

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Action Plan Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2018

Present: Ashley Crookes, Gugu Zuma, Nikki Brighton, Jenny Goddard, Pauline Holden, Brenda Grant

Apologies: Lynne Garbutt

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting, having been re-circulated, were taken as read 	
Items carried forward from previous meeting:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPO documents required for SARS are still work in progress. <u>Item carried forward again</u>, and AC to follow up with LG. 	LG/AC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhlosane Trail restoration – agreed that the new owner of the property could probably manage this on his own. BG to contact him to encourage him to become a member. (New - It is pleasing to note that R10 is now being charged for the walk). <u>Item carried forward again</u> 	BG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road signs (wildlife warning) – there has been progress. Details under General 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NB still to begin Dummies Guide to Dargle Living – paid for by DC. <u>Item carried forward again</u> 	NB
Finances:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current bank balances: Current account R31 443,60, Money Market account R57739,58 	
Members' Programme:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhlosane Spring Hike : Successfully undertaken on 4th November, with comprehensive report and photos distributed on various social media platforms. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Poaching Symposium scheduled by AC for 17th March. Posters printed and distributed, notice sent to all interested parties. RSVPs being routed via JG 	AC/JG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas/Proposed Member Talks for 2018 : KZN Crane Foundation (Daniel Dolphire), Dargle History (Barend Booysen), Snakes – in spring (Pat MacKrill/GZ), Indigenous Plants (NB), Owl/Free Me (PH), Dassie Release Programme Update (Graham Griffin – perhaps at AGM?) 	All
Education:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trashion Show – 9th June (Conservancy will once again contribute R3000 towards transport costs of learners. Other donations received for this event will be channelled via the conservancy bank account and disbursed/accounted for appropriately.) Inhlosane Walk – Oct? 	GZ

Development:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BG confirmed that she responds on behalf of the conservancy to all fracking applications, legal issues etc 	BG
General:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement Treasurer and Marketing/Media volunteers still not sourced. NB advised that from her experience we cannot rely on people coming forward, and need to actively recruit. It was suggested that a plea go out at the AGM if these positions have not been filled. LG has kindly agreed to continue the Treasurer function until a replacement is found. Genna (Andrew Dairy) was suggested as a possible media/marketing volunteer. JG will approach her. There was some discussion regarding the feasibility of continuing with the upload of Wildlife Sightings to the website? This is extremely time consuming and could just as easily be distributed via email. Committee will give this consideration. 	All LG JG All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spekboom require confirmation of what their donation was utilised for. As already advised, the funds were put towards Dargle River clearance by Mr Zuma. NB to re-confirm with Julia. 	NB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti - Poaching: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The initiative to assist Mr X with fencing, seedlings and dog food has been a resounding success. Site visits and message received from him confirm that his family/animals are benefitting and are most grateful. Hopefully, his poaching days are over! The Anti Poaching symposium arranged under our Member Programme will serve to further educate and inform the local community. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated mailing list : NB has contacted all members telephonically and obtained up to date contact details. The list has been distributed to the committee. It is important for this list to be maintained. (Costs of her telephone calls are to be refunded.) 	LG/Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife Signage on the P134: Sandile Dladla of DOT has confirmed to NB that the signs we requested will be erected once problems they are experiencing with their signage department are resolved. The conservancy has offered to contribute to costs in need. NB will follow up. 	NB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue for future conservancy events: AC to speak to Carl Bronner regarding convenience of utilising Kilgobbin. It was felt that perhaps the “new” Tanglewood should be reverted to as a venue of choice. AC to provide feedback. 	AC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM : Tentative date 23rd May. 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm Next Committee meeting will be held on 2nd May 2018 	AC/JG