ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 13

GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING
VAN WYK 13

MINUTES / NOTULE

DATE / DATUM:	**25 MAY / MEI 2026**
VENUE / PLEK:	**DE WET HALL/SAAL, ONRUS**
TIME / TYD:	**16:30**

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING OF WARD 13

HELD AT THE DE WET HALL, ONRUS ON 25 MAY 2026, AT 16:30

PRESENT

Ward Councillors:

Cllr C Resandt	:	Ward 13 Chairperson

Committee members attended the meeting:

Ms Antoinette Bronkhorst	:	Onrus RPA
Ms Anne Droomer	:	Onverwag Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Johan Myburgh	:	Vermont Coastal Path Committee.
Mr Deon van der Kooi	:	NG Kerk Onrus
Mr William Keenan	:	Vermont Conservation Fund
Ms Caroline Gabb	:	Onrus River Estuary Forum
Mr Duran Proper	:	Retirement Village Onrus

Officials:

Ms S Lukas	:	Chief Clerk
Ms Ntombi Mtholo	:	Manager Community Liaison Hermanus
Mr De Wet Nel	:	Manager: Parks & Recreation, Cemeteries & Refuse Removal

Apologies:

Mr Theo Agenbag	:	Onrus Trading Post
Ms Meredith Thornton	:	Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area – SRA

Absent:

Mr Duncan Heard	:	Vermont RP & Environmental Association

1.	**OPENING AND WELCOME**	
	The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. **Noted**	
2.	**IS THE MEETING QUORATED?**	
	The Chairperson declared the meeting quorate with 7 members in attendance. **Noted**	
3.	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 12 FEBRUARY 2026**	
3.1	**12 FEBRUARY 2026**	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 be confirmed, with the following changes: Item 13: Dog Park Specify that the ward committee proposed the chairperson of the ORA to complete and submit the dog park application. Changed to read that Mr Heard advised that the dog park project be done within similar guidelines to the City of Cape Town bylaw. Item 15: Wendy Matthews saga: Mr van der Kooi clarified that discussions regarding the person in question were done at a security meeting and not only between himself and the Chief of police. The rest of the feedback would be done as matters arising. **Proposed**: Mr D van der Kooi **Seconded**: Ms C Gabb **Noted**	
4.	**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**	
4.1	**Public Participation re Streetlighting – Petrel Street**	
	Item 4.1: Mr Heard was not present at the meeting and the chairperson undertook to get confirmation from him whether the letter mentioned was drafted as indicated in the previous minutes. It was concluded that the mentioned letter was one to be presented to the speaker and that was to be signed by each ward committee members indicating the recommendations and concerns regarding the positioning of the lights at Petrel Street. **Noted**	
4.2	**Littering and clean up along R43**	
	Item 7: Enquiry was made whether confirmation was received on the number of EPWP's appointed per ward. The chairperson would obtain this information from Cllr Nutt. **Noted**	
4.3	**Timeline for hostile architecture/landscaping on northern boundary of Onrus Close.**	

	The Chairperson provided the meeting with the following feedback from Mr Heard after a site visit conducted at the Trading Post with the officials present a while back: Work on the smaller proposals, within the current budget, had been completed; Larger proposed re-recommendations would require proper planning and had to be formally budgeted for; This included formalized parking at and near the Trading post and Salt Pan side at Vermont; The painting of pedestrian crossing and walkways; The beautification of the areas, including planting of trees. Mr Heard's correspondence concluded by indicating that the purpose of this would be to make the area vagrant-free and would require a site layout plan. The expectation was that Mr Marx would do an illustrative layout plan including costing which could be discussed and presented for inclusion in the budget. The Chairperson expressed concern for the non-attendance of Mr Marx to discuss this at the current meeting. She informed the meeting that she would escalate the request to his office for action. She would also correspond with Mr Dennis Hendricks, Project Manager, on the matter. Discussions followed on the site visits conducted and feedback received from Mr George Lotter, Electrical Department, on the request for additional lights at Milk to ensure safety after concerns were raised about the dark corner at the vicinity of the trees between the two parkingbays. The meeting requested the chairperson to follow up these requests within consideration of the current financial year's budget. **Noted**	
4.4	**Update-Situation with alien invasive plan clearing and firebreaks in ward 13**	
	Item 11: The chairperson informed the meeting that she requested the Fire chief, Mr Lester Smith's presence at the meeting to provide the needed feedback. It was reported that the plot in question was private property and the chairperson explained the plot clearing process to the meeting. The risk of fires due to alien invasive was further discussed by the meeting and the concerns would be escalated by the chairperson to the Fire chief's office. **Noted**	
4.5	**Lagoon Water Samples**	
	Item 22: Ms Gabb raised concern that the lagoon water sample results did not reflect on the Overstrand Municipality website anymore. Discussions followed on the delegated authority responsible for reporting on the water samples. The Chairperson provided feedback from the Environmental Department that the Municipality no longer had the capacity for this function. Environmental Department further	

