

## WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 14 WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 14

**Minutes of the Ordinary Ward Committee meeting held on Monday, 16 February 2026, at 14:00 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Gansbaai.**

**Notule van die Gewone Wykskomitee vergadering gehou op Maandag, 16 Februarie 2026, om 14:00 in die Raadsaal, Munisipale Kantoor, Gansbaai.**

### PRESENT

#### Councillor:

Ald R de Coning : Ward Councillor Ward 14

#### Members:

Mr. Ivan Cornelius : Blompark Buurtwag  
 Mr Dick Bayer : Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association  
 Mr. Gustavis Sauls : SilwerJare Dienssentrum  
 Mr Manie van Dyk : Gansbaai Marine Empowerment Trust  
 Mrs Marianna Mostert : Kleinbaai See-en-Tee Kring  
 Mrs Rene Mouton : De Kelders Ratepayers 'Association  
 Mr Riaan Booysen : Dutch Reformed Church/NG Kerk

#### Officials:

Mrs S de Villiers : Chief Clerk: Public Liaison- Gansbaai/Stanford

<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	
	Ald R de Coning welcomed everyone present. Mr Gustavis Sauls opened the meeting with prayer.	
	<b>NOTED</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	An application for leave of absence was received from <b>Mr Chris Meyer</b> (Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association), <b>Mr Riaan Jacobs</b> (Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association) the secundi, <b>Mr Dick Bayer</b> is present during the meeting. <b>Mrs Dianne Galant</b> (Blompark/Beverly Hills Residents), <b>Mrs Maresa de Villiers</b> (Gansbaai Primary School) the secundi and <b>Mrs Helena Wolvaardt</b> (Gansbaai Early Childhood Development)	
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That leave of absence be granted to <b>Mr Chris Meyer</b> (Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association), <b>Mr Riaan Jacobs</b> (Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association) the secundi, <b>Mrs Dianne Galant</b> (Blompark/Beverly Hills Residents), <b>Mrs Maresa de Villiers</b> (Gansbaai Primary School) the secundi and <b>Mrs Helena Wolvaardt</b> (Gansbaai Early Childhood Development)	
	<b>NOTED</b>	

<b>3.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 10 NOVEMBER 2025</b>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of Ward 14 public meeting held on 10 November 2025 be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mr Riaan Booysen <b>Seconded:</b> Mr Ivan Cornelius</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	
	<p>The ordinary ward committee meeting originally scheduled for 9 February 2026 has been postponed to 16 February 2026, due to stormy, rainy weather.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: WARD COMMITTEE 10 November 2025</b>	
	<p>None</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>NEW MATTERS</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>DRIVERS' LICENSE RENEWAL FOR PERSONS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE</b>	
	<p>Ald. de Coning reported that she consulted with Chief: Traffic Rudi Fraser to clarify the matter.</p> <p>Following the consultation, it was confirmed that the rumours are not true.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals over the age of 70 are still allowed to drive.</li> <li>• There are currently no additional tests required for driver's license renewal based solely on age.</li> <li>• The existing renewal procedures remain unchanged.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT BUDGET</b>	
	<p>Ald de Coning reported on the Capital Budget and Ward-Specific Funding allocated to Ward 14 as part of the Adjustment Budget.</p>	

	<p>She provided an overview of the approved allocations and outlined the projects identified for implementation within the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalks – De Kelders/Perlemoenbaai</li> <li>• Outdoor Gym – Blompark</li> <li>• Walkway – Kleinbaai</li> <li>• Tourism Photo Frame – Stanford's Cove</li> <li>• Playpark – Gansbaai</li> </ul> <p>Ald de Coning emphasized the urgency of addressing operational requirements to ensure that all approved ward specific projects are completed before the end of June 2026. She stressed the importance of adhering to the set timelines to avoid delays.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>6.3</b>	<b>2026 ELECTION</b>	
	<p>Ald de Coning reported that the formal Ward Committee Election process ordinarily commences following the Local Municipal Elections. She referred members to the Ward Committee Rules and emphasised the importance of this guiding document.</p> <p>The matter of the 2026 Ward Committee Election was discussed.</p> <p>Mrs Mostert enquired about the timeframe within which organisations must register to participate in the election.</p> <p>Ald. de Coning explained that the process will commence approximately two weeks after the Local Government Election, once the new Council has been constituted. At that stage, a public call for nominations will be issued.</p> <p>She further explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations and community structures will be invited to submit nominations.</li> <li>• Nominees must meet the prescribed eligibility criteria.</li> <li>• An election meeting will be convened where voting will take place in accordance with the approved procedures.</li> </ul> <p>Members noted the information provided.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>6.4</b>	<b>WILDFIRES</b>	
	<p>Ald. de Coning informed members that she had submitted a request to the Municipal Manager (MM) for a workshop to be convened as soon as possible. The purpose of the workshop would be to engage on how</p>	

