



**ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 3**

**GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING
VAN WYK 3**

MINUTES / NOTULE

DATE / DATUM:	20 MAY / MEI 2026
VENUE / PLEK:	BANQUET HALL /BANKET SAAL
TIME / TYD:	14:00

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING

OF WARD 3

HELD IN THE BANQUET HALL, HERMANUS

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

ON 20 MAY 2026, AT 14:00

PRESENT**Ward Councillors:**

Ald. K Brice	:	Chairperson
Cllr C Lerm	:	MMC Infrastructure Services

Committee members attended the meeting:

Mr Brian Wridgway	:	Hermanus Botanical Society
Mr Kenneth Briggs	:	Hermanus Ratepayers' Association
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)
Mr Leon Gildenhuys	:	Fernkloof Estate (Secundi)

Officials:

Ms Samantha Lukas	:	Chief Clerk
Ms Ntombi Mtholo	:	Manager: Community Liaison

Apologies:

Mr Barry Van Vuren	:	Whale Coast Community Forum (WCCF)
Mr Ross Dewar	:	Cliff Path Management Group
Ms Catherine McClune	:	Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG)
Mr André du Randt Louw	:	Fernkloof Estate

Absent:

Mr Kenneth Coetzer	:	Hermanus High School (HHS)
Mr Donovan vd Westhuizen	:	Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch

		ACTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	
	Ald Brice opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. She introduced Ms N Mtholo as the new appointed Manager Public Liaison: and Ms S Lukas as administrator replacing Ms Middleton who was appointed as Manager Public Liaison: Gansbaai. Noted	
2.	APOLOGIES	
	Ms Catherine McClune: Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG) Mr B van Vuren (Whale Coast Community Forum – secundus attended) and Mr A du Randt Louw (Fernkloof Estate – Secundus attended) Mr Ross Dewar (Cliff Path Management Group) Noted	
3.	MEETING QUORATED	
	Seven (7) members are present at the meeting. The meeting is thus at 70% attendance and quorate. Noted	
4.	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
4.1	11 FEBRUARY 2026	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2026 be confirmed. Proposed: Mr J Cowan Seconded: Ms T Pretorius Noted	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
	Minutes dated 11 February 2026 was confirmed with the following matters arising: Item 6.2: Surfing at Voëlklip Beach • Site visits were held with Ward Committee and IAP's. • Possibility of a bylaw being drawn up regarding regulation of beach activities was considered but it was discovered that this would not be feasible considering high/low water marks and legalities of activities in the sea. Item 10.2: Speed hump Marine Drive - opposite Windsor Hotel • The Windsor Hotel plans on entering into PPP with OM in order to expedite the construction of this speed calming measure. • Communication underway with Theo Steenberg and Tiaan Marx Item 11: General: Whale Coast Community Forum Ms van Vuuren enquired whether grates could be installed in front of stormwater pipes discharging into the ocean. Noted	
6.	STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR	
6.1	Word of thanks	
	Cllr. Brice extended huge thanks and appreciation to members of the public, Overstrand Municipal Departments and Council for all the work they did in assisting and standing together during the devastating floods 11-13 May.	

	Noted	
6.2	Ward 3 Specific Projects Accounted for on Budget (CAPEX)	
	The Chairperson provided feedback on the progress of the Ward specific projects for 2025/2026 • Cliff Path Management Group: Upgrading (still to be paid) R80 000.00 • Tarring of Road: Cemetery to Hermanus Sports Club R200 000.00 • Ablution Facilities Hermanus beaches R78 000.00 • Swallow Park upgrading R20 000.00 Noted	
7.	MAYORAL CANDIDATE ADDRESS	
	Clinton Lerm, MMC Infrastructure discussed his campaign as Mayoral candidate for the Overstrand Municipality with the meeting. Cllr Lerm informed the meeting that he was currently prioritising managing the Eskom crisis in the various affected areas whose electricity had not been restored after the storm damage. He indicated that for his mayoral term his focus would be: Enhancing economic growth through integrated community marketing of festivals and sport events Channelling Ward, Council and Chamber meetings to be publicly available Staff enhancements and the streamlining of service delivery throughout all departments. Enhancing tourism by ensuring adequate budget allocations were required. Unique approach to public encounters by creating a community platform for discussions on service delivery and municipal issues. Noted	
8.	WARD SPECIFIC PROJECT INPUT 2026/2027	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the Ward 3 Ward Specific Capital projects as selected from the IDP priority list for consideration in the 2026/2027 budget was: • Cliff Path Management Group: R100.000 • New sidewalks Theron St and Mountain Drive: R150.000f 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. Noted	
9.	DOG WALKING ZONES GROTTTO	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that a request has been made for dog walking zone (RED/ORANGE/GREEN) signage to be replaced at Grotto This project was investigated and proven to be successful. The signage should still be in storage. Public communication must run concurrently with this reintroduction Noted	
10.	HERMANUS ENTRANCE UPGRADE	
	Cllr. Brice presented request form Trevor Edwards for the upgrading of the Entrance to Hermanus. Noted	

11.	GENERAL	
	Each Ward Member have an opportunity to give feedback on queries. <u>Fernkloof Estate:</u> Mr Gildenhuys reported that area between Estate and the Municipal open space was overgrown and needed clearing. <u>Hermanus Ratepayer's Association:</u> Mr Briggs reported incidents on the gravel road that was a cause of concern. He further suggested that signage or e media statement indicating that this was not an official road should be made. <u>Hermanus Sport Club:</u> Mr Cowan informed the meeting the road along Bosko side required grading and requested the matter be escalated to the infrastructure department. <u>Hermanus High School:</u> Not present at meeting. <u>Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch:</u> Not present at meeting. <u>Cathy McClune: Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG) in absence:</u> 1.BLG meetings. According to the attached doc BLG should occur quarterly and be chaired by our councillor. Cathy could you please request formally for the minutes that OM inform us of any document overriding this and if not for the councillor to call the first BLG meeting within a reasonable time frame. 2.That OM supply the ward committee with the updated Strategic Baboon Management plan. Here is the previous one which expired in 2024. 3.OM have gone quiet on the WhatsApp sightings group – apart from reporting sightings there has been no interaction on the group to allay fears or inform people how to respond in situations where they are clearly expressing fear. Please ask Kari to address this with Environmental dept. <u>Hermanus Botanical Society:</u> Mr Wridgway reported on the successful plant sale. He informed of the lifting of vat registration for the nursery this aided financially and made upgrading and maintenance of the nursery possible. He raised concern regarding the Fernkloof and the huge amount of rubble at the back of the building. <u>Whale Coast Community Forum:</u> Ms van Vuuren reported that upgrade at Swallow Park were almost completed. She provided the Swallow Park opening date and urged members to attend. <u>Hermanus Astronomy Association (HAA):</u> Mr Fynn informed the meeting no meetings were held since his last feedback. <u>Cliff Path Management</u> Ms Pretorius reported on the replacement of signage along the cliff path and informed the meeting that all the work was completed. Noted	
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Site visit scheduled for June 2026. Noted	

13.	CLOSURE	
	The Chairperson thanked all attendees for their participation. The meeting closed at 16h00 Noted	