	informed that the delegation resided with Breede Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) and that related enquiries could be directed to them. **Noted**	
4.6	**Wendy Matthes Saga**	
	Item 15: Mr Van der Kooi provided feedback to the meeting on the church's involvement in getting Wendy Matthes off the street and to a place of safety, this was done in conjunction with the local clinic. He reported that she was currently in hospital, possibly in Worcester. He further informed that the department of social development were trying to reach members of her family with the possibility of placing her with a family member. The meeting further discussed challenges with mentally unstable homeless people using Onrus parks as a sleeping place. Residents complained about the disturbance it caused with their indecent exposure and behaviour. Mr van der Kooi informed that Law Enforcement and security companies in the area removed these vagrants but they repeatedly returned. He made mention of a specific man causing disturbance who was also a drug addict. It was reported that this vagrant begged items from various residents as well as the church and it was found that he then later sold it to feed his drug habit. Members recommended, as advised by the SAPS Commander, that these cases be escalated to SAPS every time an incident occurred, to ensure the case received the needed attention from the police for removal of the vagrant from the area. **Noted**	
4.7	**Taxi stop in Vermont**	
	Item 22: The meeting discussed the signage challenge that was referred to by Ms Thornton, it was mentioned that the taxi stop sign was on the wrong side of the road. This resulted in a danger to traffic as taxis used it wrongly as a pick-up point for commuters. Ward committee members suggested that education be provided to taxi users that this was indeed not a place where taxis could just stop to pick them up in the face of upcoming traffic. **Noted**	
5.	**STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR**	
	The Chairperson had non at present. **Noted**	
6.	**WARD SPECIFIC PROJECTS 2026/2027**	
	The Chairperson informed ward committee members that R250 000 was allocated to WSP for 2026/2027. She indicated that the following project was selected from the IDP list and accepted as correctly classified, after discussions with the budget office:	

	Paving Coastal Parking area: Paving the Coastal area of Davies Pool-R250 000. Ward committee members agreed on the project but had concerns that the quote obtained for this project exceeded that amount. It was discussed that the rest of the funding would be obtained through community involvement. The Chairperson informed the meeting the dog park project will continue within the current financial year. **Noted**	
7.	**HERITAGE HUB**	
	Ms Gabb informed the meeting that herself and Ms Thornton were contacted by a lady called Veronica, who used to live at the cottage at the late Jan Rabie's house. Three boxes of books and a variety of items from Jan Rabies's wife, Majorie, were presented by Veronica to be sold to them. Ms Gabb went on explaining the contents of the boxes and remarked that she would most probably buy them due to the valuable origin of the items. She explored various ways of determining how to pay for the items. Ms Gabb indicated that they were contacted with the expectation that it could be used for the pending museum. She undertook to buy the three boxes and use them when the museum was established. Ms Gabb discussed progress on the signing of the documents for the lease for the museum and applying for the NPO, establishing the name as possibly being the Onrust Heritage Hub. **Noted**	
8.	**TRAFFIC AND THE NEED FOR A TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT IN ONRUS**	
	Ms Gabb reported that a request was made through the Neighborhood Groups and because of various complaints received, for a traffic assessment to be done at Van Bloemenstein Road. The following suggestions and complaints were listed: Making Van Bloemenstein a one way, Lack of traffic sign at Van Bloemenstein Road, Need for speed calming, Monitoring of traffic speed, Exit and entrance monitoring to determine what was required. The Chairperson agreed with the proposal and recommended that speed calming be moved higher up as IDP priority for ward 13. **Noted**	
9.	**CONSERVANCY TANK INSPECTIONS/BY LAW**	
	Ms Gabb informed that in the previous ward committee cycle a request was tabled to have the building bylaw amended to accommodate buyers of properties with conservancy tanks. She continued by explaining that determining whether a conservancy tank was completed when buying property was currently not verified or inspected by the Municipality prior to purchase. Ms Gabb indicated that the process to have this written into the bylaw was instigated by ward 13 but it was never concluded. She	

