

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Action Plan Minutes · 14 July 2016

Present: Nikki Brighton, Lynne Garbutt, Ashley Crookes, Gugu Zuma,
Brenda Grant, Pauline Holden

Apologies: Jenny Goddard

Dargle Nature Reserve

R10,000 for Nature Reserve legal fees to be returned to MCF.
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LG

Dassies

Nothing further

Invasive Alien Plants

Have asked DUCT for more herbicide.

NB

KZNCA, MCF & Other Conservancies

MCF – Treasurer Yvonne Thompson has resigned and there will be a Vision/Way forward meeting in a few weeks. No one keen to participate.

Living Local

Nothing further

Committee Tasks & Portfolios

Welcome Pauline Holden!

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ALL

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AC, NB, LG - DC Facebook page.

Nikki will stand down as Chair at 2017 AGM

Discussion re Ashley or Jenny to take on the role.

Nikki to send Brenda instructions on how to set up email account for dev@DC

Finance

Thanks Lynn for easy to read information.

Bank Balances for July 2016:

Current Account: R31 123.22 Recon done on all balances.

Money Market: R66 402.85

Invoices politely sent. Still R3 700 outstanding.

Willen & Gush in Post Box, Bazely via Downard,

Goodwin, Hall, Hammond, Hanbury, Holt, Janisch, McKenzie, Eidin

Griffin – Lynne to phone

Heather McKenzie CANCEL as she has moved to Howick.

LG

NPO Documents: We need to send a tax certificates to SARS.

Lynne will sort this out.

LG

Communication

Winter Newsletter – done and appreciative response.

Michael's girlfriend is media whizz - Leezl Bezuidenhout

Could she help us with Instagram? Blog? Facebook?

JG

NB

Next newsletter Summer (Nov/Dec)

Members Programme

Dargle Trashion Show

Great turn out and much enjoyed by all. Article on DLL blog.
Wendy de Waal contact Ashley – what did she want?
Definitely to be repeated in 2017.
Gugu thinks LRC good venue.

Dargle Game Count Weekend

R530 made
Need to refund Jeremy for soup & sherry
23 properties involved
Positive Outcome is that Ezemvelo are doing a count, by air or on the ground of Endabeni Farm.
Neville suggest Summer count. Ezemvelo say winter is best.
Decision NO.
Solar lantern to thank Neville and Hayley van Lelyveld
2017 suggestions:
Friday 5.30 to 8pm
No function
Everyone submit via Whats App and SMS
Ian King and Pauline Holden to coordinate.

Dargle AGM

Turnout lower than usual, but much enjoyed by all.
Snacks not good, will not barter for fees next year!

Coming up:

AUGUST – picnic river NIKKI

SEPTEMBER – movie at Tangleswood - The Bliss of Ignorance and something else about energy. Momenta? Transition Town? Not during school holidays. PAULINE

OCTOBER – Spring Hike Inhlosane. invite kids. ASHLEY

NOVEMBER - FREE ME Nxamalala and Members visit. Gugu to check kombi hire for kids to Howick with Mr Ngubane. GUGU

Pauline keen to arrange farm visits re: sustainability, renewables, alternate building etc in 2017

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Development Monitoring

Beverly Wedding Venue – nothing further
Water Theme Park opp Midmar – what will happen in Winter?
Fracking – registering as IAP in all new applications

BG

Yellowwood Shopping Centre – will register when called for
Everglades – nothing further

Membership & Recruitment

NB suggests a phone call to each member to update records and checking that they have a DC sign.
DC to pay phone costs. Jenny tasked to do this.
First send email to all asking to update phone/contact details.
Are they happy/what do they want.

