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WARD COMMITTEE MEETING /
WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING

**MINUTES OF THE WARD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
 26 MAY 2026 AT 16:00 IN THE KLEINMOND LIBRARY HALL**

**NOTULE VAN DIE WYKSKOMITEEVERGADERING GEHOU OP DINSDAG,
 26 MEI 2026 OM 16:00 IN DIE BIBLIOTEEKSAAL, KLEINMOND**

PRESENT:		
ADMINISTRATION:	Mr Angelo Ford	Manager: Community Liaison (Kleinmond)
	Ms Karla Gerber du Toit	Administrator: Strategic Support Services
COUNCIL:	Cllr Malcolm Grimbeek	PR Councillor

WARD 10 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Cllr Theresa Els	Ward 10 Councillor
	Mr Amund Beneke	Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association
	Mr Ralph Pina	Rooiels Ratepayers' Association (Secundus)
	Mr Gert Bam	Pringle Bay Ratepayers' Association
	Mr Bangikhaya Mantshinga	Backyard Dwellers
	Mr Wayne Jackson	Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch
	Mr Innocent Vula	Overhills Community
	Mr David Horne	Sunny Seas
	Prof Jan Crafford	Coastal Rewilding
	Ms Veliswa Mbem	Sport & Recreation
APOLOGIES:	None	
ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:	Cllr Grant Cohen	Speaker
	Cllr Stephen Williams	PR Councillor
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	5	

1.	WELCOME	ACTION
	Cllr Els asked Mr Angelo Ford to read the notice, welcomed everyone present and introduced Mr Ralph Pina, Secundus for Rooiels Ratepayer's Association. The Chair asked Mr Ford to introduce himself and explain his role in the OM.	Noted

2.	APOLOGIES	
	No apologies received. Ms Veliswa Mbem and Mr Innocent Vula both arrived late for the meeting.	Noted
3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	<u>10 February 2026:</u> Proposed: A Beneke; Seconded: Mr Bam. <u>27 March 2026:</u> Proposed: Mr Bam; Seconded: Mr Jackson. Compliments given to Ms Gerber du Toit for the manner in which the PowerPoint presentation was done. <u>14 April 2026:</u> Proposed: Mr A Beneke; Seconded: Mr Horne.	Noted
4.	STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR	
	Cllr Els reminded the Collab Citizen App was the preferred avenue for logging service requests. Unresolved issues may thereafter be escalated to Mr Ford. The Chair commented on Facebook warriors who complain on Facebook without logging a call on the Citizen App and she implored WC members to inform the public re: the correct channel to use. Cllr Els thanked members from Disaster Management, volunteer fire fighters, Mr Jackson, Mr Bam and Mr Ford and for their selfless assistance during the storm. Mr Ford informed on a future addition to the App which would enable users to rate the service and leave comments. This feature could potentially circumvent that jobs are marked as completed when in fact they were not. Ms Johnnet van Asperen had indicated she would escalate all “poor” ratings to the relevant manager.	Noted
5.	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1.	<u>PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROOIELS NATURE RESERVE:</u> The matter appeared before the Portfolio Committee on 19 May 2026, and the recommendation was the item not be approved. The item was referred back with the recommendation that a meeting would first be held with all role-players. Going forward, that the municipality sets up a meeting on 10 June 2026 with the relevant stakeholders and role-players, Portfolio Chair and a representative from the Rooiels Conservancy. The Chair reminded this item had been included on the IDP and thus deemed it unacceptable to dismiss due to lack of funds. Mr Bam noted a governance problem with the recommendations from the Portfolio Committee, and he noted that the Coastal Management Act and NEMA principles could be used in support of the application. Thus, if the planning principles were in place, then the politicians could consider the application and consequently administration may not make such recommendations to politicians. Mr Pina observed that the OM had the statutory commitment to protect the area and that the OM had not met its commitments.	Noted
5.2.	<u>REVIEW CONSERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BY-LAW:</u> No new feedback had been received from Mr Kuchar. Mr Bam noted Mr Kuchar had indicated he would attempt to have a draft ready by the end of March whereas it was now almost the end of May.	Noted
	That the matter of the Review Conservation Overlay Zone By-law which had not been drafted and submitted by Mr Riaan Kuchar, be escalated to the Portfolio Chairperson.	Recommended: Mr R. Kuchar

