

Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
10 January 2012

Present	Apologies
Gill Addison	Vaughan Koopman
Andrew Anderson	
Barry Downard	
Nikki Brighton	
Clive Shippey	
Katie Robinson (birthday 11 Jan)	

Minutes		Action
	Very long meeting as our last real meeting was held in October. So many good ideas, but not enough people/hours. Do we need a focused strategy meeting, to decide how best to utilize our energy and resources?	
Special Projects		
1. Nature Reserve	Gareth is Building credibility, well liked. Andrew impressed with how he is going about things Strategy: finish existing sites. Then 500ha more. Big landowner, then add on smaller guys. Tim Bate is still the sticking point in Dargle. See Gareth's Nov Dargle report attached - there does not appear to be a report for December	
2. Dassie relocation	Give one to Sergio for community building Conservation Christmas articles in press – no takers. Karkloof suggestion, 'Green Gifts banner' for all these alternate gift ideas. Karkloof Valley looks like an ideal habitat for Dassies and the Kklf Conservancy would like to explore this idea. Give then Graeme's contact details Need certificates for Andrew's nieces. AA to send names asap	Barry Nikki Barry Nikki. Barry
3. Alien Plants	Working for Water on Bronners farm at present – really nice bunch. Mr Khumalo 082 747 7894 We should try and find out how they decide where to work, map looked a bit random to me. Invite them to share strategy with DC comm	Nikki

4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	No further progress: AA to comment on the norms and standards Nice comment from Alison Young (sec) to Newsletter– “This was well worth the read” Check that Malcolm Stainbank is on mailing list to receive Newsletters and wildlife sightings	AA Nikki
5. Living Local	Would like to add: Time trading, travel share, Good Neighbours (forum for requests/offers). We really need people to sign up to DLL blog to make it work. all encourage everyone else they know in Dargle – personal requests have the most impact. Push FOLLOW in newsletters and at meetings Our Policy on sending out personal requests to mailing list? NO! DC is biodiversity and DLL is our initiative to get community connected. Lost dogs etc Make notices for post boxes, explaining what DLL is all about – community issues have this forum. Dieter wants to advertise on the site. Ok. Advertisers to live in dargle or offer service to dargle. Food Hero posters are up at Dargle Store. “biggest pumpkin” competition for Autumn at Market Prizes – local supper/stuff/vouchers for the market sponsored by DC (actually voucher would be good idea – start of Dargle Dollar concept). Reddest raspberries, giant marrow etc at other times. Luke Pallet promised to make short video of Dargle Local Living for website.	Nikki Gill Nikki Need to decide on cost Barry to design Pumpkin poster and vouchers Nikki
6. MCF-BSP	Gill – ACCESS TO DROPBOX Nikki now paid MCF secretary, doing Gwyn’s Dargle tasks too. Af Insight needed Gwyn back.	AA
7. Archiving of minutes	Achive set up, just need all the minutes. www.dc.org/docarchive.html	VK, AA, NB
Portfolios		
8. Finances: treasurers report	AS of 10 January: Current account balance R6063.44 as of today M/M Investment account R142 836.98 Interest rate 3.9% Income: R94 441.47 CEPF Interest: 331.86 and 345.65 Deposit of: R240 (100 Aloe Ridge w/shop, 140 movie night) R320 (250 Tanglewood subs, 70 Fire Talk)	

	<p>R250 (Fly subs) Barend R80 (walks) Deposit 250 Colleen van Heerden (cell number: 084 603 0604) R450 (Thomas Barry subs and 2 signs) Total income:</p> <p>Expenditure: R66 379.63</p> <p>DC to Register with SARS as an employer - Fee is R1000. No skills development levy required to be paid.</p> <p>Open a separate account for CEPF funding meeting at FNB on Tuesday 17th in Howick to open another account for DC money. Leave CEPF in current account.</p> <p>Barend sold Pines at Christmas trees – money not deposited yet.</p>	<p>CS/AA</p>
<p>9. Communications (Nikki)/web page</p>	<p>Send Gwyn list of 4 people to invoice for Banners on website. January. (Gwyn still doing Quick Books for DC)</p> <p>Interest continuing to be high for DC newsletter: Summer newsletter: 147 (down, probably due to holidays.) Nov wildlife: 129 Dargle market: 130 Fracking talk:125 Curry's post: 137 Festive: 107 Dieter Rowe-Setz: "Thank you for a very nice and informative and well done newsletter."</p> <p>Wildlife sightings catching on. Please all help! Pictures too. Website link to WLFS – public archive Still writing newsletter on web though, looks nicer. May look at possibility of link to a DC blog for newsletters and wildlife sightings – which means people could post comments on them.</p> <p>Keep including more info on the web as it comes in and fits.</p> <p>Are sending too many emails to mailing list? No, about right was decision. Keep an eye on it though.</p> <p>Look out for Country Life DLL article – feb/mar</p> <p>Members Survey – Barry has old form they did before. We need to make a fuss at AGM – what do you want us to do?</p>	<p>nikki</p>

