

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is also proposed that the AEN team be utilised for a week to work on areas most needing attention 	All
Liaison with Municipality, HDLA et al	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is very important for the Dargle Conservancy to remain in close contact with important local NGOs and influential associations. An effort to be represented at meetings was committed to by all. Kevin, via HDLA, will be the liaison for this purpose, and advise the DCV of upcoming meetings etc. Umgeni Tourism is another important player, and Ashley is our representative. 	KB/All AC
Signage	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The signage along the P134 in respect of both the Dargle and Umgeni Rivers is either non-existent or in need of urgent attention, and numerous requests to DoT have been fruitless to date. It has been agreed that the Dargle Conservancy will spearhead a project to get this done. Sue Watson is holding market at Taste Buds to raise funds for this. We need to liaise with her in this regard. The costing and any further needed funds to replace the signs will be finalised after the market. The Refuse information sign needs to be installed at the Tanglewood site. Furthermore, it was agreed that is up to the residents in the vicinity of this particular site to manage the apparent disrespect for rules. A suggestion was to ask Ian King to attempt this via the Cell Group. Jenny will chat to him. Additional Member signs need to be ordered and distributed to new members 	KB/AC/GR All KB JG JG
Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gugu was unfortunately not present at the meeting, but the following education topics remain high on our agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter Fire awareness Snakes Water 	GZ
Member Programme	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 kicked off with the fascinating and most informative Phinda spider talk by Clinton Wright at Hebron Haven on 16th February. A relatively poor attendance, and after paying costs we did not raise any funds. The next talk is “Weeds” by Clive Bromilow which will be held at Tanglewood on 16th March. All indications are that the response is great and a full house is expected. The Dargle Mushroom Foray by Jon Mac Gillivray on 12th March is endorsed by ourselves. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future talks include: Falconery (Stephen Lourens) in June, and a river walk (which needs some planning) 	All
Development:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed piggery on Mount Park Farm is ongoing, and we continue as an IAP in this matter. 	JG/AC
General:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal signage on the R103 is still a major problem and becoming worse. Kevin is in ongoing engagement with relevant parties in an attempt to resolve the issue. • A meeting with neighbouring conservancies is long overdue. It would be of huge value to find out more about them, establish commonalities and learn where we can all work together. Jenny will contact Curry's Post, Balgowan, Karkloof, Fort Nottingham and Lions Bush in an attempt to set this up. • Kevin reported that the "My Midlands" app is not happening in the foreseeable future. 	KB JG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8.30pm Next Committee meeting will be held on(to be confirmed). 	AC/JG

UPDATE SINCE 3rd MARCH:

- Site meeting 16th March at Barnsley Farm with AEN team to encourage and clarify role. KB, AC, JG & GR in attendance.
- Weed Talk by Clive Bromilow 16th March (Tanglewood). Very successful
- Decision taken to purchase DC branded shirts and jackets for committee members to wear at events & functions. It might also be an option to make these available to members? AC to investigate and revert.
- Proposal for CKZN R15k project submitted (Andrew Fowler – Road Silt solution). We were unfortunately unsuccessful in our bid.
- 31st March - Intervention by KB with AEN team – disciplinary hearings counselling etc
- Crowned Eagles Talk – 20th April (Hebron Haven) by Tamy Caine of FreeMe. Well attended and successful event.
- Jim Taylor Water Talk scheduled for 23rd April postponed to 28th May due to river flow.
- 9th May - Pepsico funded project visit to site with WWF and Uplands River Conservation
- Numerous requests to DoT to sort out the state of our roads. Some success due to our relentless efforts!
- R5000 donation from Steve Lourens & Grant ? – bike event.
- R5000 donation from Carl Bronner – Regenerative Farming event
- 19th May – AC, JG & KB represented Dargle Conservancy at CKZN AGM held at Hebron Haven, followed by a workshop of Midlands Conservancies. Very informative and worthwhile.
- DC branded shirts & jackets ordered for DCV members.
- 25th May – AGM (see minutes)
- DC branded attire put on display at Taste Buds for members to buy. Only one taker!

- Suggestion to arrange Car Boot Sale at Lions River on 25th June. Request for donations of clothing to sell at very affordable prices. Proceeds intended to be used to fund veg gardens for the elderly. (Response for donations very poor. This initiative was de-railed by protest action and has not taken place. KB distributed his contribution to the community).
- 28th May – Water talk and MiniSass demonstration. Rather small turnout, probably due to the talk having been postponed due to flooding.
- 8th June – AC and KB attended Umgeni Tourism meeting on behalf of the DC.
- 15th June – Serval Talk by Wade Whitehead held at Hebron Haven. Good turnout, excellent feedback.
- Placed order for 50 member signs
- Agreed to join as a member of Umgeni Tourism
- Ongoing feedback on the AEN team (post-project report to be compiled by KB and LG.....)
- 20th July – BioControl of Alien Invasive Weeds by Mike Morris at Hebron Haven. Another excellent turnout.
- Suggestion to organise a road clean-up day (per Karkloof initiative on 5th Aug). To be discussed.
- Proposed August activity – Poort Walk with Andrew Fowler. To be discussed.
- 21st July – Objection to development in Curry's Post area submitted by DC.
- 27th July – Inspection of Pepsico project (KB with Andrew Fowler)
- 10th August – DCV Meeting at Hebron Haven