



PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve

Venue: Atlantis Water Scheme Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Main Building

Date: 03 February 2017

Time: 12:00 – 15:00

MINUTES

Attendees:	Affiliation	Abbr.	Secretary (minutes):
Derek Bredenkamp	Mamba Sandboarding (Chairperson)	DB	Sihle Jonas
Martin Albertus	CapeNature; GEF5 DCCP co-ordinator	MA	
Andrew Geel	Atlantis Dunes Off Road Executive (ADORE)	AG	
Bruce Jenkinson	ADORE	BJ	
Rudi Riek	Filming Industry	RR	
Clint Rieper	Western Cape Off-Road Club (WCOC)	CR	
Riaan Fourie	CPFFA	RF	
Patricia Gone	Superintendent; Bulk Water	PG	
Gregchan Barnardo	CCT, Councillor (Guest/on behalf of Cllr Rass)	GB	
Carmen Lerm	West Coast Way (Guest Speaker)	CL	
Charline Mc Kie	Area Manager: DCCP, City Sector	CM	
Pat Titmuss	CCT: Environmental and Heritage Management	PT	
Sihle Jonas	Reserve Supervisor; DCCP, City Sector	SJ	
Erika Foot	CCT: Regional Manager, Central (Guest)	EF	
Lappies Labuschagne	Quemic; Operations Manager (Guest)	LL	
Nikki Haynes	Quemic; Senior Ranger (Guest)	NH	
Leif Theron	Student, DCCP, City Sector (Guest)	LT	
Apologies:			
Vernon Marinus	Area Manager; Bulk Water	VM	
Jurina Le Roux	Koeberg Nature Reserve; Eskom	JLR	

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB welcomed all to the meeting. <p>INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were accepted by RR and seconded by PT. <p>CORRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 5; bullet point number 2 ; "R6.5 million" changed to "R6.5 billion" <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	Noted
2.	<p>NEW MATTERS</p> <p>PRESENTATION: Dassenberg Coastal Catchment Partnership (DCCP), City Sector Quarterly Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM conducted a 20-minute presentation on the DCCP's quarterly report. The report highlighted successes and challenges experienced within the DDCP during the period of 01 October 2016 – 31 December 2016. CM mentioned that the annual reserve visit took place during the month of October 2016, new plant species were discovered during the visit. CM informed the committee that the DCCP received the most improved award during the 2016 Biodiversity Management Branch end of the year function. CM informed the members that the proclamation of the City of Cape Town's nature reserves still needs to be gazetted. CM introduced the Quemic Ranger team responsible for safety and security within the DDCP area. <p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB stated that he would like to assist the DCCP team during invasive clearing operations. DB inquired about possible contingency plans regarding security to prevent wildfires started by arsonists. EF stated that the Quemic team works 24/7; their mandate is safety and security. EF mentioned that the team is on a six month trial period, they will be stationed at the reserve until the end of June 2017. EF stated that there was no feedback as yet about the success of the Ranger team. EF to present at the next PAAC meeting with five months' worth of data. 	<p>CM</p> <p>SJ</p>

- DB mentioned that he was happy about the appointment of the team; DB inquired about the frequency of patrolling.
- NH state that the team is patrolling constantly.
- EF stated that the team is a mobile unit and will respond to any emergency in the area. The control room number is 0834991717 and that LL can be reached on 0829047170.
- CM stated that reserve struggles with law enforcement and police response in the DCCP area. CM stated that she has contacted the City regarding the matter.
- EF stated that she would like to establish a link with law enforcement forces and would like assistance from Cllr GB.
- Cllr GB stated that the area of Atlantis has a small law enforcement unit and that the challenges are being looked at, at Sub-council level.
- AG inquired about the immediate threat to the reserve.
- EF stated that Quemic was still collating data at the moment, and that a link between the reserve and law enforcement was important.
- AG asked about the threats the rangers noticed during the first month at the reserve.
- NH mentioned that having visible law enforcement was important; NH stated that illegal motorcycles and 4x4 driving after hours was a common occurrence at the dunes.
- RR inquired if there was a SAPS station in Atlantis.
- NH stated that trespassing at a Nature Reserve is a low priority for SAPS, as they have to deal with other crimes i.e. murder, robbery and hijacking in the area.
- LL mentioned that the function of the Rangers is not security but law enforcement. LL stated that the rangers encountered 4x4 drivers after hours at the dunes; the people were asked to leave and refused.
- RR asked if the registration numbers of the vehicles were forwarded to Bulk Water.
- NH stated that the matter was taken to Bulk Water.

Note: The DCCP Quarterly report was sent to WANR PAAC members via email in January 2017.

