

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Action Plan Minutes · 06 October 2016

Present: Ashley Crookes, Jenny Goddard, Gugu Zuma, Pauline Holden

Apologies: Nikki Brighton, Lynne Garbutt, Brenda Grant

Meeting chaired by Ashley in his capacity as Vice-Chair, in the absence of Nikki who is overseas.

The minutes/action notes of the previous meeting had been pre-circulated and taken as read.

Invasive Alien Plants

Will await feedback from NB regarding herbicide requested from DUCT.

NB

Committee Tasks & Portfolios

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ALL

Carried Forward : Nikki to send Brenda instructions on how to set up email account for dev@DC

Finance

There was no discussion around finances in the absence of Lynne (Treasurer), but ongoing communication amongst the committee ensure that any issues requiring attention are dealt with immediately.	LG
<i>Carried Forward: NPO Documents: We need to send a tax certificates to SARS. Lynne will sort this out.</i>	LG

Communication

Jenny has spoken to Leezl regarding her assistance with social media, but at this stage she is extremely busy and unable to help. Is there anyone else we can approach? It was agreed that this is an extremely important communication platform.	ALL
It was suggested that more of us have access to FB etc to spread the load and keep the pages active, but agreed that we need Nikki's advice because the protocol for content needs to be carefully managed.	NB
Next newsletter Summer (Nov/Dec)	NB
Pauline and Jenny are battling a bit with the YMLP programme due to their poor internet connections. Jenny reported that she has managed to get out the most important items but is feeling a bit overwhelmed, especially with the Fracking notices. Jenny & Pauline will get together to assist each other in an attempt to keep the "flags flying" until Nikki's return. Ashley offered his help in need.	JG/PH
Jenny will let members know that she has a stock of member signs and that Pauline has calendars for sale.	JG

Members Programme

OCTOBER – Spring Hike Inhlosane this Saturday 8 th Oct, being led by Ashley . Pauline doing sandwiches and fruit. Gugu to ensure that everyone brings their own drinks. Any reimbursements to be requested via Lynne .	
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NOVEMBER - FREE ME Nxamalala and Members visit. Scheduled for either 19th or 16th November. **Gugu** to check kombi hire for kids to Howick with Mr Ngubane and advise of costs.

Development Monitoring

Carried Forward:
Beverly Wedding Venue – nothing further
Water Theme Park opp Midmar – what will happen in Winter?
Fracking – registering as IAP in all new applications
Yellowwood Shopping Centre – will register when called for
Everglades – nothing further

BG

Membership & Recruitment

Jenny is finding that phoning members to update their details is not proving effective, and will send out a mail via YMLP.

JG

Education

Nxamalala Enviro Club were taken to FREE ME. They were all very inspired and want Gugu to take it further. Gugu needs to draw up a proposal but needs help due to her full-time job commitment. This was not resolved at the meeting so we still need to identify who will assist.

ALL

Gugu to follow up with Samson Phakathi of EWT for advice re: Village water problems. 082 805 4806

GZ

Trail Cameras

Ashley to advise Pauline who should get the cameras next.

AC

Inhlosane Trail Restoration

Ashley reported that despite his efforts to date, no-one has volunteered to champion the project. He remains hopeful, and will continue trying.

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Dargle River

Await Nikki's return to arrange picnic.	NB
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Schools

Recycling at Dargle Primary – Jenny spoke to Maureen (Headmistress) who advised that it was locals/farmers who were abusing the facility rather than the school. There is a real need for a depot in the Dargle and Jenny will take this up with Wildlands.	JG
Jenny has had no joy in obtaining sponsorships for the schools, but will continue efforts.	JG
Gugu to speak to Mr Duma about a stove so desperately needed by the Dargle school. If this fails, then as will put out a Facebook appeal.	GZ

Road Signs

<i>Carried Forward: Nikki continues to ask Bongani Mncube from KZN Dept of Transport, but little response.</i>	NB
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Poaching and Hunting

Magna Security have advised Ashley that should they get enough members they will be in a position to facilitate poaching (and other pertinent) investigations. Ashley to pursue.	AC
<i>Carried Forward: Bird shooting on farms - What can we do? Lynne to contact Kim Gillings EKZNW DCO for advice 084 577 7066</i>	LG

Budget 2016

<i>Carried Forward: Lynne to work out approx income for 2016/2017 Lynne to do 'what have we spent' according to budgets</i>	LG
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Fracking & Unconventional Gas

For info: Pauline to handle notices while NB away (see comments under "Communication")

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Carried Forward: DC to register as an IAP in ALL the exploration applications

BG

Carried Forward: Frack Free Dargle – A4 signs cost R30, sell R50 with R20 donation to FFSA. NB to order 10.

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Next Meeting Date: Tentatively set for 12th January 2017