	requested the chairperson that this initiative be re-visited and placed back on the agenda for further discussions. Ms Gabb undertook to take the matter back to OREF and that a formal communication be structured to present to the Municipality to establish the possibility of amending the by-law. **Noted**	
10.	**ONRUS DOG PARK-TREES**	
	Ms Gabb reported that the 5 donated trees for the dog park was available and indicated that once the dog park was established the responsibility of planting the trees would reside with the ward committee members of ward 13. It was unanimously decided by the meeting that the dog park project would continue. Feedback from all the relevant Municipal departments were dealt with, the only outstanding was from Planning and Development and communication with Ms Magda Bekker would be done and shared with the ward committee. **Noted**	
11.	**OVSRA UPDATE**	
	Ms Gabb reported that Ms Thornton was on leave. She informed of a combined meeting OVSRA attended with the Municipality, HPP and Kleinmond where it was mentioned that certain policy amendments, affecting SRA's would serve before council at the next council meeting. It was the believe of OVSRA that the mentioned policy change proposals would impact the everyday operation of the organisation negatively. She informed that it would be amended that all purchases and appointments by SRA's would be required to be in line with the Municipal Finance Act. She raised concern that this amendment would prevent the appointment of smaller companies currently being used to comply as these posed challenges with using the smaller private companies that were not BEE compliant and this would influence service delivery as OVSRA make use of they were not BEE compliant, specifically with the purchasing of security cameras. Ms Gabb further mentioned that the satisfaction/perception survey policy would be adapted from the current required twenty percent response rate to twenty five percent response rate. The implication was that it would increase the difficulty for any changes or even cause a re-do when public participation was done. The last policy change that would impact, was that SRA organisations would be required to obtain public support within 30 days from a public meeting. The meeting agreed that this goal previously was impossible to reach and shared this concern. Ms Gabb informed the meeting that the OVSRA wrote to the Municipal Manager stating the organisation's objection to these proposed changes mainly due to lack of SRA participation in the process or being consulted and provided sufficient time to comment. She further requested the chairperson to intervene on behalf of the SRA's at the council meetings.	

	Suggestions that a representative of the OVSRA attend the council meeting would prove to be fruitless because non-members of council were not permitted to participate at these meetings. The following OVSRA feedback was sent via email by Ms Thornton: **OVSRA UPDATE –** general update about OVSRA, Control Room continued to operate throughout the last two power outages, but eventually after a few days most cameras go down if there is little sun; additional patrols done at these times including help from private security; please report any street lights that are still not working on Collab (often remain out after Eskom power is back) **ALIEN CLEARING IN ONRUS ESTUARY –** enviro-patrollers are working with OREF member Ian Flint on island off Lagoon Drive, as well as some community volunteers; island is accessible but very muddy and some trees already (Port Jackson and long-leafed acacia); more clearing planned **SIGNAGE AND BREACHING AT ESTUARY MOUTH –** we often receive complaints about digging at the estuary and have been approached by the public that OM places a sign saying it is illegal to dig mouth open, why and what the consequences are **JAN RABIE TIDAL POOL** – we were approached by community members about the possibility of some improvement at Jan Rabie Pool. They want the rocks in the shallow end where children play moved to make it more friendly, and suggest they can be used to fill the dead area on the left as one walks out along the wall, and that this area is then filled with concrete to make a smooth area for people to utilise (much like at Davie's Pool. I wrote the following back to them: As the OVSRA we support the improvement of public open space, Jan Rabie will benefit from this as it is becoming increasingly popular due to Davies being so popular, but it must follow the correct environmental processes and that dead area is probably not ideal as it is often flooded and would be damaged very quickly. We would welcome the area being neatened up but our main request and need is for electricity to the site so that we can erect cameras to monitor the coastal path. **MANAGING INCREASED STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM PAVED, CONCRETED AND TARRED PRIVATE PROPERTIES –** stormwater runoff a big and growing problem in our area as properties are developed, along with old infrastructure which does not have the capacity to remove increased volumes; this results in undermining of tarred areas and flooding of houses and streets; models exist elsewhere whereby ratepayers are taxed according to the percentage of non-permeable paving they have which provides money to council for	

