

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
18 September 2013**

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

Minutes		Action
1. Nature Reserve MCF-BSP	RB to write letter to Chair of MCF re Gareth Boothway's employment contract which is with DC.	RB
2. Dassie relocation	Nothing further.	
3. Alien Plants	NB to contact Mike Farley and Alfred Zuma re undertaking some alien clearing at Dargle River bridge and LRC, and to check on potential costs and follow up.	NB
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	Nothing further.	
5. Living Local	Some discussion about ideas to include non-Dargleites at the Market. Concern that Dargle producers might no longer participate. Won't be Local Living then, but committee can run it, no longer Dargle initiative.	
6. Committee tasks and portfolios	No discussion	
7. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	<p>Financials for the period 25 July to 17 September.</p> <p>BANK BALANCES: Current a/c R691.62 Money Market a/c R65,163.39</p> <p>INCOME: Subs R1944.66 Talks & Movies R290.00 Kilgobbin Walks R70.00 Decade Celeb R8710.00 Dargle Map R340.00 TOTAL R11354.66</p> <p>EXPENDITURE: Inhlosane Drinks/Decade R489.50 Crane Talk/Decade (Drinks) R57.50 Tinks Fowler/Decade R400.00 Kevin Culverwell/Decade R987.00 David Johnson/Decade R750.00 Bank Charges R76.80 Afrihost R78.00 Free-Me R300.00 Pat McKrill/Snake Talks R4500.00 C.N.Ndlela/Snake Talks R400.00 TOTAL R8038.80.</p> <p>NET INCOME FROM DECADE CELEBRATIONS R 8686.00 TOTAL DEBTORS OUTSTANDING R4100.00 MEMBERSHIP INCREASED BY 7 NEW MEMBERS THROUGH JULY / AUGUST.</p>	CS, NB

	Nikki to phone Kevin Culverwell to find out how our accounts are doing.	
8. Communications (Nikki)	Nothing further.	
9. Membership Programme (Nikki)	RB to follow up with Ian Guthrie re grassland management talk. Charlie McGillivray to talk on no-till farming in October/November, in Karkloof. Gareth Hofmann in position to organize movie evenings	NB
10. Development monitoring (Barry)	Griffin chicken sheds proposed. Bit vague on what will happen to waste and drawing more water from Dargle Stream? 2 new chicken sheds proposed at Hazelmere (Owen Kemp) BD to register DC as IAP	BD RB
11. Membership management & Recruitment (ALL)	How has everyone gone recruiting a new member each as requested? Jenny Hodgkinson says she wrote to DC about her membership. Did anyone get the letter? No. We should contact her directly. Lots of new members signing up – Brandon, Eidin, Bazley, Ivanhoe, Struan McGregor NCT, Mitch and Lynn Spall, Ian and Lesley Thompson, Merricks. After Sue's reminder phone calls on outstanding subs, what action? DECIDED official letter "Assume you know longer wish to be members of DC." should be sent as they will stay on the Dargle Residents mailing list and may not realize that they are no longer members as they will get notices etc.	ALL NB
12. Education	All activities – water, cranes, history, snakes have been well received. Decision was made to focus on Dargle and Corrie Lynn schools (through MMAEP) as Sam's Impendle Eco-Schools node is unlikely to continue in 2014.	NB
13. Wildlife Camera traps	NB proposed that we use Celebration funds to purchase some. about R20 000 for 5. Decision to buy Black Flash Cameras on recommendation of EWT and Ezemvelo – less invasive for wildlife. BD has volunteered to get involved in the implementation of camera setups. RB to investigate insurance issues and options Resolved to hire the cameras to landowners – recoup insurance costs and raise money for more.	BD RB
14. Suggested committee meeting dates for the remainder of 2013	1. Wednesday 23rd October 2. Wednesday 20 th November	
15. Dargle River Walk	MCF is funding the walk. Probably over a weekend this summer. How shall we support it? Perhaps include a water workshop?	All
16.	Approach Evert van Breemen, Mike and Des Beresford and Margie Wishart with a view to involvement with Committee... either as committee members or ad hoc committee involvement.	NB