

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:	Daiman Gibbs (DG) Gavin Lawson (GL) Sandra Fowkes (SF) Joshua Gericke (JG) Carol Watts (CW) Nyanisa Tshaya Angus Hemp (AH) Andrew Taylor (AT) Yvonne Bulgen (YB) Assoc	ZSC, Chair CBC ZVT Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Minutes DEADP Marina da Gama COCT WES MLRA Muizenberg & Lakeside Ratepayers Assoc
Apologies:	John Fowkes Bob Craske Abdullah Parker Boudje Giljam Cllr Aimee Kuhl	Westlake wetlands TCT Marina da Gama
Invited:	Dr Deena Pillay Vivian Coetzee Kaelin Stemmet Ann Holt Lindsay Powell	UCT Dept Biological Sciences UCT student, Dept Biological Sciences UCT student, Dept Biological Sciences UCT student, Dept Biological Sciences UCT student, Dept Biological Sciences

Item		Action by	Date due
Meeting opened: 15h00			
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Damian Gibbs		
2.	Attendance Register: signed by all.		

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3	<p>Minutes of previous meetings: Point 3.9: “Slainkiebos” to read “Slangetjebos.” Proposed Angus, seconded Andrew. They were then accepted as correct.</p> <p>3.1 Matters Arising: nil</p>		
4.	<p>Talk by students Dept Biological Sciences, introduced by Dr Deena Pillay. Dr Pillay introduced the 4 students, who presented their findings on Eutrophication (overload of nutrients) in Zandvlei. Their hypothesis was that it would be greater at the inflow than at the mouth. This held true for all but an area at site 5; Josh thought that variation was possibly due to the effects of sun and rain on the shallower water. Their conclusion was that Zandvlei was in the early stages of Eutrophication, which has a direct bearing on water quality. Further study was needed to establish the effects of opening/closing the mouth on marine and water life, and of sewage spills/ammonia. These results were warning signs that the water was currently in the partial contact risk zone, which was still reversible. An extended discussion followed, after which they were thanked for their most informative presentation.</p>		
5.	<p>Councillor Aimee Kuhl. Damian welcomed her and introduced the committee. Joshua outlined the legal background and history of ZPAAC; Sandra outlined its function.</p> <p>5.1 The problem with the Kingfisher was discussed; Damian felt that the problems experienced were due to under resourcing. Aimee replied that these problems had to be balanced against the needs of the massive influx of people into the Cape Metropolis, who needed housing, water and sanitation. Restructuring of the CC was under way.</p> <p>5.2 The councillor who lives in Muizenberg would be contacted.</p>		
6.	<p>Integrated Management Plan. Sandra outlined the process. Joshua felt that the whole document needed to be rewritten, eliminating the “dead weight” of excessive and confusing verbiage. Nyanisa spoke at length on the overview of the Management plans in her portfolio. The plan was to be finalised and circulated in September for comments (one week allowed), then the draft plus a memo would be forwarded to Ossie Asmal at CC.</p>		

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7.	<p>Project List report back and update. Members outlined their progress – reflected in the attached Project list update. Not all items were discussed.</p> <p>Litter traps: These did not cope with high water flow, and needed to be redesigned. Joshua had a design, still to be tested. Funds had been donated anonymously, and he would contact Abdullah Parker.</p> <p>Litter collection: this would provide a source of employment if funds could be sourced. Aimee said that the job was best done by individuals as there was too much demand on what money CC had available. Angus to advise how Marina da Gama dealt with the problem. Yvonne and Angus to look for any unused pockets of money. Joshua advised that the fishnet in the Red Roman canal was cleaned by agreement with the Roads and Storm water department.</p> <p>Security: Joshua reported that land invasion continues, and that there was a major increase in gill-netting, marine offences and snares. This was directly linked to the slump in the economy. Security (Quemic) is paid by CC.</p> <p>Invasive Species: Mexican water lily had been first seen in 2008 and was now a major problem in the Keyzers and Westlake rivers. Mallard Ducks: action was planned for May/June next year to decrease their numbers.</p> <p>The Marina da Gama code of practice (i.r.o the new Recreational Bylaw.) It was not yet in place: Boudje was to meet with Dalton Gibbs to discuss it.</p>		
8	Any Other Business: Nil		

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Meeting closed: 17h20

Next Meeting:

Date: October 11th 2016

Time: 15h00

Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN.