



WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 1 WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 1

Minutes of an Ordinary Ward Committee meeting held on Thursday, 11 September 2025, at the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Stanford at 16:00.

Notule van 'n Gewone Wykskomitee vergadering wat gehou is op Donderdag, 11 September 2025, in die Raadsaal, Munisipale Kantore, Stanford om 16:00.

PRESENT

Committee members:

Ald. Dudley Coetzee (Chairperson)	: Ward Councillor
Mr D Hagen	: Stanford Conservation Association
Ms Kathryn S Marshall	: Klein River Lagoon Owners & Farm Watch
Mr Wilson Damon	: Volvertroue Diens Sentrum
Mr Richard King	: Stanford Ratepayers' Association
Mr Elias Cornelius	: Mosselbaai (Nuwe Behuisingsontwikkeling)
Mr Garth Abrahams	: Universals Rugby Club

Officials:

S de Villiers	: Chief Clerk: Public Liaison
Marzaan Middleton	: Public Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford

Other:

Mr John Kelley (Secundi)	Stanford CPF
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1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Ald. Coetzee welcomed those present and Mr Wilson Damon opened the meeting with prayer. Special welcome to Marzaan Middleton: Acting Public Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford</p> <p>NOTED</p>
2.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>An application for leave of absence was received from Mr K Husk (Stanford CPF), and Mr Brett Sander (Food for Thought ECD). No apology was received from Mrs Carike May (Missio Day Ministry (Youth))</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That leave of absence be granted to Mr K Husk (Stanford CPF) and Mr Brett Sander (Food for Thought ECD)</p> <p>That the absence of Mrs Carike May (Mission Day Ministry (Youth)) be regarded as absent without leave.</p>

	NOTED
2.1	ABSENCE OF WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS
	Ald Coetzee expressed his concerns regarding members repeated absences from ward committee meetings. NOTED
3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025 be confirmed. Proposed: Mrs Kathryn Marshall Seconded: Mr Dave Hagen Following the correction of Kathryn Marshall name, the minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2025 be confirmed. NOTED
4.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
	Approved NOTED
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: WARD COMMITTEE: 19 June 2025 and 28 August 2025
5.1	JOINT WARD COMMITTEE MEETING – 28 AUGUST 2025
	Feedback on Joint Meeting – 28 August 2025 Mr. Dave Hagen has raised concerns regarding the joint meeting held on 28 August 2025. He noted that the meeting was confusing and lacked structure. To improve future meetings, he recommends that adequate planning be undertaken beforehand. Additionally, all committee members should be given the opportunity to introduce themselves at the start of the meeting. Concerns Regarding the Abolished Area Manager Position Mr. Dave Hagen has once again expressed concerns about the removal of the Area Manager position, which was abolished following the recent restructuring. Ward 1 Committee members have recommended that a dedicated authority similar to the former Area Manager role be reinstated. They believe this is essential to ensure clear lines of authority and effective oversight of staff operations at the local level. The committee has further proposed that Council consider including funding for three Area Manager positions—one for each region—within the upcoming budget for the Overstrand. NOTED

5.2	WARD COMMITTEE AFTER ELECTION
	<p>Suggestions for Ward Committee Elections – November 2026</p> <p>Mr. Dave Hagen has provided several suggestions regarding the upcoming Ward Committee elections scheduled for November 2026.</p> <p>He emphasized the importance of predefining the 10 organizations that will nominate representatives from Stanford Village. This process should be completed prior to the election to ensure clarity and fairness.</p> <p>Additionally, he recommended that the groupings or sectors to be represented on the committee be clearly decided before voting takes place, in order to avoid confusion and to ensure a well-structured and representative committee.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
6.	NEW MATTERS
6.1	REVIEW AND REPRIORITISE IDP WARD PRIORITIES 2026/27
	<p>Changes related to the reprioritisation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) will be discussed at the next Ward Committee meeting, ahead of the public participation meeting scheduled for November 2025.</p> <p>This will ensure that committee members have the opportunity to provide input and prepare for meaningful engagement with the broader community during the public meeting.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
6.2	WARD SPECIFIC FUNDING
	<p>STANFORD:</p> <p>Project List and Estimated Costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stanford Entrance Walls <i>Raising the entrance walls at Queen Victoria Street</i> Estimated Cost: R50,000.00 2. Sprinkler System Installation <i>Installing a sprinkler system in the public open space and playpark equipment in the New Rest area</i> Estimated Cost: R80,000.00 3. Middleton Street Closure <i>Permanent closure of Middleton Street using concrete bollards</i> Estimated Cost: R20,000.00 4. Cemetery Gate Replacement <i>Replacing the stolen gate at the cemetery entrance (east cemetery)</i> Estimated Cost: R10,000.00 5. Long Market Street Parking Formalization <i>Upgrading and formalizing parking along Long Market Street</i> Estimated Cost: R150,000.00

	<p>6. Community Hall Fencing <i>Installation of Clear View fencing above the boundary wall behind the Community Hall</i> Estimated Cost: R60,000.00</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.3	CARE PROJECT FUNDING	
	<p>Alderman Coetzee discussed the allocation of R50,000.00 designated for care projects within the ward.</p> <p>Ward Committee members will submit their suggestions and project proposals to the Councillor for consideration and possible implementation.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.4	WATER AND ELECTRICITY LOSSES	
	<p>For information: Alderman Coetzee discussed the issue of water and electricity losses during the meeting.</p> <p>He highlighted that water loss in Stanford is a particular concern and stressed that the source of the loss needs to be identified and addressed as a matter of priority.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.5	LEASE TO PA – ROAD CAMP	
	<p>Alderman Coetzee has been attempting to get in touch with a responsible person at the Province (lessee) regarding the clean-up and rehabilitation of the former PA Camp. Although Mr. Cecil Hamman was recommended as a point of contact, Alderman Coetzee has not yet been able to speak with him.</p> <p>The committee members are of the opinion that, despite the Province being the lessee, the Overstrand Municipality, as the landowner, retains the responsibility to ensure that the erf is properly cleaned and rehabilitated.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised by Mr. Richard King regarding the lack of response from municipal staff to complaints in certain departments. Alderman Coetzee will address this matter directly with Chief Rudi Fraser</p> <p>.NOTED</p>	
7.	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
7.1	<p>TOWNPLANNING: Town Planning Applications to be Included on the Agenda Alderman Coetzee presented and discussed the following new town planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portion 22 of the Farm 654, Modderivier 2. Erf 194, 8 Queen Victoria Street 3. Portions 5 and 10 of the Farm 679 	

	<p>The committee is required to pass a resolution on applications where objections have been received. A formal decision from the Town Planning Department is necessary for these items.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
8.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>None</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
9.	NOTICES	
9.1	SECURITY – HIJACKING OF STANFORD IN BLOOM	
9.1	<p>Mrs. Kathryn Marshall provided feedback regarding recent protest action in Stanford:</p> <p>28 August 2025 - peaceful march to Police station - Community concerns have been raised regarding the employment of foreign nationals in Stanford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held on 9 September 2025, during which key concerns were addressed. Afterward, feedback was given to the community, leading to the conclusion of the protest. <p>NOTED</p>	
9.2	PANDORA EVENT	
	<p>The Ward Committee noted that if <i>Pandora</i> submits an application to host another event, there will definitely be objections from the community. This is due to the organiser's previous failure to abide by the event regulations and conditions. The committee expressed serious concerns about non-compliance and emphasized that future applications will be thoroughly scrutinized.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The time and date and venue of the next meeting will be distributed	
11.	CLOSING	
	The meeting closed at 18h00	