

Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
23 August 2011

Present	Apologies
Gill Addison	
Andrew Anderson	
Barry Downard	
Nikki Brighton	
	Clive Shippey
	Vaughan Koopman
Katie Robinson	

Minutes		Action
Matters Arising		
1.		
Special Projects		
2. Nature Reserve	Nikki has supplied Gareth's Dargle work report (?)	
3. Dassie relocation	Nothing further to report	
4. Alien Plants	No further progress.	
5. Bulk SMS	No further progress: Lists are set up but not a priority issue at the moment to finalise	
6. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	No further progress: AA to comment on the norms and standards	AA
7. Living Local	"living Local" blog is done . Debbie Hayes – new owner Dargle Dealer Store –invited us to have Dargle Info corner if she takes over the bigger shop. Barry has two of the framed boards and will print and have the other one printed and framed.	NB
8. MCF-BSP		AA
9. Archiving of minutes	Have added a couple to see how it works. AA to ask Gwyn to find all old ones and make them pdf to send to Paul.	AA, NB
Portfolios		
10. Finances: treasurers report	AS of 22 July to 23 August: Current account balance R849.37 M/M Investment account R19,976.00 Income: R18,501.01 Subs; R700.00 Bronner and G.B. McKenzie--each R250.00 and	

	<p>Stipcich paid R200.00 DVD Evenings: R330.00 Kilgobbin Walks :R160.00 Loan:Lions Bush Conservancy R6000.00 Loan:Fifefield Properties R6000.00 Umgenyama Conservancy R5000.00 Interest on M/M a/c R11.01 Kwanalu Refunds R300.00 {2XR150.00}</p> <p>Expenditure: R16,358.10</p> <p>Gift to Andrew as Chairman R310.00 Salary: Gareth Boothway R16,000.00 Afrihost R48.10</p>	
<p>11. Communications (Nikki)/web page</p>	<p>AA to get Gwyn to generate and send invoices to people advertising on webpage (R100/year). Everyone except Hillhouse.</p> <p>DC Winter Newsletter was opened by 109 out of the 183 people who received it – very good I think. So at least we know people are reading it. New format works well. Will start including some photos now – but don't want to make the file too big. Wildlife sightings were well received and a few people seem very excited about recording all they see. Spring newsletter going out early September. What to include? Any ideas?</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>12. Membership Programme (Gill & Nikki)</p>	<p>Food Inc: 31 Aug. Tanglewood will do a 'local' menu to launch Living Local. Also many people bringing produce to sell or share, display on foyer table. Lots of interest.</p> <p>Sept 17 Forest and Fields walk from Kilgobbin forest over Old Kilgobbin grasslands, through Lemonwood forest. Soup and bread lunch at Katie's house afterwards. R40 fundraiser for DC. Just need to cover Katie's costs – but most of food will be donated by members. Guided by Gareth.</p> <p>Concern: indemnity? What to do if someone hurts themselves? Nikki to ask Helen Booyesen if she is around. Nikki to ask Sarah Drew what her indemnity is like (have done – it is VERY comprehensive and not suitable for us) Andrew to investigate cost of Public liability insurance.</p> <p>Mike Chetty just so busy at the mo – thinks Nov will be better time.</p> <p>Joint CDC and Lion's River Club gathering. Ann Burke of KZN Crane Foundation to do talk. Opportunity for her to sell "bricks" for breeding centre and drum up some membership. DC to also have membership forms available and invite people we might not usually come across. Soup and roll on</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>KR</p> <p>GA</p> <p>NB</p> <p>KR/NB</p>

	<p>sale for R15 for LRC funds.</p> <p>Katie to host regular Saturday morning walk in Lemonwood forest every month. Dates to be finalized.</p>	
13. Development monitoring (Gill & Barry)	<p>Highgate - Piggly Wiggly: Comment has been sent to the MEC's office on the Answering Statement by Piggly Wiggly's attorneys iro our comments on the Piggly Wiggly appeal. Receipt of the comments has been acknowledged, and we await the next step (most likely the MEC's ruling). We believe that this development application has serious potential consequences, and that it has been important that we persevere with it. We shall, together with the MMA Development Monitoring Committee, be following up the LUMS issue with the uMngeni Municipality.</p> <p>IDP: The initial meeting relating to the Municipality's 2012 IDP Review takes place on Friday 26 August. BD is likely to attend. This meeting is likely to be only an explanation of the IDP process, and unlikely to deal with any specifics at this stage.</p>	
14. Membership management & Recruitment	<p>NB has sent out letters of invitation to Trish and Anton van der Post – new owners of Brigadoon. Only up every second weekend.</p> <p>Simon and Debbie Hayes have joined.</p>	
General		
	<p>Ian Sinclair has burnt everything again. Carl Bronner suggested that next year the DC organizes a group of landowners to brushcut and burn firebreaks to protect the forest. Our offer to Ian as we really care about the forest and want to help him protect it. Gill thinks Mike Chetty did not actually send him a letter of warning last year.</p> <p>Gill to compose letter to Ian.</p>	
	<p>Kevin Calverwell, Bates and Katie all responded with appreciation to condolence notes.</p>	NB
	<p>'Spring Banquet' – The Cairn of Old Kilgobbin, good venue. Kevin Culverwell and John Bronner keen to prepare the local food. Fundraiser, just need to cover their costs. Nikki to ask Liz Cuthbert if she is keen to organize.</p> <p>Last Sunday, Kevin cooked one of his lambs and invited locals who brought salads and paid for lunch. Raised R750 donation to the Conservancy.</p>	
	<p>DC to join KZN Crane Foundation – they have so few members. Also to buy a few "bricks".</p> <p>I have send Clive an email asking him to deposit R400.</p>	NB

	<p>Helicopter: a lot of people are annoyed. Perhaps we should simply have a petition for people who are opposed to it to sign. DC are the only organized body in the area so we have a responsibility to be seen to take action on this. General feeling that it will just fizzle out, but simple petition not a bad idea. NB will print and take to movies and talks and leave one at the Dargle Store.</p> <p>Gareth says when we are a Nature reserve, we will have legal rights.</p>	
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Next meeting: Undecided