5.3.	<u>MAINTENANCE & CLEARING OF R44 GUTTERS BETWEEN ROOIELS & GORDON'S BAY:</u> The Chairperson indicated she had written to Provincial Government but had received no feedback. She had obtained permission from Min. Simmers to write a submission and to submit it to him. A proposal done by Mr Pina would be incorporated into the submission. Relating to the cleaning of verges, the Conservancy did get a response from the District Engineer, who had a team who cleaned verges and gutters from Gordon's Bay to Rooiels every month. It was preferred that alien vegetation also be cleared. Cllr Grimbeek suggested holding the contractor accountable for not doing his work and doing so in writing.	Noted
5.4.	<u>ILLEGAL HUNTING WITH DOGS:</u> That the proposed meeting with all relevant role-players be scheduled before the end of June 2026. Ms Maas informed it was decided to educate children in collaboration with Cape Nature. The primary school would be the first port of call, and the education drive would slot into the curriculum by focussing on biodiversity and eco systems. The aim would be to encourage and foster an understanding of a healthy environment. Cllr Grimbeek informed that illegal hunting in this UNESCO biosphere was a serious criminal offence and environmental threat. Effective counter measures had to involve co-ordination between, amongst others, SAPS, OM, Cape Nature, Law Enforcement, the community, National Council of the SPCA and landowners. Cllr Grimbeek called for immediate action to be taken and indicated he would distribute the report he had written about roles and responsibilities of the various role players.	Noted
5.5.	<u>REMOVAL OF REFUSE BINS ALONG CLARENCE DRIVE (R44):</u> The meeting was informed Mr Ralph Pina was driving this item, and calls were made to intensify the campaign. General consensus was that the refuse bins along Clarence Drive be removed.	Noted
6.	FEEDBACK WARD SPECIFIC PROJECTS	
	Mr Angelo Ford informed that: 1. Paving of Anemone Street in Rooiels had been completed. 2. Fixing of flood lights at Overhills soccer field. 3. No order had been loaded for Environmental signage. 4. An order for the play park had been loaded. Mr Bam noted that it had been reported at the February meeting that the Pipe replacement project would be completed by the end of March 2026 and he enquired whether it had been done. Cllr Els reported that the contractor was Martin & East and that Mr Patrick Robinson had received additional funding. Mr Ford indicated he had scheduled a meeting with Mr Patrick Robinson and would report back. Mr Bam furthermore indicated that it was communicated during the February meeting that the fencing for the Drop-off site would commence <i>imminently</i>, and he asked how far the project was since a fencing tender was already in place. Mr Ford would also provide feedback on this request. Mr Bam pointed out to Councillors that the IDP resolution for the next financial year was going to be highly questionable if the Councillors were not given a spreadsheet summary of inputs as well as the response to the inputs from administration. Thus, the summary should include the subject matter, and total number of inputs received, and the total number of responses obtained. In so doing, the requirements of the Systems Act would be met. Cllr Els noted this had been done, under <i>Consolidated Public Comments</i>. Mr Bam indicated this summary should ideally accompany the final report to the full Council meeting, to which the Chair responded that this had also been done.	Noted

