

OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY OM

Municipal Offices
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that for the Fernkloof Advisory Board will be held
At **Environmental Boardroom, Onrus** on
Friday, 17 March 2025 at 14h00 -16h00 to deal with the items set out in the following agenda.

Mr. D. Heard
Chairperson

Dr T. Gardiner
Vice-Chairperson

Gift Sandi
Secretariat

A G E N D A

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: **19 February 2025**
 - 2.1 Approval of Minutes
 - 2.2 Matters Arising from minutes
3. Divisional Report Back
 - 3.1 Budget operational/capital spent Liezl de Villiers
 - 3.2 Maintenance Chester Arendse
 - 3.3 Safety Monitors appointment Chester Arendse
 - 3.4 Easter/School Holiday Plans Chester Arendse
 - 3.5 HWS end of contract and proposed way forward Liezl de Villiers
4. Fernkloof Stream Feedback
5. Life Style Development 17th Ave Voelklip Feedback
6. Any Other Business (AOB)
 - 8.1 Cliffpath Management Group (CPMG) Chester Arendse
7. Dates for Next Meeting
30 July 2025
8. Closure

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: SPECIAL FERNKLOOF ADVISORY MEETING (0066)

DATE: 17 MARCH 2025

TIME: 14H00 – 16H00

VENUE: ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDROOM ONRUS

NAME	ORGANISATION	EMAIL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1. Ms. Liezl de Villiers	Overstrand Municipality	ldevilliers@overstrand.gov.za	<i>Lde Villiers</i>
2. Mr. Duncan Heard	Chairperson	duncanheard@telkomsa.net	<i>Duncan Heard</i>
3. Prof. Muthama Muasya	Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town	muthama.muasya@uct.ac.za	ONLINE <i>Muthama Muasya</i>
4. Dr Pat Miller	Whale Coast Conservation	pat.miller7@outlook.com	<i>Pat Miller</i>
5. Dr Tony Gardiner	Vice Chairperson	tgardiner54@gmail.com	<i>Tony Gardiner</i>
6. Mr. Allistair Pieterse	Conservation Manager: Cape Nature	apietersen@capenature.co.za	<i>Allistair Pieterse</i>
7. Mr Chester Arendse	Overstrand Municipality: PCP	carendse@overstrand.gov.za	<i>Chester Arendse</i>
8. Mr Gift Sandi	Overstrand Municipality: Secretariat	enviroadmin@overstrand.gov.za	<i>M.G. Sandi</i>
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MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD

Date: 17 March 2025

Time: 14:00–16:00

Venue: Environmental Boardroom, Onrus
Chairperson: Dr Tony Gardiner

Attendance:

No.	NAME	ORGANISATION	EMAIL/PHONE
1.	Dr. Pat Miller (PM)	Whale Coast Conservation	pat.miller7@outlook.com
2.	Dr. Tony Gardiner (TG)	Vice-Chairperson	tgardiner54@gmail.com
3.	Liezi de Villiers	Divisional Manager: EM&C (Overstrand Municipality)	ldevilliers@overstrand.gov.za
4.	Chester Arendse	Reserve Manager (Overstrand Municipality)	carendse@overstrand.gov.za
5.	Mr. Gift Sandi (GS)	Secretariat (Overstrand Municipality)	enviroadmin@overstrand.gov.za
Apologies:			
6.	Mr. Duncan Heard	Chairperson	duncanheard@telkom.net
7.	Prof Muasya	Department of Biological Sciences, UCT	Muthama.muasya@uct.ac.za
Absent:			
8.	Mr. Allistair Pieterse	Conservation Manager: Cape Nature	apieterse@capenature.co.za

No.	Item	Discussion
1.	Opening and welcome	The Vice-Chairperson (VC) Dr. Tony Gardiner (TG), Chaired the meeting and was informed by the Secretariat Mr. Gift Sandi (GS) of the apologies of the Chairperson Mr. Duncan Heard (DH) along with Prof Muasya (Prof.MM) and that Mr. Allistair Pieterse (AP) did not state or send anything. He was then advised by Management Ms. Liezi de Villiers (LdV) that the meeting was not quorate for any binding decisions but may have discussions on matters that



		<p>are affecting the Fernkloof Nature Reserve (FNR). He (TG) then opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was attending the meeting</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Minutes of the Previous meetings</p>	<p>2.1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>The Vice Chairperson and the Fernkloof Advisory Board (the Board) discussed the matter of the minutes being approved, which could not be as the meeting was not quorate. Then further discussed the process of approving the minutes, circulation, correction and then putting them up on the Municipal website for public consumption, after being approved.</p> <p>https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/others/</p> <p>The arrangement is that minutes should be circulated within 7 working days to members of the Board, to have members to correct or amend. Then the minutes are approved during the next meeting or if there are Council Recommendations then minutes can be approved online within 48 hours, so to allow time for Management to follow the internal Overstrand Municipality (OM) to have a Council Item being tabled.</p> <p>The Board resolved that the minutes of the Previous meeting held on the 19th of February 2025 be corrected, amended where required then approved online, to allow the OM Council Item to be submitted as the is a recommendation to Council for considerations.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Divisional Report</p>	<p>2.2. Matters Arising from Minutes</p> <p>Not applicable for the meeting</p> <p>3.1. Budget:</p> <p>LdV presented the Operational Budget for Fernkloof Nature Reserve from the previous meeting till the 17 March 2025. Annexure A, reflects expenditures on alien clearing, fire services, maintenance and staff, with available balance. For noting that the operational budget if for the entire OM and FNR spends the most of the budget. The Board accepted the report.</p>



