

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD

Date: 07 November 2024

Time: 12:00-14:00

Venue: Environmental Boardroom, Onrus

Attendance:

No.	NAME	ORGANISATION	EMAIL/PHONE
1.	Liezl de Villiers (LdV)	Overstrand Municipality, Environmental Management and Conservation Division (EMC) – Divisional Manager	ldvilliers@overstrand.gov.za
2.	Mr. Duncan Heard (DH)	Duncan Heard Environmental Consulting	duncanheard@telkomsa.net
3.	Dr. Muthama Muasya (Dr. MM)	Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town	muthama.muasya@uct.ac.za
4.	Dr. Pat Miller (PM)	Whale Coast Conservation	pat.miller7@outlook.com
5.	Dr. Tony Gardiner (TG)		tgardiner54@gmail.com
6.	Mr. Allistair Pieterse (AP)	Conservation Manager: Cape Nature	apieterse@capenature.co.za
7.	Timothy Europa (TE)	Overstrand Municipality, Environmental Management and Conservation Division (EMC) – Senior Field Ranger	teuropa@overstrand.gov.za
8.	Mr. Gift Sandi (GS)	Overstrand Municipality, Environmental Management and Conservation Division (EMC) - Administrator	enviroadmin@overstrand.gov.za

No.	Item	Discussion
1.	Opening and welcome	LdV opened the meeting and requested that she would assume the chairperson (interim) duties for the meeting while we wait for MMC Lerm to join due to time constraints. Dr Muthama and Dr Gardiner joined on Teams.
2.	Apologies	Mr. Allister Pieterse and MMC Lerm
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The meeting looked at the minutes and the Interim-Chair asked that page numbers be added and action dates. The meeting agreed. Correction noted by DrMM with line 1 DS should be DH and line item 6 with MM referring to the Municipal Manager

	<p>not him as DrMM, and in future the Municipal Manager should be referred to in full for minute purpose. TG requested that we add an addendum to the minutes with action items and time frames to track progress. The meeting agreed and is happy with the layout of the minutes.</p>
<p>3.1. Acceptance of minutes</p>	<p>Minutes were accepted by DH and seconded by PM</p> <p>3.2. Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Implementation of Management Plan (PAMP): the Board needs to look at the consolidated comments from Cape Nature once received and that the Board looks at the 10 priorities with considerations to the adjustment budget that the Municipality is looking at.</p> <p>Climate Change Investigation: The Chairperson gave feedback on COP16 which she was part of in Colombia to present the C2C project and the future of the COP17 which will be coming to South Africa.</p> <p>Needs Analysis-Business Model which will be dealt with on the agenda.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Divisional Report Back</p>	<p>4.1. Fernkloof Management Challenges: LdV</p> <p>The Division with FAB needs to cost what is required as per the PAMP document, this will include staff, resources and materials. LdV indicated the loss of the Biodiversity Conservation Manager post which came as a shock and now she needs to take on operational duties of the post.</p> <p>After the election was conclude, the meeting went back to the item:</p> <p>PM suggested that the Board takes a Strategic Approach to the PAMP by building case for Fernkloof considering the challenges indicated, more specially that when the document was written staffing was a challenge. The Board agreed that the MMC needs to present to MAYCO the needs of the Nature Reserve, with suggestions from</p>

