

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes  
Committee Meeting  
10 April 2013**

Present	Apologies
Clive Shippey	
Barry Downard	Samantha Rose
Nikki Brighton	
Robin Barnsley	
Rowena van Breemen	

Minutes		Action
<b>Special Projects</b>		
1. Nature Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NB has written blog post on current status. Still awaiting signing of documents by the MEC.</li> </ul>	
2. Dassie relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer of new dassies from E. Cape referred to Graeme Griffin.</li> </ul>	
3. Alien Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCF involved with a pilot project in Karkloof funded by various organizations. We await to see results/implications to assess whether similar could be implemented in Dargle.</li> </ul>	
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	No discussion	
5. Living Local	Serge Guerrera has suggested a weekly Dargle Market. Decided that that would be unsustainable, and to remain with once-a-month format.	
6. MCF-BSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	
7. Committee tasks and portfolios	No discussion	
8. Free Me	CS has paid the monthly donation up to April. Agreed that it is a worthy cause for continued donation.	
9. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	<p>Resolved to make payment of R3 per/km for travel allowance to guest speakers.</p> <p>Members to claim expenses in future by means of an invoice handed to CS.</p> <p>Receipts do not need to be issued, unless for cash payments or if specifically requested.</p> <p>Invoices have been sent out, and new system appears to be working well. Sue to send statements for membership and to those outstanding payments for the map.</p> <p>NB has subscribed to DC's own YMLP account.</p> <p>Budget drawn up by NB discussed and approved with minor alterations and additions.</p> <p>Resolved to increase membership to R280 to come into effect from 2014. Motion to be tabled for discussion at the AGM along with motion of charging pro-rata fees.</p>	<b>CS, NB</b>

	<p>Resolved for BD to commission 100 new Members signs. These signs to be supplied free to all existing and new members. To be handed out at the AGM.</p> <p>2 water workshops with Penny Rees have been organized at a cost of R500 each to be arranged for September as the current water level is too high.</p>	
10. Communications (Nikki)	<p>New large sign has been made, BD to arrange for installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article on Midlands Conservancies (possibly predominantly DC) to appear in Country Life.</li> </ul>	BD NB
11. Membership Programme (Nikki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25<sup>th</sup> May Solar Day at Zuvuya</li> <li>September Bat Evening</li> <li>NB to speak to Rob Fowler about walk up iNshlosane from Heatherdon.</li> <li>Potential 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations discussed. Potentially August. BD to contact Lucinda Bate of Lions River Club with a view to arranging some sort of event at Lions River Club, possibly over 2 days, with different emphasis on each day. NB to approach David Johnson. BD to approach Hairy Legged Lentil Eaters. RvB to approach musicians from Jhb. Maybe a walk?</li> </ul> <p>2 water workshops with Penny Rees have been organized at a cost of R500 each to be arranged for September as the current water level is too high.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	NB, BD, RvB
12. Development monitoring (Barry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BD has drafted comments to be submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on EIA Review.</li> </ul>	BD
13. Membership management & Recruitment (ALL)	<p>Membership data base has been updated. Special thanks to Rose Downard for input and assistance.</p>	
14. Education	<p>Pat McKrill to be conducting 3 talks with schools in Impendle. Sam Pakhati to talk to schools about oribi and dog hunting. Penz Malinga to talk to schools about water and rivers. Co-operation with MMAEP providing value rather than an actual monetary grant.</p>	SR & NB
15. General		
	<p>AGM set for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013. NB to confirm with Tanglewood. BD to progress required protocol and communications. It was decided that there would be no speaker invited, just a Get-Together at Tanglewood. NB to confirm with Katie Robinson to do snacks. All current committee members prepared to stand again. Rowena to take minutes. BD to send copy of 2012 AGM minutes to RvB. CS &amp; Rose Downard to organize the collection of membership subs on the night. New signs to be available for distribution.</p>	NB BD NB CS BD

Next meeting: Date not set as the next meeting will likely be after the AGM.