

Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
September 2010

Present	Apologies
Vaughan Koopman	Gill Addison
Andrew Anderson	Graham Griffin
Barry Downard	
Nikki Brighton	
Clive Shippey	

Minutes		Action
Matters Arising		
1. Veld burning	Mr Reddy from Water Affairs will do a site visit with Gill to ascertain damage to protected tree species as Prosecution is easier to accomplish if protected tree species have been damaged	GA,
Special Projects		
2. Nature Reserve	Kevin has not spoken to Bronners, Graham Griffin and Mark Perry. Stewardships programme New person (Caroline) will as a priority take on the project and begin by contacting the abovementioned landowners	
3. Dassie relocation	20 more are to purchased from a Ladysmith farmer (Andre). Graham Griffin generously paying for 10. Cost to DC is R3000 delivered.	AA
4. Alien Plants	VK to contact Yavesh of WfW to find out the latest clearing progress in the Dargle. Vaughan to give Mondi alien clearing plant info to Nikki Clive to investigate HDLA recommended alien plant clearing person who cuts trees for the timber	VK VK CS
5. Bulk SMS	GA to investigate feasibility of bulk SMS for membership communication	GA
6. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	At the next joint conservancies meeting AA will table Pricilla Frances' (Milestone Forest) need for tree labels as a possible joint conservancy project	AA
7. living local	NB to investigate the feasibility of the veggie shop at Tokans as a venue to sell local Dargle fresh produce and a community chalk board for the Dargle community to use to advertise services or produce ir items for swap.	NB
Portfolios		
8. Finances: treasurers report	Current account: balance as of 19th July: R321.21 Investment account: R22 971.16	

	Income: subs R750, Walks 330, Dvds 490, Priscilla donation R250 Expenditure: Afrihost web host R382 Interest money market 104.22	
9. Communications (Nikki)/web page	spring newsletter to include mention of dassie certificates	NB
10. Membership Programme (Gill & Nikki)	Visit Moved to 30 October due to the surrounding grasslands being burnt and nesting wattled cranes Upcoming talk : Catastrophic animal impact and good grassland management	VK NB/GA
11. Development monitoring (Gill)	DC to continue monitoring progress and impact assessment.	GA
12. Member Recruitment	Only 42 members paid. Phone follow-ups needed. AA to distribute paid membership list to committee for follow-up phone calls before next meeting (19 October). Subs to be asked for at grassland talk on 22 nd .	AA/ALL
General		
13. Piggly Wiggly	AA to speak to Rudy about retrieving table, computer, picture frame.	AA
14. Upper uMngeni River Catchment Management Forum	VK to stay informed of Forum activities, etc and report back to DC committee. Peter Thompson new Upper Umgeni Cathment chairman.	VK
15. Thank you gifts	Peter Ardington & Paul & Jan (web page) to be donated a dassie in thanks for his grassland talk.	
16. Free me	Barry to follow up on geyser offer	BD

Next meeting: 19 October