JG

Membership drive? Boston/Lidgetton/Lion's River in 2017
Hoatson– new owner of Merensky – Jenny to contact

Education

Nxamalala Gardeners to Mpophomeni Garden. Cancelled.
Nxamalala Enviro Club to FREE ME

Report:

Village now has Municipal water (election coming up!). When borehole was drilled, they found the water was no good and told community not to let the cows drink it. They piped it the wetland! Now the wetland is flooded/has become a dam and the birds are dying. Sabelo had the idea to take the birds to another functioning wetland nearby.

Gugu to phone Samson Phakathi of EWT for advice 082 805 4806

GZ

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Every Sunday at 5am 10 cars arrive with 60 hunting dogs. Gugu afraid to report directly to SACAN, so will send message to Nikki or Ashley to report. SACAN advised us that if we report often, they will escalate the intervention in our area.

**GZ
NB
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MMEP Forest trips August

Impendle - Zandile grateful for support and inspiration
NB has arranged numerous educational opportunities for her
Discussions with N3TC and MMEP re: incorporating into MMEP in 2017

NB compiled June report for N3TC

Green Pop – Reforestation. Pauline to pursue options for local schools. Nikki suggested that we need to restore grassland, rather than plant trees.

Trail Cameras

Going to Pauline as free intro to DC comm.

AC

Inhlosane

Ashley and Lynne suggest Inhlosane Trail restoration
Ashley to speak to Camilla and Gary to champion the project

AC

Dargle River

Mr Zuma one weekend follow up in 24/25 July
Cut path/area for picnic in August

NB

Schools

Jenny keen to revive recycling at Dargle Primary
Cyril Ramaphosa - Adopt a School - maybe he will sponsor some
loos R5000 each. R1000 labour. Nedbank foundation/Mandela
Foundation.

JG

Road Signs

Nikki continues to ask Bongani Mncube from KZN Dept of
Transport, but little response.

NB

Poaching and Hunting

Bird shooting on farms - What can we do? Lynne to contact Kim
Gillings EKZNW DCO for advice 084 577 7066

We must encourage DC members to report poaching to SA CAN
Hotline 083 799 1916 Ashley and Nikki to post on FB more often.
SAPS Stock Theft Unit now in charge of wildlife crime too.
Warrant Officer DN Kay 083 778 0864

KZNCA still planning to organise meeting to discuss strategy to
present Ezemvelo regarding permits for the capture or hunting of
animals – to ensure that conservancies are consulted, or HOs
engaged to assist before permits are issued.

Budget 2016

Speakers	R2000	
Education	R15 000 (MMEP 10 000, Nxam R1000, Impendle R2000, Trashion R1000)	
Free Me	R1200 (monthly R100)	
Subs (MCF, KZNCA)	R600	
Invasive clearing	R10 000 (Mr Zuma at River and a workshop)	
YMLP	R2500 (increased due to hosting Frack Free)	
Website hosting	R1000	
Webmaster	R2400	
Post Box	R260	
Auditors	R1500 (we haven't had to pay before, but best allocate, in case)	
Bank Charges	R300? Lynne to confirm	
Stationery	R1500	
Gifts & vouchers	R2000	
Meetings	R1500	
School	R1200	
Contingencies	R5000	
TOTAL	R46 000 more or less	
Dream: Rehab trout dams at Riverdale on uMngeni River		
Dream: Inhlosane as Nature Reserve		
Lynne to work out approx income for 2016/2017		LG
Lynne to do 'what have we spent' according to budgets		

Cape Parrots

Annual Count Day 4 & 5 June 2016 None spotted in area for over a year! NB sent out notices to all of Midlands. Only two responses, but hopefully more directly to Colleen Downs.	NB
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Fracking & Unconventional Gas

NB building data base on DC YMLP and sending out notices etc. Upgraded to 7500 emails pm to facilitate this. Pauline to handle notices while NB away	NB
DC to register as an IAP in ALL the exploration applications	BG
Frack Free Dargle – A4 signs cost R30, sell R50 with R20 donation to FFSA. NB to order 10.	

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Next Meeting Date: October/November 2016