

## DARGLE CONSERVANCY

**Action Plan Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Boma on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 18h00**

**Present:** Ashley Crookes, Belinda Charlton, Shelbi Wetton, Danny Raath, Kevin Barnsley, Lynne Garbutt, Mike Corlett.

**Apologies:** Gilly Robartes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the last meeting held in August 2023, had been distributed and taken as read.</li> </ul>	AC
<b>Items carried forward from previous minutes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refuse sign to be erected at Tanglewood site. Kevin to action.</li> </ul>	KB
<b>River Monitors Project</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project is up and running.</li> <li>A glitch in the app is that any online students or those receiving grants are denied registration, which means we have lost good candidates.</li> <li>10 ladies and one leader with good competency are working twice a week.</li> <li>The team has worked in Lions River, John Bronner and Kevin Barnsley's farm.</li> <li>Biggest challenge is the shortage of herbicides.</li> <li>We have received some donations from landowners.</li> <li>Our investment is R26k, Lynne to keep a tally of this.</li> </ul>	KB
<b>Herbicide assistance programme</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners need to submit their polygons in order to qualify.</li> <li>Herbicides are there but are not being made available to us due to red tape and time wastage by DFF.</li> <li>The programme is moving forward, and we will eventually get it right.</li> <li>Hoping for products next week to distribute.</li> </ul>	KB
<b>Working on Water project</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online information session will take place this week.</li> <li>The objective is to provide employment, but we all agree that the R138 wage per day is too low.</li> <li>It is not seen as a good partnership at the moment.</li> </ul>	KB
<b>CKZN Feedback</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting postponed</li> </ul>	KB
<b>Finances:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current bank balances: Current account R13 521.37</li> <li>Money Market account R96 743.09</li> <li>All subs have been paid to date.</li> </ul>	LG
<b>HDLA</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The question was posed, how do we encourage commitment from landowners?</li> <li>Kevin to write something up on WhatsApp to the community to show deep rootedness of the HDLA and how closely it works with the uMngeni municipality.</li> </ul>	KB



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to evaluate its effect, but the sign is appealing.</li> <li>• A light hearted sign (owl or similar silhouette) is needed on the P134 – R600 at Signco. River Signs still needs a DC sponsorship sign printed.</li> <li>• Danny will find out more about the walks on offer at Impendle Nature Reserve.</li> <li>• Tillietudlum Nature reserve is an identified bird area and they can host possible walks.</li> <li>• Belinda to check up on the NPO status of the DC.</li> <li>• Everlasting flower is very prolific this year. It is indigenous and Kevin will find out more about it.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">AC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DR DR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DR BC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KB</p>
<p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7.30pm. Next Committee meeting will be held around 28 Feb 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AC</p>