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Presentation: West Coast Way

- CL presented on the West Coast Way Company, CL gave an overview of the company and highlighted the establishment, history and its success stories.
- CL stated that West Coast Way is a destination marketing company focused on marketing sustainable tourism on the West Coast; from Table View to Elands Bay.
- There are self-drive themed routes catered to visitors' tastes. There are five routes; the culture route, the scenic route, the foodie route, the wild route and the berg route.
- CL mentioned that the West Coast Way is supported by a variety of attractions, activities and accommodation.
- CL stated that the success of the company is largely due to its online presence i.e. Facebook and West Coast Way website.
<https://www.facebook.com/WestCoastWaySA>
<http://www.westcoastway.co.za>

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	complex is functional, to be investigated.	
7.	PAAC:	
7.1.	<p>Future Projects/Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of nominee for CapeNature, Natasja Davids to be removed and MA to take her place as a secondary nominee. No objections from the committee. • DB stated that he has stepped away from Mamba sandboarding; he will no longer be part of the sandboarding community. • DB stated that the matter of a possible new chairperson to be discussed during the next PAAC meeting. 	MA
7.2	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM stated that archaeological artefacts were found at the dunes, a survey was done in December 2016 by Harriet Cliff (City's Heritage Department). Surveys to be done on a month to month basis until end of 2017. • CM mentioned that if spotted, artefacts are not to be removed or damaged; only photographed and GPS'd and forwarded to the BMB. • DB asked when the first survey will be done. • SJ stated that the survey will be done on the 24 February. • PT stated that the people forward the communication to their members. • RR inquired if the surveys will have an impact on the activities done at the dunes. RR also inquired about the level of artefacts that would need to be found for sections for the dunes to be closed to the public. • CM mentioned that dunes move and as such cannot answer that question. CM mentioned that HC will present on the archaeological findings at the next PAAC meeting. • PT stated that it is early days; PT mentioned that some sites do get closed when artefacts of certain importance are found. • DB stated that the sandboarding community is concerned about the notice posted on Gate 1 regarding its closure during the construction of the office complex. DB stated that the closure of Gate 1 will have serious negative implications on the sandboarding businesses; DB stated that the option of Gate 2 is not favourable for sandboarding. DB has emails from concerned sandboarding businesses regarding the matter. • RR stated that there is support for the completion of the office complex; RR mentioned people are nervous about the interim results. RR mentioned concerns regarding shoots happening in upcoming weeks as there is no date for the start of construction. • RR stated that the members would like to know about the plans with Gate 2 especially regarding bigger shoots. • RR suggested a walk way that won't trigger an EIA for sandboarders at Gate 1 entrance. • CR stated that it would be a liability for the City to have people walking at Gate 1 during the construction. CR suggested for the sandboarding community to charter their customers from gate 2 to the dunes in the interim. • BJ concerned about the prospect of using Gate 2, BJ mentioned that Gate 2 is about 2.8 km to the dunes. BJ stated that the distance was unfavourable for sandboarding. • BJ stated that from his point of view legal action to halt the construction will have to be taken against City of Cape Town by a fraction of film companies 	

if a favourable alternative entrance is not provided.

- RR stated that the film industry he represents will not be taking any legal action against the City; RR stated that the fraction of film companies mentioned by BJ is not affiliated with the industry he is representing.
- RR stated that the use of Gate 2 will add time to the shooting schedule; RR stated that film shoot companies will need to add that to their budget.
- RR inquired about the use of buses when the office complex is completed.
- CM stated that there will be parking space for busses once the office complex is completed.
- BJ stated that there is inadequate parking at gate 2; BJ mentioned that no communication was made regarding users' needs before the construction. BJ stated that the last time a presentation was done it was only a draft, no one come back from the City to request feedback from the users.
- RR suggested that the City make a presentation regarding the plans to put the user's fears at ease.
- PT stated that her office is currently busy with a construction environmental management plan to ensure that the City complies with NEMA and all the relevant requirements during the completion of the office. PT stated that the matter of access during the construction will be taken into consideration.
- CM stated that Gate 1 is not being closed now; the notices were a reminder to users of the impending project.
- DB inquired about the date of construction.
- DB stated that the closure of gate 1 will have negative implications on the sandboarding communities. DB inquired if it would be possible for the members to be involved with the creation of the construction environmental management plan.
- PT suggested that the committee members send recommendations for access during construction.
- Nominees to send the recommendations to PT.
- RR suggested that communication to be sent to the nominees regarding the proposed dates of construction.
- BJ stated that sandboarders need to be given a form of access; BJ stated that if access is not provided an interdict will be taken against the City. BJ mentioned that the Film people are in agreement about the interdict. BJ stated that the sandboarding community does not have 4x4 vehicles to access the dunes from Gate 2.
- RR stated that the Film Industry is not affiliated with the film people BJ speaks of; the Film Industry is not taking an interdict against the City.
- BJ asked if all the members of the Film industry received the notice.
- RR stated that all the 80 companies he represents had received the notice and none of them is planning on suing the City.
- DB stated that the sandboarding community is willing to work with City for a solution.
- AG inquired about a possibility of getting a pedestrian walk way around the construction site.
- PT suggested that nominees cc CM with their recommendations.
- BJ inquired if there will be security at Gate 2 in the interim.
- CM stated that Gate 1 security will be moved to Gate 2 during construction. The construction companies to hire their own security.
- CM asked the members to suggest topics for future PAAC meetings.
- RR suggested that Bulk Water be present during the May PAAC meeting and do the presentation John Charles was supposed to do during the February

	<p>PAAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG suggested a presentation about tariffs. • AG stated that there have been reports of fraud at the security gate; people have reported buying permits from the security at the dunes gate. • CM stated that an investigation regarding the matter is underway. • RF suggested a presentation on the fire risk analysis by the CPFPA. • RR inquired if film shoots were permitted at the dunes during weekends. • PG stated that permits are permitted but rarely. • RR suggested that Bulk Water inform and or get comments from other users when issuing a permit over the weekend. 	
8.	Next Meeting: 5 May 2017	Noted