

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Action Plan Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Boma on 21st February 2024 at 18h00

Present: Ashley Crookes, Belinda Charlton, Kevin Barnsley, Lynne Garbutt, Mike Corlett, Gilly Robartes

Apologies: none

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the last meeting held in November 2023, have been distributed and taken as read. 	AC
Items carried forward from previous minutes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refuse sign to be erected at Tanglewood site. <i>Kevin in the process of erecting this sign.</i> Animal crossing sign for P134. <i>Kevin is looking into this.</i> Revive Wildlife Sightings newsletter. <i>Belinda will continue to try and collect photos.</i> NGO status – we are registered. <i>Lynne to submit annual financial reports once Belinda finds out the contact details.</i> 	KB BC
New landowners' information booklet:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding requested by Midlands Conservancies. The municipality has approved their support. DC will put R3000 into landowner custodianship document. Document aimed at encouraging ownership and better management of our catchment areas. 	KB
CKZN Feedback:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R400 membership. An administrative entity to support each other. 	KB
Finances:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current bank balances: Current account: R14 122.37 Money Market account: R57 029.02 	LG
Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace College, Etham College to encourage youngsters to get involved in the conservancies. Visit local schools, incl Misty Meadows, using Wade and Tammy from FreeMe Wildlife or One Planet with Julia Invernizzi. The importance of frogs and wetlands as a topic – possibly a night time walk with Andrew Solomon of Parks Board. Consult with Funda Nenja for ideas. 	MC
Member Programme	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talks for 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 24 January - Cape Parrot Talk (Prof Downs) ○ 14 February – Butterflies (Clive Curtis) ○ 27 March - Vultures (Brent Coverdale) ○ 27 April – Frog talk (Kirsty Kyle) tbc ○ 29 May – AGM tbc ○ 26 June – David Johnson Galapagos islands ○ Aug – Rhinos talk. (Jacques Flamaand) ○ iNhlosane hike – August/Sept ○ Sept Frog walk – evening walk with Andrew Solomon ○ Oct – Kids Scavenger Hunt at iNhlosane Mountain/Mount Park Guest Farm (Julia Invernizzi) ○ Nov – David Johnson earth story • David Johnson – possible topics: Life of Dinosaurs, Earth Story, Solar System, Galapagos islands, Madagascar, Niger Delta, Antartica 	All
General	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New membership form accepted. • Dargle River sign to be re-erected along with new sponsorship signs. • Signco to make speed and animal welfare road signs, which will be staggered up the P134. • Kevin to take down obsolete signboards. • Possible footage from trail cameras to be used for the wildlife newsletter. Mike to send photos, Kieran to ID the photos and compile a narrative. • Design a blurb to add to Dargle Bushline on landowner requirements. • Lynne suggested an evening talk on DC biodiversity (Chris or Kevin McCann), possibly as an add on to another talk. • Tourism and HDLA need to dovetail with DC. • Mike proposes to support Lions River Polo Club alternating with Hebron Haven Hotel for meetings and talks. 	KB
<p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7.40pm Next Committee meeting will be held 2 May.</p>	AC