<p>Drakenstein MMP.</p> <p>TG & DrMM were disconnected from the meeting due to network challenges from our network, which upon return of network the meeting continued.</p> <p>The Chairperson(DH) briefed the discussion to other elements that needs to be considered is that if financial requirements for inclusion to the IDP and draw up a business plan that would be inclusive with the Mayoral Committee and the Municipal Manger. The Vice-Chairperson(TG) expressed that the Board needs to indicate to the leadership of the Municipality what is required for the Reserve on the presentation that can be done to the Mayco.</p>	<p>Election of Chair and Vice-Chairperson:</p> <p>The Interim-Chair (LdV) noted that an item was missed from the agenda, which is the election of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson. The Board then conducted the election of the two vacant posts, with the interim chairperson conducting, explaining the process and seating of the Fernkloof Advisory Board according to legislation.</p> <p>DH indicated that the Legislation (Bylaw) referred to is outdated, and rather explained the Cape Nature Ordinance to overrides the Bylaw it. Then PM stated the Board is currently set, the meeting should proceed with the election. It was confirmed that the meeting is quorate, and Mr. Duncan Heard (DH) was elected as Chairperson and Dr Tony Gardiner (TG) elected as Vice Chairperson of the Fernkloof Advisory Board.</p> <p>Thereafter, the interim Chair LdV handed over the meeting to the newly elected Chairperson Mr. Duncan Heard. He made remarks regarding his election and encourage the Board with words of wisdom, mentioning that the Board should work strategically while guided by the PAMP and priority challenges faced by the Nature Reserve.</p> <p><i>Meeting then went back to item 4.1.</i></p>
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	<p>4.2. Budget and Expenditure: LdV</p> <p>LdV pulled up a spreadsheet of the Divisional Budget for 2024/25. She explained how the spreadsheet works and how much is allocated for Fernkloof with the overall Operating budget spent on all Environmental requirements excluding salaries and personnel cost.</p> <p>She further stated that this was the expenditure from 1 July – 7 November 2024. The Board was taken through the SCM Process of Purchasing, Deviations, Virements/transfers, Orders and payments. The total spent for (the above period operational R 1 500 000.00 (rounded off).</p> <p>Breakdown:</p> <p>Forestry: R1 100 732.00 (incl. alien clearing)</p> <p>Fire Services: R 235 234.00 (excluding the block burn that was recently done)</p> <p>Maintenance Unspecified Assets: R 497 433.66 (incl.</p> <p>The Board expressed appreciation to for the financial report provided by LdV.</p> <p>Items 4.3; 4.4; and 4.5 has been covered with the above items.</p>
5.	<p>4.6. Events in Fernkloof</p> <p>22 – 24 November 2024 Atlantic Flying Club</p> <p>16 December 2024 Water Sports Fun Walk on the Cliff path</p> <p>LdV then gave a breakdown of the Municipal process regarding how events are handled within the Overstrand. Then LdV to request that the Rangers to submit a wish list for the Mid-Year Review 2024/25.</p> <p>PM introduced the topic to the Board which is about a formal complaint that has been lodge with BOCMA and DEA&DP on the diversion of the Fernkloof Nature Reserve Stream by Dr Pat Miller.</p> <p>She further stated that she was informing the Board so that it would be aware of her complaint.</p> <p>The meeting welcomed the information brought forward.</p> <p><i>This was included in item 7.</i></p>
6	<p>Implication of Climate</p>

	Change and Climate Change Bill By Dr Miller	
7.	Any Other Business (AOB)	<p>LdV: Gave a presentation on COP16 and key to the discussion is being Proactive to increase biodiversity, and Climate Change Strategy. UNESCO motivation is to have a biodiversity Corridor/Natural Heritage. COP17 is communicating with EMC which will be held in Cape Town March 2025, which the Catchment 2 Coast project as a pilot will be visited.</p>
8.	Next meetings	30 January 2025 30 April 2025 30 July 2025
9.	Meeting Adjourned	14h30

	Action Items	Person Responsible	Timeframe
	Mapping for Fernkloof Nature Reserve regarding wild fires and disaster	PM and EMC	
	Presentation to Council/ MAYCO Needs of the Reserve	Liezl and FAB	
	MMC to request a slot for the Board to present	CL	
	Public Day Once a Year, presentation on Fernkloof at the auditorium with the general public getting informed about the activities of Fernkloof in a particular year, with all stakeholders.	Liezl and FAB	
	Invite the Mayor, MAYCO and Council to fynbos walk to Fernkloof.		
	PM to send a report to members of the Board on 2023 floods relating to the divergence of the fernkloof stream	PM	

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5. Dr Pat Müller	WCC			Online
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