

Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
April 2011

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

Minutes		Action
Matters Arising		
1.		
Special Projects		
2. Nature Reserve	<p>Gareth attended stewardship meeting on request of KZN Wildlife as Gareth will (if funding comes through) be liaising with DC landowners on the Stewardship process.</p> <p>Until Wildlands funding comes through, DC will be able to pay for one more round of landowner contact by Gareth to address any outstanding issues and thereafter the Stewardship process must continue without those who do not commit.</p>	
3. Dassie relocation	Nothing further to report	
4. Alien Plants	No further progress. Earmarked as a focus area for Gareth Boothway once he starts work.	
5. Bulk SMS	<p>Gwyn to compile, with help from NB, an up to date membership list with three categories: members, “friends of the Dargle” and ‘other’. NB to check list first before sending onto Dynalogic..</p> <p>Bulk sms service to be used to notify members and non members of the AGM.</p>	NB/AA
6. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	nothing further to report.	
7. living local	Nikki still gathering info and will feed back at next meeting	NB
8. Midlands Biodiversity and Corridor Initiative	No word yet on whether funding has been approved. The KZNCA have indicated that they would be able to contribute towards covering Gareth Boothway’s time until the funding	

	comes through.	
9. Archiving of minutes	VK to forward previous DC minutes to NB/AA(?) for archiving on the webpage.	VK
Portfolios		
10. Finances: treasurers report	Current account: balance as: R379.21 Investment account: R16, 605.16 Income: RR5220 Interest: R12.32 Expenses: R3198 (Gareth Boothway)	
11. Communications (Nikki)/web page	NB has broadened coverage of DC in various media as opportunities have arisen. CS & NB to generate and send invoices to people advertising on webpage (R100/year). Offer opportunity to advertise to others - Artwork must be supplied (carried over). NB to investigate/add unsubscribe tab to newsletter and finalise distribution list using online newsletter software (carried over).	CS & NB NB
12. Membership Programme (Gill & Nikki)	Next movie night is arranged for Wednesday 5 May.	
13. Development monitoring (Gill & Barry)	Barry & Gill attended KZNCA-WESSA EIA course. Nothing new was learnt; however this confirmed that the knowledge and experience of BD & GA is up to date. The Piggly Wiggly Development Record of Decision by DAEA has been revoked due to breach of procedure. The DC appeal has been taken into consideration and the approval granted by DAEA will be reconsidered in the light of the appeals received.	
14. Membership management & Recruitment	Through organizing the Cape Parrot count, NB has come across several potentially new DC members. NB to follow up with details of how to join DC. Invoices for 2011 membership fees have been posted to all members. A letter will be sent to members in arrears reminding them to pay outstanding fees. non paying members to be removed from the data base if they do not respond in a reasonable time (after AGM). AA to ask Tanglewood to pay their DC membership fees	NB AA AA

	considering the DC uses the venue for monthly get togethers and the AGM.	
General		
15. Thank you gifts	Thank you dassie to be donated to the outgoing DC accountant.	AA/NB
Complaint against Dep Agriculture's Sarah Allen not following procedure	It was agreed by the committee not to pursue a direct complaint against Sarah Allen considering the Department is following procedure and reviewing the Piggly Wiggly development RoD due to the number of appeals lodged and a possibility of a breach of procedure by Sarah Allen. The DC to instead Investigate the feasibility of a Carte Blanche or 50/50 investigation into the broader issue of improper land use change and the lack of the Minister declaring protected ecosystems in KZN.	?
AGM	Andrew Venter has been confirmed for AGM. AA to generate letter of invitation to be distributed to members by 6 May inviting members to attend AGM and notifying them of a pending change to the constitution and asking for proxy nominatations should members not be able to attend.	AA
New DC accountant	AA to approach Don Nicholson to be the new DC accountant.	AA

Next meeting: 7 June