



**ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF WARD 3**

**GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING  
VAN WYK 3**

**MINUTES / NOTULE**

**DATE / DATUM: 11 FEBRUARY / FEBRUARIE 2026**  
**VENUE / PLEK: SCM BOARDROOM / RAADSAAL**  
**TIME / TYD: 14:00**

**OVERSTRAND**  
**MUNICIPALITY / MUNISIPALITEIT**  
**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF WARD 3**  
**HELD IN THE SCM BOARDROOM, HERMANUS**  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICES**  
**ON 11 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 14:00**

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**PRESENT**

**Ward Councillors:**

Ald. K Brice : Chairperson

**Committee members attended the meeting:**

Ms M Verster : Hermanus Botanical Society  
Mr Ross Dewar : Cliff Path Management Group  
Ms Tania Pretorius : Cliff Path Management Group (Secundi)  
Mr M Fynn : Hermanus Astronomy Association  
Mr John Cowan : Hermanus Sport Club  
Ms D Van Vuren : Whale Coast Community Forum (WCCF) – (secundus)  
Ms Catherine McClune : Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG)  
Mr Leon Gildenhuys : Fernkloof Estate (Secundi)

**Officials:**

Ms Marzaan Middleton : Administrator

**Apologies:**

Mr Barry Van Vuren : Whale Coast Community Forum (WCCF)  
Mr André du Randt Louw : Fernkloof Estate

**Absent:**

Mr Kenneth Briggs : Hermanus Ratepayers' Association  
Mr Kenneth Coetzer : Hermanus High School (HHS)  
Mr Donovan vd Westhuizen : Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch

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		ACTION
<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	
	Ald Brice opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.	
	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>Applications for leave of absence were received from:</b> Mr B van Vuren (Whale Cost Community Forum – secundus attended) and Mr A du Randt Louw (Fernkloof Estate – Secundus attended).	
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That leave of absence be granted to Mr B van Vuren (Whale Cost Community Forum – secundus attended) and Mr A du Randt Louw (Fernkloof Estate – Secundus attended) and that the absence of Mr K Coetzer (Hermanus High School), Mr K Briggs (Hermanus RPA) and Mr D vd Westhuizen (Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch) be regarded as absent without leave.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MEETING QUORATED</b>	
	Seven (7) members are present at the meeting. The meeting is thus 70% attendance and quorate.	
	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>11 November 2025</b>	
	<b>That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2025 be confirmed, with the following changes:</b>	
	Page 4: Change the paragraph on the top of the page to read as follows: “On 12 November, the Chairperson will do site visits .....	
	Page 4: “Hermanus Botanical Society”: 3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Change the wording to read as follows: “Two members from BOTSOC played .....	
	<b>Proposed:</b> Ms C McClune <b>Seconded:</b> Mr J Cowan	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>	
	NONE	
	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Festive Season Fires</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the numerous fires that raged in the Overstrand during December and January have had a devastating effect on the environment and the budget of the municipality. Helicopters and	

	<p>firefighting units were deployed from the metropole and surrounds. The estimated cost is ±R9 million but it could still rise. The extra expenses will lead to drastic reductions in the adjustment budget, and all the Overstrand Ward Projects may be affected. An investigation is underway regarding the cause of the fires.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
6.2	<p><b>Surfing at Voëlklip Beach</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that, following an increase in incidents where swimmers were injured by surfboards at this small beach, a request has been made to prohibit surfing (excluding bodyboarding) at Voëlklip Beach. Surfing will remain permitted at Grotto and Kammabaaai Beaches.</p> <p>Committee members expressed concern that the proposed restriction may be difficult to manage and enforce. It was suggested that signage be erected and/or that a meeting be arranged with the local surfing group to discuss possible ways of addressing the situation.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that she will invite John Leppan, Walker Bay Surfing, to attend the next Ward Committee site visit, after which an informed decision will be made.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	Ald Brice
6.3	<p><b>Ward 3 Specific Projects Accounted for on Budget (CAPEX)</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the following budget amounts was allocated on the Capex Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cliff Path Management Group: Upgrading (still to be paid) R80 000.00</li> <li>• Tarring of Road: Cemetery to Hermanus Sports Club R200 000.00</li> <li>• Ablution Facilities Hermanus beaches R78 000.00</li> <li>• Swallow Park upgrading R20 000.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>HERMANUS SPORTS CLUB ROAD TARRING</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that this project was pushed by the Ward Councillor and backed by R200 000.00 from her Ward 3 Discretionary/ Capital Fund. The project was executed just before the festive season and was extremely well received by the public.</p> <p>This was excellent proof of what ward intervention can do to expedite a project, and this item may now be removed from the IDP Priority List.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>KAMMABAAI ABLUTION FACILITIES UPGRADE</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the upgrade of the ablution facilities was completed just before 16 December 2025. It was a wonderful public/private participation project. The inside of the facility was gutted, repainted, retiled and all equipment was replaced. A word of thanks to Iza and Attie van Wyk (Voëlklip) for the sponsorship of the entire project as well as the municipality who organized the labour.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	

