

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
30 January 2013**

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

Minutes		Action
Special Projects		
1. Nature Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion 	
2. Dassie relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby dassies have been seen, and some new dassies from Pmb have been released. 	
3. Alien Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In spite of poor turnout at Alien vegetation Problem Get-together it was resolved that we won't discard the topic, and should look to repeat the event at some stage. 	
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We'll be participating at SLIP Fair. A pullup banner has been designed, soon to be printed, and will be provided to Alison of KZNCA for display at the stand. Probably Nikki, Sam and Barry would man the stand at some stage throughout the 4 days. 	
5. Living Local	Nothing further to report.	All
6. MCF-BSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting EKZMW to sort out contracts for the BSP Nature Reserve. Based on our under spending there is opportunity to apply for an additional grant extension. New grants will be considered in July 2013. Another new application has been submitted with a focus on the uMngeni River, in partnership with DUCT. No further news. Another application to the EU for alien clearing has been submitted. AA has resigned as chair. Chair to be taken over by Judy Bell, although AA will still make input into issues regarding the funding for the BSP. 	
7. Committee tasks and portfolios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nikki Brighton has moved from vice-chair to chairperson following AA's resignation. Clive Shippey remains Treasurer. Barry Downard remains Secretary, and will assume vice-chair responsibilities. NB's portfolios include: MCF, PR/marketing/communications, Dargle Local Living and Wildlife sightings. NB to approach Ann Hulley with a view to Ann handling Wildlife sightings. It was resolved that NB should also gauge Ann's interest in joining the committee. CS and BD to liaise together with regard to structuring and implementing the core treasury and secretarial functions, including investigating the possibility/desirability of engaging professional external assistance. SR's portfolio is Education. SR to liaise with Nikki. BD's & RB's portfolio is Development monitoring, with RB providing liaison and input from HDLA perspective. RvB's portfolio is to work in conjunction with NB with regard to communications (Facebook/social media etc), and to look at the potential of "DC Youth". 	<p>NB</p> <p>CS & BD</p> <p>SR & NB BD &</p>

	It was resolved that individuals needed to formulate what their portfolios entailed, what's required, and how they inter-relate with others, and to liaise directly with others.	RB RvB
8. Free Me	Clive has paid for Aug, Sept and Oct, and to complete payment to date.	CS
9. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	<p>It was resolved that the current, and ongoing complication with regard to the DC and the MCF bank accounts be resolved as a matter of urgency. CS to liaise with whomever necessary (Gwynn, AA, MCF treasurer [Ross Haines], and Kevin Culverwell).</p> <p>It was further resolved that CS and NB to arrange account signatory issues at FNB to reflect the change in Chairmanship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clive to pay Post Office for Dargle postbox. • Nikki to talk to MCF treasurer. • Clive has drawn up a list of duties of the Treasury department. • (Repeat from above) CS and BD to liaise together with regard to structuring and implementing the core treasury and secretarial functions, including investigating the possibility/desirability of engaging professional external assistance. • 	CS, NB CS NB CS CS & BD
10. Communications (Nikki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable banner to be actioned. BD has completed the banner design. We await costings from Sign Solutions in Pmb. 	BD
11. Membership Programme (Nikki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satori 9th Feb • Evert van Bremen promised to lead Inhlosane walk from Old Furth, but no date set yet. 	BD, NB AA
12. Development monitoring (Barry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB suggested we ask Dept of Land Affairs to present current thinking and proposals on Land Reform to KZNCA. • HDLA to keep DC informed of new development proposals in the region. • Hopedale – awaiting official confirmation of intentions re sub-division issue. • School on D17 – awaiting official details and/or application. HDLA following up with the municipality. • Iain Sinclair – awaiting official development proposal application. • BD to email Vaughan re GB McKenzie's land. Done. • BD to submit comment on the draft UDM SEA & SEMP report. Done. • BD has registered the DC as an IAP, and has submitted comment on the DWAF draft National Water Resource Strategy. 	NB RB BD, NB, AA BD BD
13. Membership management & Recruitment (ALL)	<p>Yes to new member from Lidgetton. BD has contacted and followed up with details for new member in Lidgetton (Jeanette Maree).</p> <p>BD to call new member Sally Cumming with welcome.</p>	BD
14. Education	<p>NB to arrange Penz Malinga to present SASS courses.</p> <p>NB to draw up list of potential sponsorship activities for discussion.</p> <p>SR and Nikki to liaise wrt general activities.</p>	SR & NB
15. General	BD to arrange for quotes for new big sign, member signs, and pullup banner.	BD

Next meeting: Wednesday 27th February