<p>10. Membership Programme (Gill & Nikki)</p>	<p>Walks/talks/movies: people have been asking what is next! New York members said sorry to miss all cool movies! Try for one event a month? Theme for 2012? Pat McKrill: snakes, very entertaining Jessica: Chameleons (Ian Little's partner) Sue Swain – eco-economics - compared Knysna town to a forest. Was on 50/50? Partner with MMA. MCF. Malcolm Draper: the origins of conservancies with particular reference to KZN. African Raptor Centre - Owls Keith Faye – geologist. Extraordinary, eloquent. Passionate about conservation. Clive to sort him out. Compost at Corrie Lynn walk inhlosane Workshops at Aloe Ridge – a series Eidin Griffin – permaculture Off the grid – Jane harley Visit/workshop at Zuvuya Movies: shorter definitely better. John Lui – Bioneers – reclaiming degraded land (Wild Coast – anti road movie (same as above) Walk up Inhlosane Walk from Lemonwood to Corrie Lynn More CONS/BIOD movies. Ask andrew and claire for reccommendations Ask Nicky to do local buffets for talks. we sticking with Tanglewood. Accommodation/travel for speakers – please conf policy/amount per km MAYBE IL POSTINO now that the bar has moved?</p>	<p>Nikki</p> <p>Andrew</p> <p>Clive</p> <p>Clive</p>
<p>11. Development monitoring (Gill & Barry)</p>	<p>Piggly Wiggly: VERY THORNY LEGAL ISSUE. Waiting for MEC. Ian Felton DAEA says Owen Green is challenging in terms of who has jurisdiction. Barry attended DAEA meeting in December – with Tom. Ian and Kim van Heerden - need us to be doing what we are doing. Low cost housing – long way from being finalised – water and sewerage. Nutrex applying to put plant on Tweedie – withdrawn because of Mandela museum We have asked municipality to keep us informed of new dev, but they don't. We need a person to keep on top – MCF funding proposal submitted to employ Penny Rees as central Dev Mon Coord. Madela monument – interpretative centre – some funny ideas. What is happening on Sunningdale? Big eaeth burm, factory making pallets. We need to watch out.</p>	<p>andrew</p>
<p>12. Membership management & Recruitment</p>	<p>DC Table at Local Living market – thanks Andrew. Nikki happy to do next one. Take membership forms along. Also tree/bird/flower book. More t-shirts? Barry design art tshirts – local products.</p>	

	<p>INHLOSANE Calendars, postcards, licence disc holders? Barry design pop up banner New members – more this year than for ages. Lots to do with DLL. Colleen v Heerden latest - Khululeka Have invited Hayley and Mike Raubenheimer, Ann and Trevor Hulley, Johan and Talana Moller. Personal approach works best.</p> <p>Invoices go out – March to Feb It is Ian Sinclair who joined. NB write standard welcome letter AA send to new members Why are Hertogs Life members? Unknown. No criteria. All Application forms to Clive for filing.</p>	<p>Barry</p> <p>Nikki send Comm standard invite letter to use.</p> <p>Nikki</p>
13. Education	<p>Grant for 2012 R8000 Direct help instead of mmaep, to build community relationships Two schools – NEED LOCAL CHAMPIONS Dargle want Forest Walk 4-5(LMW), SPCA for foundation phase, Water works, Howick Museum/falls/library Would like us to arrange Working on Fire visit. Mrs Mcwabe retiring – we should help arrange function (get donations from locals – chickens, eggs, veg etc)</p> <p>CORRIE LYNN want fence – dargle poles and donations? CL want Forest (Kilg), Waterworks, Howick Museum/falls gr7 (combine with Darg for community building before high schools. All join library? Maybe umgeni v?) Transport – forests can be locals with bakkies Howick/waterworks – Andrew’s buses? Cost? Ann, Katie, Tinks, Eidin possible organisers</p>	<p>Nikki</p> <p>Nikki contact Josie</p>
General		
	<p>Dargle info up at Store, thanks Barry Offer free tea from DC (next to coffee machine). We buy tea bags and pay for litre of milk occasionally. Andrew happy to donate 1l a week. “Welcome to Dargle, have a cup of tea on us” need small poster</p>	<p>BD/NB</p>
	<p>Katie to Update DC map – will start workin on that end of January.</p>	<p>KR</p>
	<p>Nellie PhD student study: Meeting her on 23 January, have sent updated members list.</p>	<p>NB</p>
	<p>“Dargle Dawdle” at de Chazal farm. Friday 27th April to Tuesday 1st May. MTB, Trail Runners, maybe horses, maybe motor bikes, with music, entertainment, stalls, food, bar. Dargle Conservancy invite have a stall.</p>	<p>Put on DLL</p>

	Decided not DC thing. Do they need EIA for this event?	
	Kevin Barnesly – no response to our reply. Next step? We have done enough. If he doesn't pay/renew we ignore. Gill thought the reply should somehow go to our other members, if case other simmering discontent.	
	Andrew's youth league idea – indoctrinate future landowners while we can. Reward – Mfolozi wilderness trail trip for attending regularly. Need project driver – young person. We just give money to run. Barry pointed out that DC considered kids club before but as kids move on/grow so fast, seemed a big effort for little reward. Kate Pallet is happy to organize group to Climb/picnic Inholsane – July or Dec hols.	AA

Next meeting: 7 February