<b>9.</b>	<b>HERMANUS HIGH STREET BEAUTIFICATION</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that a site meeting was held on 17 December 2025 with Estelle van Niekerk (Spar) and Ryno Viljoen (FinGlobal) who undertook to beautify the High Street vegetation beds. A video taken was shared on the councillors ward 3 whatsapp group and much appreciation was extended to those private individuals for the privately funded initiative.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>SPEED CALMING</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Speed Bumps – Eastcliff Musson Street</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that speeding in Musson Street, Eastcliff, is a major concern. Ms Cathy Louw conducted a survey in which the vast majority of residents indicated their support for the installation of a speed bump in the road.</p> <p>The Chairperson further advised that the request will be added to the priority list, and that she will liaise with Mr Marx and Mr Steenberg regarding the proposed position.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Speed Bump – Marine Drive – Opposite Windsor Hotel</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that she had received an application for the installation of a speed bump on Marine Drive, opposite the Windsor Hotel, with a zebra crossing to be painted on it in order to reduce speeding and improve the safety of residents and international tourists.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the request will be added to the priority list, and that she will liaise with Mr Marx and Mr Steenberg regarding the proposed position.</p> <p>Mr Dewar informed the meeting that the newly completed apartment block near Swallow Park has resulted in increased traffic and speeding in the area, particularly where the road splits, and that traffic-calming measures need to be considered.</p> <p>Mr Dewar informed the meeting that a meeting is scheduled for 26 February 2026 with the developer, and he will establish whether the impact of the additional traffic and parking requirements had been taken into account.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
	<p>Each Ward Member have an opportunity to give feedback on queries.</p> <p><u>Fernkloof Estate:</u> Mr Gildenhuys informed the meeting that there is significant concern regarding the pool, ablution facilities along the coast, and the walkway. Numerous enquiries have been received from the public, and clarity is required on whether CPMG can intervene in the matter.</p>	

Mr Dewar advised that the matter does not fall within CPMG's portfolio, as the property concerned is state-owned and not municipal property. He explained that CPMG has a co-management agreement with the municipality that clearly defines the areas under its responsibility, and that this specific area is excluded from the agreement. He further noted that another stakeholder had approached CPMG regarding the same issue; however, it similarly falls outside of that stakeholder's mandate.

Mr Dewar stated that, from CPMG's perspective, the restoration of the pool would require substantial funding. In addition, a court order is in place requiring the demolition of the structure, removal of all materials, and rehabilitation of the natural vegetation. Bayview has indicated that it does not have the necessary budget to undertake this work. He added that, although it would be beneficial to have the pool and ablution facilities operational, key considerations include securing funding, determining responsibility for ongoing maintenance, and providing security and lifeguards. The court order includes a cut-off date, which is two months from now.

The Chairperson concluded that, at this stage, the matter does not fall within Ward 3 or the municipality's jurisdiction. The situation will be revisited after the expiry of the two-month period.

Hermanus Ratepayer's Association:

Not present at meeting.

Hermanus Sport Club:

Mr Cowan informed the meeting that they are very pleased and grateful for the tarring of the road. However, they are now facing drainage issues, which they are addressing.

He reported that the indoor sports hub is still in progress, but numerous bureaucratic hurdles remain. For example, the investor has contributed funds to several ancillary projects, including the installation of a borehole, for which Mr Cowan spent considerable time obtaining permissions from the District Water Authority. Other projects include advertising boards around the cricket field and the installation of floodlights. He noted that obtaining approvals for these initiatives has been a very frustrating process and that the applications have been with the municipality for approximately four months.

Mr Cowan also expressed satisfaction that the access road to Sievers Point has been redone.

Finally, he raised a concern that the cemetery is approaching capacity and enquired whether the council is making provision for an additional cemetery.

Hermanus High School:

Not present at meeting.

Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch:

Not present at meeting.

