

WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 14 WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 14

Minutes of the Ordinary Ward Committee meeting held on Monday, 8 September 2025, at 14:00 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Gansbaai.

Notule van die Gewone Wykskomitee vergadering gehou op Maandag, 8 September 2025, 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 Chris Meyer : Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association
 Mr. Gustavis Sauls : SilwerJare Dienssentrum
 Mr Manie van Dyk : Gansbaai Marine Empowerment Trust
 Mrs Dianne Galant : Blompark/Beverly Hills Residents

Officials:

Ms S de Villiers : Chief Clerk: Public Liaison- Gansbaai/Stanford
 Ms M Middleton : Public Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford

OTHER:

Mrs M de Villiers (Secundi) : Gansbaai Primary School

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	
	<p>Ald R de Coning welcomed everyone present. Sympathise the lost of Marianna Mostert's brother. Our prayers are with her and family.</p> <p>Special welcome to Marzaan Middleton as the new Acting Public Liaison Officer for Gansbaai/Stanford</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
2.	APOLOGIES	
	<p>An application for leave of absence was received from Ds Hanri Joubert (Dutch Reformed Church/NG Kerk) and Mr Jean Lewis (Gansbaai Primary School), Mrs Marianna Mostert (Kleinbaai See en Tee Kring) and Mrs Helena Wolvaardt (Gansbaai Early Childhood Development). No apology was received from Mrs Elma Rivera (De Kelders Ratepayers Association).</p> <p>RESOLVED: That leave of absence be granted to Ds Hanri Joubert (Dutch Reformed Church/NG Kerk), Mr Jean Lewis (Gansbaai Primary School,) Mrs Marianna Mostert (Kleinbaai See en Tee Kring) and Mrs Helena Wolvaardt (Gansbaai Early Childhood Development), .</p>	

	<p>AND That no leave of absence be granted to Mrs Elma Rivera (De Kelders Ratepayers Association)</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 17 JUNE 2025	
	<p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of Ward 14 public meeting held on 17 June 2025 be confirmed.</p> <p>Proposed: Chris Meyer Seconded: Manie van Dyk</p> <p>That the minutes of Ward 1, 11 & 14 joint ward committee meeting held on 28 August 2025 be confirmed.</p> <p>Proposed: Manie van Dyk Seconded: Gustavis Sauls</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
4.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	
	<p>Approved</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: WARD COMMITTEE 17 June 2025	
5.1	<p>INTERSECTION NEAR PENGUIN SANCTUARY</p> <p>Following the concerns raised regarding the dangerous intersection at the Penguin Sanctuary, Mr Hein Uys – Senior Manager: Roads Department, Overberg District Municipality (ODM), has provided the following feedback and recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road Ownership and Signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The section of Van Dyk Street turning into Lord Roberts Street has been de-proclaimed and its ownership has been transferred to the Overstrand Municipality (OM). Recommendation: OM is advised to arrange for the manufacture and installation of W102 advanced warning signs on both Van Dyk Street and Lord Roberts Street to alert motorists of potential hazards. 2. Rumble Strips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The installation of rumble strips is not feasible, as the noise generated by such features would likely lead to complaints from nearby residents in the adjacent residential area. 	

	<p>3. Speed Humps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The use of speed humps is not permitted on Provincial-Roads and thus cannot be considered as a viable traffic calming measure in this instance. <p>4. Traffic Circle Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The request to upgrade the intersection to a traffic circle has been referred to the Western Cape Government (WCG) Head Office for further review and consideration <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OM to proceed with the procurement and installation of W102 signage as a priority safety measure. • Await feedback from the WCG Head Office regarding the potential traffic circle intervention. • Continue monitoring the intersection for any further incidents or safety concerns in collaboration with ODM and local traffic authorities. <p>Pedestrian Safety at Academia High School</p> <p>On behalf of the ward committee, we kindly request your department’s assistance in addressing traffic congestion at the following identified hotspots:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penguin Sanctuary Crossroad 2. Cross Turn-Off at Academia High School <p>These areas have become increasingly congested, especially during peak hours, posing safety risks to pedestrians and road users alike. We request the implementation of appropriate traffic control measures to alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow in these areas.</p> <p>The intersection at the 4-way stop is already being manned by traffic officers to help schoolchildren cross the road safely before and after school. Thank you to the traffic department for that.</p> <p>Alderman de Coning will engage with Chief Rudi Fraser to discuss possible interventions and improvements to address the issues.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>DE KELDERS (Water pressure)</p> <p>The project to install pressure valves officially commenced in mid-July and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2025. This critical infrastructure upgrade aims to address ongoing issues related to water pressure and pipe bursts in the area.</p> <p>Ald de Coning expressed her gratitude to all stakeholders involved and shared her optimism about the impact of the project.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	