	increased revenue to upgrade stormwater-related infrastructure and encourages people to use permeable paving instead **Noted**	
12.	**ALIEN CLEARING IN ONRUS ESTUARY**	
	Refer to item 11. **Noted**	
13.	**SIGNAGE AND BREACHING AT ESTUARY MOUTH**	
	Refer to item 11. **Noted**	
14.	**JAN RABIE TIDAL POOLE**	
	Refer to item 11: Mr Nel reported that the request for Jan Rabie rails was received late November when most contractors were on leave. He informed that a temporary solution was done at the time, which was removed by now. Mr Nel proposed that a rust- free temporary structure would be constructed within the new financial year. Ward committee members raised concern that the overflow at the west side of Jan Rabie Pool was due to increase of the population and increased visitation. Further concern was that no ablution facility was availble. It was requested by ward committee members that this be added as a project to be listed on the IDP. **Noted**	
15.	**MANAGING INCREASED STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM PAVED, CONCRETED AND TARRED PROPERTIES**	
	Refer to item 11: The Chairperson indicated that Infrastructure department could provide clarity to this matter. **Noted**	
16.	**FEEDBACK FROM ESKOM ON THE EXPECTED REPLY OF THE MEMORANDUM ONVERWAG HANDED IN ON 22 JAN 2026 AND READING OF THE METERS-HAS A CONTRACTOR BEEN APPOINTED**	
	Refer to item 11: Ward committee members concluded that the Eskom concerns be added to the already scheduled meeting for the 3rd of June 2026 at the Auditorium led by Ald Lerm. **Noted**	
17.	**COASTAL PATH BELOW 39 DUIKER STREET.WATER AND MUD MAKING IT SLIPPERY.A RECONSTRUCTION NEED TO BE LOOKED AT WITH PIPES GOING UNDER THE PATH AS HAS BEEN DONE BETWEEN DAVIE’S AND JAN RABIE POOL**	
	Refer to item 11: The chairperson remarked that the condition and the safety of the coastal pathway was addressed at the site visit conducted and it was found that it required urgent attention. Ward committee members agreed and mentioned incidents where users of the path were injured. Ms Droomer indicated that repeated reporting of the coastal	

	path challenges on the collaborator app would not solve the issues as it possibly required reconstruction between Duiker and Jan Rabie streets. She referred to the unsafe extended pathway 100 metres down due to the wet walking surface. Mr Nel indicated that his department dealt with maintenance and the coastal path possibly required an upgrade which could require capital funding. He indicated that a classification from the asset department would determine whether this would be operational which could result in his department's assistance. **Noted**	
18.	**ENCROACHMENT ON COASTAL AND GREEN BELTS**	
	Mr Keenan reported that a few encroachments were concerning. He made mention of the encroachment at the Sepia Greenbelt. Mr Keenan informed of an application for a lease agreement extension which upon investigation, was verified with Town planning. His concern however was that some applicants unfortunately exceeded their encroachments and did not abide by the correct bylaws. He reported that the intention was to report back on the matter, but the follow-up could not be met due to the recent bad weather. Mr Keenan informed his understanding that the issues with encroachments in Vermont/Onrus would be dealt with between Homeowners and the Overstrand Municipality therefore, as an organization, the Vermont Conservation Foundation and Environment Association would embark on a social media awareness campaign to assist in the education of encroachment bylaws. It was reported that the environmental department had future plans for setting up a task team for monitoring the coastal path encroachments. Ward committee members indicated that they had given a list of the possible encroachments to the Town planning and Environmental departments for their perusal and action. **Noted**	
19.	**MISSING STOP SIGN C/O GREEN AND MARINE DRIVE**	
	Ms Bronkhorst informed the meeting that she reported the missing stop sign on collaborator. The sign was not replaced yet. Ward committee members requested her to follow it up again for action. **Noted**	
20.	**SINKING AREAS C/O MAIN AND OLD MAIN ROAD**	
	Ms Bronkhurst was pleased to inform the meeting that the areas as indicated were maintained as requested. **Noted**	
21.	**BAD RAILS AT DAVIE'S POOL-AND JAN RABIE**	
	Refer to item 17. **Noted**	
22.	**DOGS AT DAVIE'S POOL-POSSIBLE GIVE AND TAKE SCENARIO**	