Hermanus Baboon Action Group:

Ms McClune informed the meeting that HBAG appreciate that the baboon management plan is slowly building capacity and skill set. They however feel that the pace on improvement is excruciatingly slow. It is almost 11 months since the municipality adopted the program. Staff are still without radios or proper uniforms.

They are unaware whether any training modules have been conducted. Flag training is crucial for the safety of baboons and drivers.

	<p>Waste management remains a problem with non-compliance levels that are high and enforcement low. Are letters of warning or fines being issued to culprits with unsecured bins?</p> <p>They sincerely hope that supervision is of sufficient quality to keep the staff motivated and responsive to the task. As the team gets larger, ill-discipline is a real risk with serious consequences and therefore competent supervision is critical.</p> <p>They request the commencement of the BLG meetings with the correct officials to have input in work shopping areas of concern and to build the program in the eyes of the public.</p> <p><u>Hermanus Botanical Society:</u></p> <p>Ms Verster informed the meeting that no security incidents were reported during the festive season. She advised that wooden signage is currently being prepared in collaboration with the Bergstap Group.</p> <p>Ms Verster raised concern that the Advisory Board is not currently functioning and that the environmental management group has not been making itself available for meetings. She further noted that the Reserve Manager position has remained vacant since September 2023, which is a matter of concern. Mr C Arends acted in the position for a period of 12 months; however, his contract has since expired. Ms Verster enquired with Ms L de Villiers regarding the appointment of a new Reserve Manager and was informed by one of the administrators that the job description is still in the process of being finalised.</p> <p>She added that the absence of Advisory Board meetings creates challenges in relation to event applications, which should be considered on their individual merits rather than being declined by way of a blanket decision.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that she will follow up on these matters.</p> <p><u>Whale Coast Community Forum:</u></p> <p>Ms van Vuuren enquired whether grates could be installed in front of stormwater pipes discharging into the ocean, as a significant amount of rubble is falling from these pipes. She asked if it would be possible to have environmental grids in front of all stormwater drains leading into the ocean. She also raised the issue of numerous cigarette butts at Rotary View near the Windsor Hotel.</p> <p>Mr Dewar informed the meeting that this matter had also been flagged due to litter along Rotary Way. He noted that the area is theoretically state property, as municipal responsibility stops at the back of the footway. Nevertheless, staff have been deployed to clean the area, and the municipality has supplied a bin, which must be maintained regularly.</p> <p>Ms van Vuuren further reported that the upgrading work at Swallow Park is ongoing and will be magnificent when completed. She noted that additional funding is still required, but silent auctions will be hosted to help cover the shortfall.</p> <p>Finally, Ms van Vuuren enquired about an article in the newspapers regarding certain events and festivals. The Chairperson advised that she would not be providing further details, as the matter is with the Mayor's office.</p> <p><u>Hermanus Astronomy Association (HAA):</u></p> <p>Mr Fynn informed the meeting that a productive meeting was held with Els Vermeulen regarding the whale museum project, and that they are keen to collaborate with her on the initiative. He advised that five of the blank boards will be utilised for this purpose.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested that the proposed design for the five boards be circulated to her for review prior to finalisation.</p>	<p>Ald Bryce</p> <p>Mr Fynn</p>
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	<p><u>Cliff Path Management</u></p> <p>Mr Dewar informed the meeting that cleaning and trimming are undertaken on a continuous basis as part of CPMG's core responsibilities. He noted that numerous positive comments were received from the public during the festive season.</p> <p>With regard to the two viewing decks opposite Swallow Park, Mr Dewar reported that two of the staircases were completed prior to the festive season. A proposal has been submitted to the municipality for the continuation of the upgrade of the entire bridge structure. He indicated that the project will require substantial funding; however, the application was not submitted by CPMG. The Rotary view decks have highlighted the need for further investment in the area, which aligns with the broader Swallow Park upgrade.</p> <p>Mr Dewar further advised that the replacement of signage along the cliff path will commence shortly. The project is currently out to tender and is expected to commence in March 2026.</p> <p>Mr Dewar stated that CPMG has engaged with the History Society and is in the process of standardising signage to ensure conformity. A meeting will also be arranged with Mr Fynn to discuss the rationalisation and tidying up of signage.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p>The date of the next meeting will be scheduled for March 2026, which will be a site visit, and will be communicated once it has been finalized.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that she received enquiries regarding the whale at the Old Harbour Museum, which is falling apart. She contacted Marine Dynamics and they will be fetching the whale before the end of the month.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked all attendees for their participation.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 15:22.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	