6.	NEW MATTERS	
6.1	TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026/27 IDP PRIORITISATION	
	Ald de Coning explains the time schedule to committee members.	
	NOTED	
6.2	REVIEW AND REPRIORITISE IDP WARD PRIORITIES 2026/27	
	Alderman de Coning and the ward committee members prioritized the IDP list and made some changes.	
	Ald de Coning extends her heartfelt thanks to Mr. Willem Germishuys, as well as Mr. Audon Goedeman and his dedicated team, for their excellent work in maintaining our street name signage. Their attention to detail and commitment to keeping our town neat and well-organized does not go unnoticed.	
	NOTED	
6.3	WARD SPECIFIC FUNDING	
	After considering the ward committee's feedback regarding the ward specific funding, Ald. De Coning made the following decision:	
	De Kelders / Perlemoenbaai – Construction and Extension of Sidewalks	
	The proper construction and extension of sidewalks in De Kelders and Perlemoenbaai have been prioritized to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in the area.	
	Blompark – Community Improvements	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of an Outdoor Gym at Gansbaai Primary School to promote health and fitness among learners and the broader community. • Maintenance of the Seafront Picnic Area to ensure a clean, safe, and enjoyable recreational space for residents and visitors. 	
	Kleinbaai – Accessibility Improvement	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a Wheelchair-Friendly Walkway leading to the Kleinbaai Tidal Pool, enhancing access for persons with disabilities and promoting inclusive use of public spaces. 	
	Gansbaai – Community Facility Upgrades	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of the Playpark to create a safer and more engaging environment for children. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving at De Kleine Gansies ECD to improve accessibility and overall infrastructure at the Early Childhood Centre. <p>NOTED</p>	
6.4	CARE PROJECTS	
	<p>Alderman de Coning explained her decision regarding the allocation of funds. An amount of R25,000.00 will be allocated to Silwerjare Dienssentrum, and a further R25,000.00 will be allocated to BARC, subject to approval by the Mayoral Committee.</p> <p>The situation regarding packs of stray dogs is becoming a serious problem in Gansbaai. Alderman de Coning will request Law Enforcement to impound the stray dogs in an effort to address the issue.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.5	GANSBAAI HOSPITAL	
	<p>Unfortunately, Dr Pierre Nel cannot attend the meeting to provide feedback. He will attend the public meeting in November to give his feedback.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.6	ILLEGAL RUBBISH SCAVENGERS	
	<p>Committee members raised their concerns regarding illegal rubbish scavengers.</p> <p>It has become a significant safety issue in the communities. Mr Chris Meyer has contacted the Municipal Manager regarding this growing problem.</p> <p>The committee members have requested statistics on how many warnings or fines have been issued to offenders. They further requested that Law Enforcement patrol the affected areas on refuse removal days, between 08:00 and 11:00.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
7.	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
7.1	COLLAB	
	<p>Ald de Coning provided feedback on the success of the Collab Citizen App. She recommended that all members make use of this app.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
8.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>None</p> <p>NOTED</p>	

9.	MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT BACK TO WARD COMMITTEE	
	<i>All items for the Council and Portfolio Committee meetings are available at the public libraries and on the municipal website</i> NOTED	
10.	NOTICES	
	The date and time of the next Public Ward Committee meeting will be distributed. NOTED	
11.	CLOSING	
	Meeting adjourned at 15h30 NOTED	