

# ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

<b>Present:</b>	Damian Gibbs (DG) Joshua Gericke Gavin Lawson (GL) Sandra Fowkes (SF) John Fowkes (JF) David Walker (DW) Carol Watts (CW) Bernelle Verster (BV) Angus Hemp (AH) Andrew Taylor (AT) Andy Killick (AT)	ZSC, Chair Manager, ZNR CBC ZVT Westlake Wetlands Project Sea Cadets/CPUT Minutes  Marina da Gama CoCT Private
<b>Apologies:</b>	Abdullah Parker Candice Haskins Anthony Roberts Neil Armitage Cllr. Aimee Kuhl (AK) Nyanisa Tshaya (NT) Mike Miller	TCT  CTEET UCT fishing water CoCT Councillor, ward 64 DEA
<b>Invited:</b>		

Item		Action by	Date due
	<b>Meeting opened: 15h10</b>		
1.	<b>Welcome:</b> Extended to all by Damian Gibbs		
2.	<b>Attendance Register:</b> signed by all.		
3	<b>Minutes of previous meetings: Matters Arising:</b> Sandra to send through her corrections. (Sent and added.)		

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4.	<p><b>Update on City Restructuring</b> Aimee Kuhl had advised that it was under way, was not yet completed and that there was not much feedback so far.</p>		
5.	<p><b>Report back on PAAC Chairmans' meeting</b> There was not much to report. The major issue was how to report back to the public. This could be a sensitive issue; minutes are not published on the website and all communication goes through Joshua.</p>		
6.	<p><b>Report back on Estuary Management Course - Bernelle</b> Bernelle reported at length that it had been very productive and enjoyable. The full report will be made available on the website <a href="http://www.zpaac.org.za">www.zpaac.org.za</a> Zandvlei was reported to be one of the better managed Estuaries. <u>Items subsequently discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paddle runs: scheduled for late May and June/July.</li> <li>• Water monitoring: flow and ?density required.</li> <li>• Obstructions to flow including Coral worm:</li> <li>• Fish: they communicate by sound; motor boats interfere with this and they can't coordinate their breeding, etc. It is estimated that there are less than 500 breeding pairs of Kabeljou left between Zandvlei and ?</li> <li>• Recommendations: Kingfisher – look at quieter ones? Use electric motors on boats?</li> <li>• Water flow into the Vlei: 40% from Sand River, 45% from Keyser River and 15% from Westlake. Concern was expressed over storm water inflow: was there a plan of action?</li> <li>• Dredging: Abdullah Parker had indicated that the city was unlikely to dredge the vlei this financial year.</li> <li>• Litter traps: Joshua's design was ready. A pilot study was needed; he had spoken to two students, but there had been little interest shown.</li> </ul>		
7	<p><b>Project List report back and update:</b> There was nothing particularly outstanding to be discussed.</p>		
8.	<p><b>General</b> The algal bloom was being studied and a statement would be released at a later date. Severe weed (reed?) infestation was reported on the Westlake River that needed to be dredged out. It was a losing battle. Reeds need to be removed by hand. The river was reported to be getting more saline. The 13 mile bridge to be widened – there were many problems with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water backed up there after a storm and caused flooding; Flood control</li> </ul>		

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	<p>was needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a danger of flooding after the fires: storm surge from the sea plus runoff from the newly created vineyards and cleared alien vegetation on the mountain above Westlake.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion - How to control and reduce the risk of flooding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of flood control this problem ranked second to the mouth.</li> <li>• A front-end driver was needed to clear sludge build up that contributed to flooding and some of the reeds needed to be cleared.</li> <li>• The probability was that we were in for a heavy winter.</li> <li>• It was felt that it would take about 3 years for the dams to reach capacity again.</li> </ul>		
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>          Angus asked for someone who could supply a rescue boat for the Marina Regatta in April. He was referred to Rob Forman.</p>		
10.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> May 17<sup>th</sup> Carol gave her apologies for this meeting.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed: 16h20</b></p>		