council. ... Ed Hill is sticking with his recommendation that the entire area be **excluded.**’

**1.1.5 Montrose**

Penny confirmed that commercial activities are continuing.

**1.1.6 Fire management**

JG’s Report: ‘It is important that all home owners have fire extinguishers in their homes and that they are serviced once a year. Alan da Souza was badly burnt when the Lindsay generator caught fire while he was refueling it. The fire extinguisher was empty.’

It was resolved that homeowners should be informed about fire hazards, through the Newsletter.

**1.1.7 Water**

Penny expressed ongoing concern about the potential impact of municipal water being supplied to Noetzie home; this is not viable without a sewerage system, as increased flows of water will cause septic tanks to overflow. The NCOA needs to anticipate developments and act proactively. Julie was requested to talk to the relevant dept in the KM.

**1.1.8 Garden refuse**

Eion reported that he has spoken to George and between them they are dealing with the issue: they are

removing refuse from its dumped site, separating lighter and heavier material and composting.

#### **1.1.9 Sign on Noetzie beach**

JG's Report: 'I have removed the sign from the beach and have also acquired a new Intertidal Zone sign from Justine Sharples at CapeNature to replace the very faded one in the carpark. Acton Signs is redoing the other illegible signs.'

#### **1.1.10 Payment to Alan McVitty**

Nick undertook to follow up with Cathy regarding the payment to Alan McVitty.

#### **1.1.11 Wynne-Jones Generator**

JG's Report: 'Richard Davies, the chap who looks after Aubrey's house, is looking into installing a silencer on the exhaust.'

#### **1.1.12 Pezula Castle**

It was agreed to ask Julie to follow up with Heritage WC.

#### **1.1.13 UCT students**

JG's Report: 'Kenny contacted me and I put him in touch with Elbie and Neil Metelerkamp. He is coming down to Knysna next week. Neil is going ahead with his case for prescriptive rights against Pezula and has asked me to give an affidavit. I am seeing his lawyer tomorrow morning. Annamarie De Vos is his advocate.'

## **2. Beach driving**

JG's Report: 'I met with Neil Malan (Deputy Director), Sandy McDonald (Principal Environmental Officer) and the entire team from the Sub-Directorate Coastal Planning and Environmental Protection at Noetzie on the 25th July. The team was doing a number of site inspections along the Southern Cape coast. We did an hour and a half tour of the entire Conservancy and I filled them in on the NCOA concerns regarding illegal beach driving and the abuse of the driving permits. We also discussed Pezula's contravention of the B&B license and the saga of the seeping septic tank. Neil has no problem with a boom or chain being erected, on the sandy section at the bottom of the wagon road and reckons it is possibly the best way to control vehicular access.

Some points that came up during our discussion....

1) Should plot owners, i.e. no dwellings, have permits when the purpose of the permit was to allow home owners access?

2) Should home owners who let their homes allow tenants to drive on the beach?

I say no to both of these!

I gave Neil a copy of the DEADP letter and the NCOA response to the FSR.'

## **3. Newsletter**

Carl appealed to members to send items of interest for inclusion in the next edition. Eion will ask Tim and Niekie to put a nature article together.

## **4. Next meeting**

18h30 on Thursday 4 September.