

## DARGLE CONSERVANCY

### Action Plan Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 May 2019

**Present:** Ashley Crookes, Brenda Grant, Jenny Goddard, Lynne Garbutt, Pauline Holden, Gugu Zuma

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the previous meeting, having been re-circulated, were taken as read</li> </ul>	
<b>Items carried forward from previous meeting:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website - Ashley will investigate options to having this function outsourced. None of us have the skills. Ashley has negotiated a fee of R300 pm for Paul to maintain the website, attend to uploads etc. <u>Matter resolved</u></li> </ul>	AC
<b>Finances:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current bank balances: Current account R29 933,66, Money Market account R92 781,09</li> <li>Annual Financial Statements have been audited, signed, and will be made available to members at the AGM and on the website.</li> <li>It was agreed that member subs of R300 will remain unchanged for 2019.</li> <li>Bills for annual membership fees have been sent to members. Lynne is following up on payments.</li> </ul>	LG LG
<b>Members' Programme:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ideas/Proposed Member Events &amp; Talks for 2019</b> - update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New owners of Tanglewood have indicated their willingness to host future Conservancy functions once their renovations are complete.</li> <li>Despite efforts of the volunteers, arranging suitable talks is proving to be a difficult task. Still on the cards are: Penny Rees (DUCT) - Jenny, Duncan Hay (UKZN) – Jenny, Rhino film “Stroop” (Michaelhouse ?) – Ashley/Lynne, Daniel Dolpire (Cranes) – Lynne.</li> <li><b>HOWEVER, future events and talks really need to be initiated/suggested by ALL members. We are happy to facilitate, but none of us are in a position to be the sole custodians of setting up all events. The main function of the volunteers is to create awareness and enable suggestions &amp; proposals using the financial resources of the Conservancy <u>with the help of the whole community.</u> Ideally, members with special skills and areas or expertise should step forward to offer input. This is to be communicated by Ashley at the AGM and via social media.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AC JG/AC/LG AC
<b>Education:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed that the majority of our efforts/funding for at least the next 12 months should be channelled towards education, with an emphasis on youth and our local schools (Dargle &amp; Corrie Lynn).</li> <li>The Snake Talk will be scheduled in spring.</li> <li>Carried forward/still relevant : Suggest we look at some sort of water education programme (e.g. “Water explorer”), together with pursuing ideas for more practical events or workshops. Gugu to give this some thought and revert to the committee.</li> </ul>	All/GZ GZ GZ

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We would like to introduce the following in the local schools: 1) Supply TV, DVD player and educational DVDs (Planet Earth etc), and 2) Ensure that their libraries (lifeskills, conservation books etc) and toys (educational) are well stocked - either through the purchase of these items or, preferably, through donations. <b>A call to go out to the community at the AGM and via social media in this regard.</b></li> <li>The Dargle School is in dire need of a stove to cook lunches. Jenny will investigate their requirements, costing etc.</li> </ul>	<p>GZ/AC ALL</p> <p>JG</p>
<b>Development:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report in terms of applications etc but Brenda remains vigilant in attending to objections etc.</li> <li>Brenda advised that it was very difficult to attend the numerous meetings, but it was agreed that this is not expected or necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>BG</p>
<b>General:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AGM</b> : On track for 22nd May. Less than 20 replies so far but as usual there will hopefully be more closer to the time. <b>Ashley</b> will put together a Wildlife Sightings presentation (no prizes this year). <b>Jenny</b> will sit at the door to collect dinner money and have register signed. <b>Pauline</b> will bring the banner hand out membership forms. <b>Gugu</b> will be “introduced” as the education facilitator to highlight our mission to concentrate on this portfolio. <b>Jenny &amp; Pauline</b> to bring DC Member signs to the AGM in case anyone needs.</li> <li>As previously confirmed, the Conservancy will donate R5000 towards the Trashion Show this year (for the final time). This event has become widespread and these funds will in future be directed towards Dargle-specific programmes for the youth.</li> <li><b>Communication:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Communication with members via email and social media is a role the volunteers try their best to fulfil, but if we are not as active as might be expected members need to please understand. We can only do so much! (To be pointed out at the AGM)</b></li> <li>The DC Whatsapp group is proving to be a good alternative form of communication. It has been set up for one-way communication only to avoid “chit chat”.</li> <li>Work in progress : Existing members will be added if we have their phone numbers, and hopefully the group will grow as word gets out.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>AC/JG/PH</p> <p>AC</p> <p>JG</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm Next Committee meeting will be held during August. Date to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	<p>AC/JG</p>