7.	NEW MATTERS	
7.1.	<u>MS ANUTA SCHOLTZ: PLANNING DECISIONS:</u> This item was not discussed.	Noted
7.2.	<u>MS VELISWA MBEM: SOCCER FIELD:</u> wondered why the item submitted re: housing had been omitted from the agenda. Cllr Els replied she had removed the item from the agenda, since a separate meeting in collaboration with Housing department would be convened to deal with the matter. Mr Ford noted that the item “housing” was too broad in scope since Housing comprised two distinct components, namely administration and infrastructure. He explained that these functions were supported by different professional disciplines, with administrative matters managed by administrators and infrastructure-related matters overseen by engineers. Ms Mbem would submit a clearly defined parameter. Cllr Stephen Williams would answer Mr Bams enquiry about a physical barrier for Overhills. Cllr Grimbeek reminded that the mountain on which Overhills was situated belonged to Cape Nature, thus making it their responsibility. Ms Mbem reported that the newly completed soccer clubhouse had been vandalised, all pipes and toilets demolished, and all the furniture stolen. She informed that SAPS had been called, and the perpetrators caught but they were subsequently released. Mr A Stali and Cllr Williams had also been informed. Ms Mbem indicated she would send photographs of the damage done. Lastly, Ms Mbem requested that the funds budgeted for the procurement of soccer equipment and furniture be withheld. Ms Mbem was asked to put her wish in writing and to submit it to administration. Mr Bam called for innovative solutions to curb vandalism at the soccer club house, in partnership with key role-players, perhaps considering erecting living quarters on top of the club house, and forming a committee. Mr Bam agreed to be part of such a committee. Mr Jackson reminded that it was discussed to install a camera which would be monitored by Sandown Bay Security, but Cllr Els reported the funds had been reallocated for lights for the soccer field. Mr Jackson furthermore called for greater community responsibility. Cllr Els added that the same was true of vandalism of toilets and theft of toilet pipes.	Noted
	That a meeting relating to a solution for the vandalism of the Overhills soccer club house be scheduled to include stakeholders and role players, as well as with the soccer club and Mr Stali and thereafter with Mr D Nel.	Recommended: Mr Angelo Ford
7.3.	<u>MR DAVID HORNE:</u> <u>7.3.1. LAW ENFORCEMENT:</u> Mr Horne reported how irate the community was about specifically speeding on the R44 and informed of two petitions which had been drawn up. He had submitted questions to administration to Law Enforcement. Mr Horne mentioned bikers as main culprits in speeding related incidents. <u>7.3.2. SPEED LAW ENFORCEMENT:</u> Cllr Grimbeek reminded that Law Enforcement was not responsible for Traffic matters. He noted how expensive it was to train Traffic officers and reiterated that one of the key challenges was that Traffic Services was short staffed. The Councillor also reminded that Environmental Management & Conservation was responsible for curbing noise pollution. Prof Crafford noted the dearth of animals killed and vehicle accidents on the R44 was sufficient proof to warrant drastic action. Mr Bam suggested to make use of technology, collaboration between Provincial Government and Law Enforcement Services and a drive to increase traffic fines.	Noted

	Mr Beneke remarked that those who want to speed, would do so; Mr Jackson added that it was the attitude of drivers that needed to be changed and Mr Mantshinga noted drones may be useful to protect against illegal land grabs. Ms Maes gave feedback on the petition; the following would be effective to calm speed: cameras, more signs, and more stringent legislation. Cllr Els informed the Western Cape Parliament was taking the matter very seriously.	
	That Law Enforcement officials consider using drones to combat illegal land grabs in Overhills.	Recommended: Chief Johan du Toit
7.4.	<u>MR WAYNE JACKSON: PROPOSAL FOR A DEDICATED SPACE: BETTY'S BAY WALL OF REMEMBRANCE:</u> Relating to this request, Mr Jackson informed a suitable space was required and that the community would fund this project. It was suggested that the BBRA put forth recommendations to Cllr Els and to consider making use of the Crassula Hall.	Noted
	<u>MR GERT BAM:</u> firstly, wanted to know whether OM was considering meeting with ESKOM in future. The Chair explained the frustration she had, having sent countless emails, also including to the Minister of the Department of Electricity and Energy. Mr Bam noted that Cllr Els's efforts were much appreciated. Mr Bam's second issue was that he had received enquiries from a school in Pringle Bay regarding many potholes in the road. Whilst the potholes had been reported on the Collab Citizen App, nothing had been done as yet. Cllr Els informed the OM was responsible for that road up until FOMO. Thereafter it was not a municipal responsibility since it was "out of urban area". Mr van Rhodie had reportedly obtained a legal opinion. Cllr Els had suggested that Mr van Rhodie put the OM's position in writing.	Noted
	The Ward 10 Committee, having taken note of the impact of the disaster on the electrical distribution system in the entire Overstrand, hereby urges the OM to initiate a process of interaction with ESKOM at the highest level to address the systemic issues that affects the electrical distribution and service delivery	Recommended: Dr Dean O'Neill
	<u>MR INNOCENT VULA:</u> complained that no jobs had been given to locals at the Waterworks. Mr Angelo Ford replied that a meeting would be scheduled for next Thursday and informed he had asked to obtain the requisite statistics.	Noted
8.	CLOSURE	
	The Chairperson thanked all attendees and the meeting closed at 17:30.	Noted