



# **PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

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### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting December 2019**

#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman, Elmarie Strydom, opened the meeting and welcomed members, ratepayers, as well as invited guests Executive Mayor of the Overstrand Dudley Coetzee, Grant Cohen and Fanie Krige our Ward Councilor.

**Present:** Members who attended and signed the register numbered 75. The attendance met the PBRA quorum requirements.

**Apologies:** Julia Smith, Greg & Vida Holtman, David Edwards, Peter Meiring, Di Glenday, Paul & Jeanette Spencer, Ellie Wessels, Mike Begley.

#### **2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Fourteen questions for the mayor were received from members prior to the meeting. Please find these questions at the back of the document under Appendix A.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 20th December 2018**

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 20th December 2018 were distributed to members in January 2019 and were also included with the notification of the 2019 AGM. The Minutes were taken as read.

Approval proposed: Dave Muirhead      Seconded: Louw Toerien

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the 2018 Minutes.

#### **5. ANNUAL REPORT**

The report was included in the notification of the 2019 AGM and taken as read. No questions or concerns were received.

#### **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The report was included in the notification of the 2018 AGM and taken as read. The signed-off bank statements are available for scrutiny should anyone wish to inspect them. No questions or concerns were raised.

## **7. RE-AFFIRMATION OF MANDATES**

The PBRA's existing mandate, e.g. opposing subdivisions, rezoning, changes of title deed conditions, was re-stated. The re-affirmation was supported.

## **8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **8.1 Members standing down**

No members are standing down.

### **8.2 Nominations**

A nomination for Bertie Vorster was received.

Portfolios will be confirmed at the first Executive Committee meeting of the new year, in accordance with the PBRA constitution. The meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **9. GENERAL**

The Chairman welcomed the Mayor and thanked him for attending the meeting and for the following:

- a) His vision for including budget for the management of the baboons in 2019/20 budget which has enabled the municipality to contract HWS to manage the baboons. Thank you, Mr Mayor.
- b) Three phases of water pipe replacements. The first phase has been completed and the Chairman asked the Mayor to ensure the next phase was kicked off timeously and as effectively.
- c) New fire vehicle. The vehicle has now been commissioned and will patrol between Rooiels and Kleinmond. Once the season is over the Chairman requested that the vehicle gets parked in the Pringle Bay Fire Station. The Mayor responded that the fire vehicle will be delivered to the PB Fire Station in February. He also requested that Pringle Bay ensures that there are at least two licensed, authorised, drivers available at all times.

The Chairman also requested assistance from the municipality on the following items:

- a) A holistic strategy for the management of waste, which should include recycling and the Pringle Bay Dump site upgrade, which should be in keeping with living in a Biosphere.
- b) Pringle Bay roads have been deteriorating over the last few years. The Chairman requested a plan from the municipality to ensure that the roads are managed more diligently and that resurfacing of the roads last longer than one season.

A list of the questions received from residents was given to the Mayor. The Mayor requested time to be able to review the questions and get comprehensive answers. The Mayor requested that residents approach him during the year if concerns exist and not save them up for the AGM.

The Mayor confirmed that the Pringle Bay Dump would not be closed and that a better solution needs to be found. He agreed that a holistic plan needs to be put in place. Recycling is still an issue due to the volumes. The new recycling plant will go ahead in 2020.

During the year, the Mayor raised a complaint with the Police Ombudsman re the level of service we are receiving from SAPS. The Mayor was not complaining about the police themselves, but rather the lack of police feet on the ground. A number of police cadettes are currently being trained, but the Overstrand is unlikely to receive many of these cadettes. He requested that all crimes are reported. Petty crime is currently not being reported and this is slanting the statistics and impacting the number of police allocated to the Overstrand.

The Mayor committed to increasing the Law Enforcement Officers who can assist with the prevention of crime. The payment of the Law Enforcement Officers will need to be paid out of the municipal funds and therefore property rates will be increased by a percentage.

The road improvement plan is currently underway. The project started in Gansbaai and in 2020 they will start in Pringle Bay. The objective of the road improvement plan is to control dust and the Mayor is hoping it will also address some of the issues with our roads. The PBRA needs to ensure that Pringle Bay gets its share of the budget allocation for the road improvement plan.

The Mayor highlighted the rollout of the CCTV camera system (which includes license plate recognition) and the Control Centre in Hermanus. This will cover the entire Overstrand. Pringle Bay should ensure that their Safety & Security plan dovetails with the greater Overstrand plan.

