

MINUTES OF THE FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (1)

Date: 30 July 2024

Time: 10:00-11:30

Venue: Preekstoel Boardroom

No.	NAME	ORGANISATION	EMAIL/PHONE
1.	MMC Clinton Lerm (CL)	Overstrand Municipality (OM) Portfolio Head for EMC	clerm@overstrand.gov.za
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(See attached attendance register)

No.	Item	Discussion	Action Items
1.	Opening and welcome	1.1. DS opened and welcomed all to the fourth Onrus C2C Steering Committee Meeting.	
2.	Apologies	2.1. Dr Muthama joined on Teams but due to technical difficulties from OM side, he joined a bit late.	
3.	Approval of agenda	3.1. No specific Agenda, first official meeting of FAB.	
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes	4.1. None (First Meeting)	
5.	Acceptance of minutes	5.1. None (First Meeting)	
6.	Purpose of the meeting	6.1. MMC Lerm opened meeting with addressing the known challenges, one of which is	

		<p>enough budget for the Fernkloof Nature Reserve. He stated that the MM is aware of this challenge.</p> <p>6.2. CL then requested DH to be the Chairperson of the meeting.</p> <p>6.3. DH proceeded to broadly discuss the current status of Nature Reserves in South Africa and how it affects our communities.</p>	
7.	Discussion	<p>7.1. DH pointed out the many challenges with the Nature Reserve Management, and that there is no dedicated reserve manager and/or teams in place currently.</p> <p>7.2. The open reserve system does not guarantee appropriate safety requirements to visitors, with considerations to the number of safety monitors available.</p> <p>7.3. Furthermore, the Fernkloof Nature Reserve is deteriorating, footpaths, signage, no species counts or proper management.</p>	Urgent implementation of Management Plan (LdV)
		<p>7.4. PM emphasised the importance of proper documentation, a formulated agenda, minutes, and look into progress against action items. Then schedule meetings for the entire year. The other concern was that of the public participation process for the PAMP in the last round. PM pointed out that with the erratum publication it was completely inappropriate to use the two national newspapers.</p> <p>7.5. Furthermore, agreeing with DH that the reserve needs to have a dedicated staff complement to ensure that it functions fully.</p> <p>7.6. With considerations to Climate Change implications in the Reserve, PM suggested that it would be beneficial that funding applications through climate change funders be considered. Ensuring that income does not have a negative impact on the Reserve.</p>	Investigation of Climate Change funding opportunities (LdV)
		<p>7.7. TG informed the meeting of the knowledge, skills and experience he can bring to the table academically, business wise and the formulation of business plans.</p> <p>7.8. He pointed out that the Management Plan should be implemented as soon as possible.</p>	Development of a Needs analysis (Business Model) ??

	<p>and that the basis of the management plan is sound and has good information. However, the wetlands in the Reserve have not been look at thoroughly enough.</p> <p>7.9. TG also noted the challenges with budget, personnel, vehicles, tools and resources. 7.10. TG suggested that a Needs Analysis should be done in a form of a Business Model.</p>	
	<p>7.11. CL suggested that additional staffing for Fernkloof could be funded through FAB, with other funding ideas or avenues, one can also look at the implementation of conservation/environmental levies to new Developments in the area for additional funding.</p> <p>7.12. CL emphasised the importance of submitting comments on PAMP by the 22nd of August 2024.</p>	
	<p>7.13. AP suggested an Honorary Rangers Programme for Fernkloof, with staff dedicated to manage the programme (i.e. Liaison Person). Then appoint staff as EMI's Gr 2's and Gr 5's.</p> <p>7.14. AP further suggested a survey to find out how payments for accessing the reserve would be possible. This money could be ringfenced toward Fernkloof's Operational budget for maintenance on reserve. Also, the visibility and presence of uniformed security personnel on footpaths. Thus, appointing the right people for the right post.</p>	
	<p>7.15. MM suggested the capturing of specific information about the reserve on iNaturalist by the community which could assist with updates of information on the reserve.</p>	
8.	<p>General</p> <p>7.16. Data collection can be done by the Honorary Rangers, which requires an understanding of, or a person that know how to do these data collections.</p>	
9.	<p>Way Forward</p> <p>7.17. Set up 4 meetings a year for FAB to sit, next meeting will be held in October 2024 and MMC CL will request agenda items from members with short synopsis of each item.</p>	<p>FAB Members to forward Agenda items for next Meeting.</p>

8.	Next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2024. • February 2025. • May 2025. • August 2025. 	
9.	Meeting close		

* 30 Jan 2025
 † 30 Apr 2025
 ‡ 30 July 2025
 † 12h00 - 14h00



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