

# **Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 9 July 2009**

## **Present**

Carl Metelerkamp (chair), Julie Gosling, Santie den Boestert, Eion Brown, Cathy Shimmin and Nick Taylor.

## **Apologies**

Rookan Podesta, Penny Suckling.

## **1. Minutes of the Meeting of 11 June 2009**

### **1.1 Matters arising**

#### **1.1.1 Urban Edge**

Julie confirmed that the Council has decided to exclude Noetzie from the Urban Edge, but that she has not yet had sight of the minutes of the June Council meeting.

#### **1.1.2 Meeting with the Mayor**

Julie reported that she has not yet received minutes of the meeting, and that these will be forwarded to members of the Committee as soon as they are received.

#### **1.1.3 Noetzie infill**

Eion reported that he has been trying to phone Danie Swanepoel at DEADP in George, and has left several messages, but has been unsuccessful thus far.

## **2 School Site**

A number of options were discussed with respect to the old schools site being used for conservancy purposes:

- The NCOA acquiring Section 21 status, which would give us a stronger legal standing. Cathy sounded a caution regarding the legal obligations of a S21 company. Julie undertook to discuss this with Al McVitty, who had suggested this course of action.
- Encouraging the Knysna Municipality to take over the site.
- Getting the Public Works Dept to become involved.

Julie noted that she has been doing some clearing of alien vegetation on the site, and that Pezula has established a corridor for game through their adjoining (illegal) fence.

## **3 Powers of the NCOA regarding building plans**

Carl reported that he has been through Robbie Robertson's records in search of recognition by the Knysna Transitional Local Council of the constitution of the KPOA, or of the rights of the KPOA/NCOA to vet building plans for Noetzie properties. Cathy undertook to ask Chris if he has any such records.

## **4 Traffic on the Noetzie road**

Eion noted that Pezula had recently held a mountain bike event at the Field of Dreams and that this had resulted in cars being backed up for hundred of metres on the Noetzie road, causing congestion on the road. It was agreed that Eion, as a private citizen, should enquire from the Knysna Traffic Dept whether the necessary permission had been obtained.

## **5 Clearing garbage and alien plants**

It was agreed that a garbage clearing exercise along the coast be organized by the NCOA over the Christmas period. Julie noted that she was working with Jessica Hayes of the Pezula Environmental Liaison Committee in clearing alien bush up the river. In particular, there are many black wattle saplings that can be pulled out by hand. It was agreed that this work should also be continued by larger parties during the Christmas season.

## **6 Next meeting**

17h30 on Thursday 6 August