## **10. DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

Chris Geldenhuys took residents through the Emergency Response procedures. A new pamphlet has been printed for residents with procedures on how to install a cell phone app which informs residents of disasters as well as being the official channel for instructions.

## **11. CLOSURE**

The committee members were thanked for their continuous hard work throughout the year and the Chair conveyed the thanks of the PBRA to individuals who have gone the extra mile in support of the community.

## Appendix A

### Pringle Bay Ratepayers' Association AGM Questions for the Mayor and PBRA

Item	Questions	Resident
1	What has been done this year by the municipality re fire hydrants in Pringle Bay and their serviceability. <i>Clayton Francis has now serviced all the hydrants and painted them. Now that this is done, the PBRA will try and drive to 'adopt a hydrant' plan.</i>	Louw Toerien & Chris Geldenhuys
2	Replacement of the water pipes in High Level rd. and the resultant excavation have not been completed and this is a cause for concern as it is hazardous. Hole at the top of Point rd. in High level rd. in front of the Parson's house (erf 201)	Louw Toerien
3	If the PB Dump is removed and we all have to use bins i.e. weeders as well. My question is - will the Municipality be responsible enough to push the empty bin back into our properties after their rounds on a Monday as we will need to leave them out on a Sunday pm and not back till next visit to house.	Di Glenday\Stekhoven
4	A number of residents are concerned re the closure of the PB Dump. This town has a high percentage of visitors and it's not possible to store waste for a week before pick up. To drive all the way to Kleinmond or further will be impossible. No survey or investigation was done before the decision to close the dump. In an area where there is a high level of weekenders\visitors the pickup system cannot cope with the normal day to day waste disposal. Visitors will be dumping their waste in the CBD or worse still along the R44! Where is the budget coming from to obtain additional trucks and drivers? How will the schedule accommodate PB's unique requirements?	Ian McGregor,
5	Do the municipality allocate bins to residents? What is the costs?	PBRA
6	We were promised (Waste Manager & Fanie) this year in March, that budget would be available to clean up and put a better waste disposal plan in place. The budget allocated was R18000 and the plan was to get a container and wheel the bins into the container overnight. Why was this scrapped in favour of closing the dump altogether when this will not be beneficial to anyone in PB?	Heather McGregor
7	Why is there no recycling? We have heard re the closure of the previous recycling plant, but why has it taken so long to establish another. Why was an external contractor not used as an interim. This is especially poor management in a Biosphere.	M Willard & Chris Geldenhuys

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| 8  | Why has there been no clean-up of the beach and streets before the Xmas period. Normally a special team of guys are assigned to do this sort of clean-up? At the moment the town is overrun with weeds and pavements and roads need urgent attention and this has not been done for the last 8 months. (refer to the road on Hangklip with a build up sand on the road and the pavement is overrun with weeds and bushes. Along Gulley Rd the bushes are so overgrown they are causing a hazard for motorists. | Jeanette Spencer |
| 9  | Why have all the roads not been graded. Some are hazardous to health! Valerie Rd has a major issue with water pipes causing deep erosion and it is virtually impossible to use a normal car without damage. The PB roads are also getting narrower which also is causing hazardous conditions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Donna Barnes     |
| 10 | Why was the kelp not picked up off the beach this year. It is unsightly and smelly. Not pleasant to walk on the beach! PB residents are very proud of their beach and monthly pick up waste off the beach, but we cannot remove kelp. This is a municipal job. Was PB forgotten! We are constantly having to use our gardener to cut back bushes on the roads!                                                                                                                                                 | Dave Willard     |
| 11 | On rare occasions we have civil works e.g. storm water drains being done which most times remain half-finished e.g. Hangklip Road, curb stones and High Level Road. Why when they start a project can they not complete it timeously. This is a municipal road, where is the oversight and why is it not managed to completion?                                                                                                                                                                                | Paul Spencer     |
| 12 | Water tanks at the back of the Fire Station                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Brian Bayley     |
| 13 | Can Pringle Bay get a Wind Farm to reduce the electrical requirement from Eskom. Pringle Bay are being impacted for days when load shedding occurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Brian Bayley     |
| 14 | With the ongoing load-shedding Pringle Bay's cell coverage is impacted for days at a time. Can something not be done to get better signal\coverage? <i>The PBRA will kick off a project with the cell companies to build a new base station. The existing base station was never intended to service Rooiels, Pringle Bay etc. It was erected to service the R44. The cell companies are prepared to erect a new base station but requires approval from residents and a space to build the base station.</i>  |                  |