

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
23 October 2013**

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

Minutes		Action
1. Nature Reserve MCF-BSP	BD submitted comment to MCF BSP Steering Committee. CS to check on invoice sent to MCF.	CS
2. Dassie relocation	Nothing further.	
3. Alien Plants	NB has met with Ian Sinclair and Alfred Zuma re undertaking some alien clearing at Dargle River bridge and LRC. It was agreed to allocate R10000, and to proceed with the work. It was proposed to establish a picnic site and a Dargle River walk at some stage. To commence in early November.	NB
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	Nothing further.	
5. Living Local	After November market there will be a meeting to discuss the future of the market.	
6. Committee tasks and portfolios	No discussion	
7. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	Kevin Culverwell has requested documents and figures. CS pointed out that these docs were given to KC in November 2012. Clive to contact Kevin Culverwell and hand over the requested documents and information requested. Gwynne to supply Quickbooks file on disk to add to the collection of docs. NB to respond to KC. DC to pay Post Office for renewal of post box at Dargle store. CS met with Sue Harms to co-ordinate recent figures. CS to check with FNB to supply name of mystery Investec bank transfer. Letters to defaulting members asking if they wish to remain as members. CS and NB to co-ordinate lists of defaulting members to decide next action.	CS, NB
8. Communications (Nikki)	Spring newsletter to be written shortly.	NB
9. Membership Programme (Nikki)	RB to follow up with Ian Guthrie. Charlie McGillivray to talk on no-till farming in October, in Karkloof. NB to speak to Kevin Barnsley about representing Dargle.	NB
10. Development monitoring (Barry)	BD has registered as I&AP for the Griffin hen house application. BD to register as I&AP for Owen Kemp's Hazelmere chicken shed application.	BD RB
11. Membership management & Recruitment	Wesley Smit has been approached and has indicated interest in joining.	ALL

12. Education	Nothing further.	NB
13. Wildlife Camera traps	<p>BD to check if we could get a price reduction for a larger number, with DC members purchasing additional cameras.</p> <p>It was agreed that BD proceed with the purchase from Jeremy Bolton of Buschcam Safaris.</p> <p>BD to experiment with the cameras, and the committee to review the situation and decide early in the new year whether to organize a workshop with JB.</p> <p>If a workshop is to be organized, it would be done in conjunction with MCF, limited to 20 people, with an admission fee charged of R100.</p> <p>BD to approach KZNCA with workshop proposal for them to see if any other KZN conservancies might be interested in workshops.</p> <p>RB investigated insurance issues and found there was a complex issue around cameras moving to varying locations, and premiums were likely to be relatively to expensive. It was decided to proceed without insuring, and to review the situation at a later date.</p>	BD
14. Dargle River Walk	No discussion.	All

Next meeting date: Wednesday 20th November, 5pm