

Dargle Conservancy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 30th January 2025
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: St Ives Boma
Present: Ashley Crookes
Gilly Robartes
Kandy Slater
Anthony Mark
Kevin Barnsley (excused himself)

Minutes from previous meeting were read.

Points Discussed:

- FNB - Kandy to take over the banking and bookkeeping from end of February
- Speak to Lynne about how and where we get bank statements from. (KS)
 - Sort out signatories or access to online banking / closing bank account and opening a new one was discussed but Ashley was worried about members not changing these details and causing issues with money coming in. (KS)
 - Kandy to get a quote on Xero accounting program. (KS)
 - Chat to Lynne about Accountant and if she is happy to continue (LG)
OR Kandy to get a quote for an Accountant to sign off accounts going forward (KS)
- SUBS - No increase in subs for 2025, Kandy to invoice all at beginning of March (KS)
- List of members and contact details from Lynne for new system (LG)

Talks:

Mushroom Meanders - Ashley has booked 2 more walks (15th Feb & 1 March) with citizen mycologist Mark Henstock. Mark charges R200 per adult, R100 per child and the Dargle Conservancy is supposed to receive R30 from each ticket sold.

Going forward Gilly to take note of specific vegetarian meals and have those catered for separately.

Other suggestions to be followed up on:

- Ground Hornbill contact to see if there is a possibility of a talk (AM)
- Lorna Oliver re: talk on storks (if she is still involved) (KS)
- Raptors from the Drakensburg have moved to Tala so they might be keen (AM)
- Gary Els from Sycamore Tree House re: Talk on stars (AC)
- Frog Night walk (AC)

- John Rolf re: Geology talk (GR)
- Prof Downs (Cape Parrots) re: talks by other students at UKZN (AC)
- Dassies – Anthony to see if there is anyone in the area that would be keen (AM)
- Karen Saks re: Monkey talk (AC)

Projects:

Nirvana - Need an update on Nirvana's progress from Kevin weekly if possible. (KB)

- R9k paid out of the R20k that has been put aside for this project.
- If possible, we need before and after photos of an area she has worked on and updates on where she will be next. (KB)

Herbicide - Ant to help Kevin out with applying for this as well as with anything else in this regard ie follow ups etc. (AM/KB)

Conservancy Silt Trap - Kevin to update us at next meeting (KB)

Snake Education – it was decided that this should be done yearly with the schools and staff in the area.

There being nothing further to discuss, meeting was closed.

Next meeting: End of April/beginning May @ Hebron Haven Hotel