

Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
8 November 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 . there has been an excellent response to the market. Lots of interest from others outside of the Dargle, but decision is to definitely only take produce grown in the Dargle.	
8. MCF-BSP	Money has come through from the funders. Gwyn now has access to the BSP bank account. First financial report finalized and to be submitted to funder. Place MCF Link on webpage (?) Gareths Monthly reports to be made available to MCF committee members & Gill	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.	VK, AA, NB
Portfolios		

<p>10. Finances: treasurers report</p>	<p>AS of 22 July to 23 August:</p> <p>Current account balance R858.39 as of today M/M Investment account R11,8169.67</p> <p>Income: R202,836.42</p> <p>Expenditure: R98 909.50</p> <p>Gwyn and AA will address loan repayments that DC borrowed for Gareth's salary while waiting for the funding to come through. Repayment by DC will be staggered.</p> <p>The same 13 members have still not paid, including Tanglewood. Decision is not to chase these people for payment. Clive to organize invoices for those that put banners up on webpage.</p> <p>Some charges/interest on DC bank account need checking</p> <p>DC to Register with SARS as an employer - Fee is R1000. No skills development levy required to be paid.</p> <p>Gareth responsible for paying own tax up to and before his date of employment (15 May). AA to communicate this to Gareth.</p> <p>Open a separate account for CEPF funding</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>Gwyn/CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AA</p> <p>CS/AA</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>Interest continuing to be high for DC newsletter: Sept newsletter: 166 people opened Sept wildlife: 188 Dargle market: 82 104: walks Fire and eco-sustainability: 70 Crane talk: 125</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>NB</p>
<p>12. Membership Programme (Gill & Nikki)</p>	<p>Permaculture movie for last week in November at Tanglewood.</p> <p>DC Table to be set up at Local Living market</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>13. Development monitoring (Gill & Barry)</p>	<p>Piggly Wiggly: BD followed up with the office of the MEC who are questioning the municipality's record of decision that was counter to the IDP.</p>	
<p>14. Membership management & Recruitment</p>	<p>Nothing further</p>	

General		
	Katie to pay DC R600 from fees collected for walks.	KR
	DC banners to be repaired.	BD
	Katie to Update DC map. Members and non members can be included. Katie to ask Gwyn for member database. Barry has original artwork. Include the Dargle Nature Reserve and Inhlazane Mountain.	KR
	Nellie PhD student study: DC supports the study. letter to be sent out to members asking if they would like to be participate in the interviews	AA
	Milestone Forest – Prascilla Francis; will host a walk once a month on a Wednesday. Crane Foundation keen on hosting a grassland walk. Mandy Crookes removed pines 7 other aliens and planted indigenous. Also keen to host walks. Nikki will encourage & support.	

Next meeting: Undecided