		<p>3.2. PAMP:</p> <p>LdV presented the current status of the PAMP that it has been signed by both the Chairperson and LdV and it needs to do its round through administration, Council, Cape Nature and Province. Furthermore, attach maps to the PAMP as a final document.</p> <p>3.3. Safety Monitors:</p> <p>Monitors will be available during the remainder of the financial year, there are plans in place to keep the current teams and during the school/Easter Holidays.</p> <p>3.5. Baboon Management Programme: East</p> <p>LdV presented the draft plan for Baboon Management Programme (BMP) for the East and what will be the undertaking, and that the Division is guided by the recent media release by the MM on the future of the BMP</p> <p>3.6. Roles, Responsibilities & Stakeholder of FNR and FAB</p> <p>The VC raised a point on stakeholders that are involved with FNR such BotSoc, Hermanus Hacking Group, Cliff Path Management Group, Friends of Fernkloof among other stakeholders. What is their key role of these bodies to FNR/FAB.</p> <p>LdV explained the roles of the OM as Management Authority through the Municipal Manager, and this is covered in current and old legislation like the Bylaw to FNR, this is also reflected on the PAMP. She then also explained the roles of each Bodies involved in FNR and that they are guided by Co-Management Agreements.</p> <p>FAB will then be informed of any developments with stakeholders and their roles, if required the Chairperson of the Board can also extend an invite to such members to present to FAB at times and when required.</p>
4.	Fernkloof Stream	<p>LdV reported that a Service Provider (Neil Lyners and Associates) has been appointed to remove the gabions and it is an ongoing process that further developments will be communicated as it comes.</p>
5.	17th Ave Voelklip development	<p>LdV reported that the Developers have been informed to do an erratum with their mapping as their documents</p>

	includes part of Fernkloof and which is a wrong publication for public commentary. The Board expressed great concerns with such publication from the developers which is not correct.
	The board discussed the matter in full and the EMC is to express their stance towards the Development and the Board will support the decision made by Management. Cape Nature also stated that they have made their comments and they do not support the application, Andre Marais(AM) reported.
	The Chairperson explained the importance of submitting the FAB recommendations to Council and that Council should take such recommendations seriously.
6.	Any Other Business (AOB) 6.1. Cliff Path Management Group (CPMG):
7.	30 April 2025 30 July 2025
	Meeting Adjourned 16h00

Action Items	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Possible encroachment in Fernkloof Reserve	Management	17 June 2025
Invite Rhett Smart Landuse Specialist from Cape Nature, to have input on the matter of encroachment to the Reserve.	Allister	17 June 2025
Submission of Council Item for the Recommendations of FAB	Management/Chairperson	17 June 2025
Request from the Mayor's Office/Mayor and MM to add CPMG to the FAB Board	Management	17 June 2025



Invite Divisional Manager: Operations to FAB meetings, this is for the overlap with Open Space Zone 1 and 2, also referring to relations with CPMG.	Management	17 June 2025
Organizational Structure and Details of Officials	Management	17 June 2025

RESOLUTIONS FROM FAB TO COUNCIL

1. Gateway Reservoir Proposal

The Board has recommended that the Gate Way Proposal not be supported, due to the none inclusion of the Proposal to the PAMP, additional maintenance burden to the management of the Reserve, which is already struggling, with no clear sustainability plan for the development and that and that the reserve should be untouched, preserve the natural beauty of the area and minimize human interference.

FERNKLOOF NATURE RESERVE BUDGET REPORT

This report is from the start of the year 2024/25 to the 17 March 2025, these figures represent the operational expenditure to the Reserve taking to account that the amended budget is for the entire Overstrand Municipality.

DESCRIPTION	BKEY	AMENDED BUDGET MYR	PROVISIONAL	ON ORDER	SPENT IN FNR TO DATE	BALANCE AVAILABLE
Assets less than the Capitalisation Threshold	2024062709 8300	R 45 000,00	R 11 747,84	R 9 000,00	R 19 975,90	R 2 925,07
Fire Services	2024062709 5792	R 950 000,00		R 136 213,27	R 253 453,46	R 280 851,83
Forestry	2024062709 6076	R 2 200 000,00		R 493 873,85	R 1 663 755,60	R 11 587,15
Hire Charges	2024062709 8918	R 256 746,00		R 110 740,00	R 188 887,50	R 47 046,00
Maintenance of Equipment	2024062709 5910	R 80 000,00		R 4 206,00	R 4 733,25	R 70 595,17
Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	2024062709 6013	R 1 700 000,00		R 103 335,49	R 1 064 366,38	R 247 951,64
Materials and Supplies	2024062709 8191	R 720 000,00	R 88 738,63	R 15 735,44	R 216 676,65	R 432 216,70
Pest Control and Fumigation	2024062709 6039	R 300 000,00	R 173 913,05		R 25 888,11	R 103 575,55
Project Management	2024062709 5648	R 500 000,00		R 147 770,00	R 107 582,50	R 262 616,73
Signage	2024062709 8755	R 60 000,00			R 2 886,10	R 54 494,26
Standard Rated - Consumable Stores	2024062709 7944	R 175 000,00			R 63 372,36	R 75 769,07
TOTALS		R 6 986 746,00	R 274 399,52	R 1 020 874,05	R 3 506 985,31	R 1 589 629,17