	<p>the current system for clearing properties within the Overstrand Municipality area can be reviewed and improved.</p> <p>She highlighted that the current process for addressing overgrown erven takes too long, which increases the risk of wildfires. Ald de Coning suggested that Council should review the existing policy to ensure more efficient implementation and improved fire prevention measures.</p> <p>Mr Manie van Dyk suggested that the Municipality investigate the possibility of installing a second electricity inlet line from Bredasdorp as a backup in case the current line from Botrivier is disrupted. He noted that recent fires have caused electricity poles belonging to Eskom to burn down, leaving the area without electricity for several days.</p> <p>Ald de Coning undertook to make further enquiries regarding this proposal and provide feedback at a future meeting.</p> <p>Ald. De Coning, together with the members of the Ward 14 Committee, extended their sincere gratitude to Chief Fire, Rescue &amp; Disaster Manager: Lester Smith, colleagues, and local farmers who assisted with firefighting efforts during the recent fires. She elaborated on the significant impact of their support, noting that their prompt response, equipment, and manpower greatly contributed to containing the fires and limiting damage. She emphasized the vital role they played in combating the fires and protecting the community, properties, and surrounding agricultural land.</p> <p>Members expressed their appreciation and acknowledged the strong spirit of cooperation and community support demonstrated during the emergency.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>K 53 – TESTING STATION PROJECT</b>	
	<p>Ald. de Coning informed members that the final phase of the project entails the completion of the testing station.</p> <p>She conveyed the unfortunate news that no funding has been allocated in the current financial year's Adjustment Budget to finalise the project. However, she advised the Committee that funding will be made available in the new financial year commencing on 1 July 2026.</p> <p>Ald. de Coning further informed members that the project is currently in the tender phase and that one quotation has been received in the amount of R2.2 million.</p>	

	<p>The Committee expressed their full support for the project, emphasizing that it is of great importance to the Greater Gansbaai/Stanford area and the broader community it serves.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT BACK TO WARD COMMITTEE</b>	
	<p><i>All items for the Council and Portfolio Committee meetings are available at the public libraries and on the municipal website</i></p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>NOTICES</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>LANDFILL SITE FEEDBACK</b>	
	<p>Ald de Coning delivered comprehensive feedback following the informative meeting she attended regarding the evaluation and operational processes of the landfill site in Gansbaai. She informed those present that the evaluation outcome for the Gansbaai landfill site was an exceptional 99.80%.</p> <p>Ald de Coning, together with the members of the Ward 14 Committee, extended their sincere gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Craig Mitchell and his team for the efficient and responsible manner in which they manage and oversee the processes at the landfill site. Their commitment to maintaining high operational standards was acknowledged and highly commended.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<p>Ald. de Coning informed members that she has submitted a motivational letter in support of Blompark Ikamva's funding application. The letter outlines the organisation's positive impact within the community and motivates for the approval of the requested funding.</p> <p>She further explained that in the previous year she had requested that the container situated opposite Built-It be relocated to a site next to the rugby field in Blompark. The intention is for Blompark Ikamva to utilise the container for their programmes and community work.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>WRITTEN OFF BAD DEBT</b>	
	<p>Ald de Coning presented a comprehensive report on the R53 million written off as bad debt by the Overstrand Municipality. She provided clarity on the processes followed and explained the distinction between</p>	

	<p>actions taken prior to September 2025 and those implemented thereafter.</p> <p>She further elaborated on the differing approaches applied to properties valued above R500 000.00 compared to those valued below R500 000.00, outlining the relevant procedures and considerations applicable in each category.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>11.2</b>	<b>CCTV CAMERA – BLOMPARK COMMUNITY HALL</b>	
	<p>Ald. de Coning informed members that she has received a donation for a CCTV camera and has decided to have it installed at the Blompark Community Hall to enhance security at the facility.</p> <p>She further recommended that the container currently being used for the Swap Shop, situated opposite the rugby field, Blompark, be relocated to the Blompark Community Hall premises. The proposed relocation is intended to improve oversight, security, and accessibility for the community.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>11.3</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	
	<p>Mr Dick Bayer brought to the attention of the Councillor that the Communication Policy has not yet been approved.</p> <p>Ald. de Coning undertook to make enquiries regarding the status of the policy and to provide feedback once clarity has been obtained.</p> <p>She further reminded Ward Committee members that the Ward 14 WhatsApp group is an official communication platform. She emphasized that information shared on the group will always be verified and accurate, and members are encouraged to rely on it for official updates.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p>The date and time of the next Ward Committee meeting will be distributed.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 15h35</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	