

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Action Plan Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2018

Present: Ashley Crookes, Brenda Grant, Pauline Holden, Gugu Zuma

Apologies: Jenny Goddard

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting, having been re-circulated, were taken as read 	
Items carried forward from previous meeting:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: Gugu to confirm date and details of Pat MacKrill snake talk proposed for Sept/Oct (See Members programme below) Being not well when contacted – Pat MacKrill was to contact Gugu. Having not heard from him yet, Gugu will contact him and give feedback by Friday 9th November. 	GZ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: Inhlosane walk completed and was a success with 60 people in attendance. Letter of thanks to be sent to Ian and Sally of Mount Park. 	GZ AC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pauline to advise how honed her social media skills have become after her course and whether she will be able to assist in this regard. Still a work in progress. 	PH
Finances:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current bank balances: Current account Rxxxxx, Money Market account Rxxxxx Treasurer not present to report – Ashley Crookes to follow up with both Lynne and Gail. 	AC
Members' Programme:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas/Proposed Member Events & Talks for 2018 - update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dargle History (Barend Booysen) – talk recently done at St Andrews Church, so we will look at scheduling next year. Snakes – in Sept/Oct (Pat MacKrill/GZ). Gugu to please follow up and advise. Nikki Brighton has agreed to give a presentation on "Eating Weeds". Venue will be Tanglewood on 14th November. Pauline co-ordinating. Replies going directly to Jenny at Tanglewood as before. On track. Ashley to post on reminder social media. Pauline will be present to collect door takings. Owl/Free Me – schedule for Feb 2019. Ashley to arrange closer to the time. To be the first item on the calendar for next year. Bruce Page talk – completed and was a success. A presentation by Tammy Caine – completed and was a success. Gilly Robartes talk – completed and was a success. 	GZ PH AC PH

Education:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See items carried forward above 	GZ
Development:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report in terms of applications etc • Brenda is keeping a close watch on land redistribution developments in general and will advise accordingly • Nothing to report happening on the Fracking front. • Everglades was brought up, Brenda reported that it is currently a frozen estate and therefore nothing happening there in the near future. 	BG
General:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gail still to approach Lynne to arrange a handover of this function. Item still in progress. • “Dargle Water Board” : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gail indicated her interest in pursuing this initiative previously discussed which will be aimed at the preservation of waterways in the Dargle. She will get in touch with Penny Rees of DUCT as a starting point and to get advice, and will report back. Item still in progress. • Information Sheets : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed that we develop an information sheet to a) enable queries to be replied to easily, b) distribute to B&Bs in the area for guests, c) expand membership to non-residents. Pauline to confirm with Nikki Brighton if she is still available to write it and ascertain the costs for final approval. • Website Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ashley will investigate options to having this function outsourced. None of us have the skills. Still in progress • Chairman position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ashley advised that he will be unlikely to continue as our Chairman next year due to work pressures. “Just putting it out there!” Noted. 	<p>GW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>PH</p> <p>AC</p>
Any other business:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Zuma starting the clearing of the Dargle River area on 9th November for 4 days at the approved rate of R1600 per day for his team. Total budgeted R6400. • Need photos taken at the start and during the progress of the job. These are to send to the sponsors (Julia of Spekboom) and members to show how money is spent on conservation activities. • Nikki Brighton to approach N3TC for Trashion Show sponsorship / funding. Dargle Conservancy to hold the money for distribution. Transactions to be recorded / monitored by Nikki Brighton. Treasurer to manage the money. • PH raised the issue of erosion problem on Hopedale. Queried whether to, and where to report the occurrence. Ashley and Brenda to look for email address from last year (December ?). 	<p>BG / PH</p> <p>GW</p> <p>AC / BG</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm Next Committee meeting will be held on 23rd January 2019. 	AC/PH