	Ms Bronkhurst report that, after discussions with Mr Nel this matter was concluded and the necessary applications had been made. The matter referred to dogs on leases at Davie's pool. Concern was raised by Ms Gabb that the bylaws stated that dogs should be on leases and was concerned about the safety of children as this was a thorough fare. **Noted**	
23.	**FEEDBACK RE ONRUS DOG PARK AFTER DISCUSSION WITH DE WET NEL**	
	Refer to item 10. **Noted**	
24.	**FEEDBACK-PLANNING REGARDING ONRUS TRADING POST SURROUNDS**	
	Refer to item 4.3. **Noted**	
25.	**FEEDBACK-APPOINTMENT OF NEW CONTRACTOR FOR ROAD VERGE MAINTENANCE VERMONT**	
	Ward committee members reported that contractors were visible in the area but concluded that the matter would stand over for Mr Heard to provide feedback. **Noted**	
26.	**UPDATE COASTAL PATH MAINTENANCE**	
	The meeting raised concern that various coastal path maintenance collaborator requests were outstanding. They referred to maintenance requests at Armadillo and Periwinkle lanes that were reported as very wet and unsafe. Further concern was raised that some areas of the pathway was destroyed during the recent storm and had not been repaired yet. Mr Nel undertook to visit the concerned areas and provide feedback. **Noted**	
27.	**UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR MITIGATION OF STORM WATER FALL OUT EROSION VERMONT COAST**	
	The chairperson indicated that she would follow up the erosion issue with Mr Marx. Mr Myburgh informed ward committee members that he requested a meeting with Ms Aplon, Environmental Manager, on the erosion at the Geelvink House.';/ **Noted**	
28.	**MOLTENO STREET RUNOFF & ROAD BREAKING UP AND NEW KERB STONES INSTALLED BUT TARRED ROAD NOT FIXED**	
	The chairperson reported that feedback was required from the relevant officials after the previous site visit. The meeting expressed concern that the invited officials were not in attendance at the meeting. The	

	Chairperson requested Ms Mtholo to address the non-attendance with the relevant officials. **Noted**	
31.	**DAVIE'S POOL PARKING AREA**	
	The chairperson reported that feedback was required from the relevant officials after the previous site visit. The meeting expressed concern that the invited officials were not in attendance at the meeting. The Chairperson requested Ms Mtholo to address the non-attendance with the relevant officials. **Noted**	
32.	**ONRUS BEACH PARKING AREA LIGHTING ISSUES**	
	The chairperson reported that feedback was required from the relevant officials after the previous site visit. The meeting expressed concern that the invited officials were not in attendance at the meeting. The Chairperson requested Ms Mtholo to address the non-attendance with the relevant officials. **Noted**	
33.	**VERMONT COASTAL PATHS**	
	The chairperson reported that feedback was required from the relevant officials after the previous site visit. The meeting expressed concern that the invited officials were not in attendance at the meeting. The Chairperson requested Ms Mtholo to address the non-attendance with the relevant officials. **Noted**	
34.	**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**	
	Ward committee members requested urgent feedback on the previous site visit and that the meetings for ward 13 be returned to the normal Tuesday timeslot. **Noted**	
35.	**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**	
	Noted	
36.	**NOTICES**	
	None	
37.	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**	
	Next meeting scheduled as a ward site visit in June 2026. **Noted**	
38.	**CLOSURE**	
	The meeting closed at 18:20. **Noted**	