



**ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF WARD 3**

**GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING  
VAN WYK 3**

**MINUTES / NOTULE**

**DATE / DATUM: 17 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**VENUE / PLEK: AUDITORIUM, HERMANUS  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES / HERMANUS  
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**TIME / TYD: 14:00**

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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF WARD 3**  
**HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM, HERMANUS**  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICES**  
**ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2025, AT 14:00**

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**PRESENT**

**Ward Councillors:**

Ald. K Brice : Chairperson

**Committee members attended the meeting:**

Ms Mary-Ann Verster : Hermanus Botanical Society (HBS)  
Mr Ross Dewar : Cliff Path Management Group  
Mr Michael 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 André du Randt Louw : Fernkloof Estate

**Officials:**

Ms Marzaan Middleton : Administrator  
Mr Tiaan Marx : Infrastructure & Planning

**Apologies:**

Mr Barry Van Vuren : Whale Coast Community Forum (WCCF)

**Absent:**

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

**Other:**

Ms Tania Pretorius : Cliff Path Management Group (Secundus)  
Ms Mieke Thilo : NMP  
Ms Laetitia Jansen v Vuuren : NMP  
Mr W Erasmus : Private

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		<b>ACTION</b>
<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> None  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the absence of Mr K Briggs (Hermanus RPA), Mr K Coetzer (Hermanus High School) 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 MEETING – 18 June 2025</b>	
	<b>That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025 be confirmed with the following changes:</b>  Pg 5, point 11, heading 10 be changed to read as follows: “Cliff Path Management Group”  Pg 6, point 11, heading 10, 3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraph be changed to read as follows: “They did a huge study .....”  Pg 6, point 11, heading 10, 4 <sup>th</sup> paragraph be changed to read as follows: “They are busy with ongoing .....”  <b>Proposed:</b> Mr R Dewar <b>Seconded:</b> Ms T Pretorius	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Fernkloof Road</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that they need costing for this project and who will be paying for it, i.e.. public contributions. The MMC, Cllr C Lerm, confirmed that he is willing to give R10 000 of his ward discretionary fund to the project. Mr Marx informed the meeting that the project must be registered as a Capex asset at the mid-year budget review.  <b>Noted</b>	

<b>6.</b>	<b>STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR</b>	
6.1	<b>DA Petition – Home Affairs in Overstrand Banks</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that she received over 200 signatures to date to support this initiative and she is confident that they will succeed in this mission.  <b>Noted</b>	
6.2	<b>DA – Ward 3 Branch Sports Club Road – Support Campaign</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the Ward 3 branch is campaigning for the item that is no. 1 on the IDP. There is a reluctance and/or delay and this needs urgent intervention. She has allocated funds from the Councillor's Discretionary Capital Budget towards the project to assist.  <b>Noted</b>	
6.3	<b>Councillor Discretionary Fund</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that R378 000 was allocated to each ward. Projects that are identified must be in line with the IDP and assist with operational and capital expenditure.  The following projects was identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cliff Path Management Group – Much necessary cliff path upgrade &amp; maintenance – R80 000.00.</li> <li>– Tarring of Road: Cemetery to Hermanus Sports Club – Section of dirt road is in desperate need of tarring. Grading is insufficient &amp; road is in a bad state of repair. Urgent intervention is needed – R200 000.00.</li> <li>– Ablution Facilities – Upgrade of ablution facilities at Marine Pool, Kammabaai &amp; Fernkloof Nature Reserve – R78 000.00.</li> <li>– Swallow Park Upgrading – Upgrade to a fynbos and art park plus lookout deck – R20 000.00.</li> </ul> <b>Noted</b>	
6.4	<b>Baboon Concerns</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that Voëlklip has been hit hard by baboon invasions and the residents are unnerved and angry. Gary Beukman did give a thorough report at the Joint Ward Committee Meeting held on 01 September 2025. More rangers and supervisors are being interviewed, of which some are previous HWS staff. She is putting pressure on the departments and take this in a very serious light. We cannot afford for lives to be in danger and people to be held hostage in their own homes.  <b>Noted</b>	
6.5	<b>Ward 3 Site Visit Meeting</b>	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the site visit is scheduled for Monday, 13 October 2025 @ 14:00 and suggests that the following sites be visited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Hermanus Sports Club Road</li> <li>– Voëlklip Beach</li> <li>– Fernkloof Nature Reserve</li> <li>– Grotto East, Ablution Facilities</li> </ul> <b>Noted</b>	

<b>7.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF THE WARD IDP PRIORITIES 2026/27</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that she is prepared to organize a separate meeting to discuss the IDP in detail. Ward Committee members must please peruse the document and send any comments to her.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>DOG WALKING ZONES, GROTTO BEACH</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that a new by-law and policy was implemented, but there are still no areas identified to walk dogs with or without a lease. The Chairperson discussed it with Cllr Nutt, and he informed that her that it will be an item to Council as it is an operational matter to be implemented. He suggested that a team do a site visit to the beaches and see action on what was agreed upon when they got back from Plettenberg Bay in the previous term. The Chairperson will inform the committee when such site visit will be done for your inputs. The issues must be sorted out before the festive season.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>NON-MOTORISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NMP)</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson welcomed Ms M Thilo and Ms L v Vuuren who gave a presentation regarding their vision for a Non-Motorised Development Plan. The Chairperson informed the meeting that a more detailed presentation will be done on 10 October 2025 at 09:00 in the Auditorium.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
	<p>Each Ward Member have an opportunity to give feedback on queries.</p> <p><u>Fernkloof Estate:</u> Mr Louw informed the meeting that they are still struggling to ascertain to whom the triangle piece of land at Fairway/Moffat belongs to. According to the municipality it belongs to the Golf Estate, but according to them it belongs to the municipality. The Bluegums are trimmed by the municipality but who will be held liable if something is damaged. Mr Marx suggested that Mr Louw contact Ms A le Roux regarding the issue.</p> <p><u>Hermanus Ratepayer's Association:</u> Not present at meeting.</p> <p><u>Hermanus Sport Club:</u> Mr Cowan thanked the chairperson for her initiative with the road that was completed. Ablution facilities were put in place by the Old Boys Club which the primary school will also have access to.</p>	

They are working hard to upgrade the grounds of the sport club before the festive season's championships and tournaments.

Hermanus High School:

Not present at meeting.

Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch:

Not present at meeting.

Hermanus Baboon Action Group:

Ms McClune informed the meeting that there are two main concerns from the residents, namely why HWS's contract was stopped and why can a professional outfit not be brought back. The community were never consulted or communicated with and want to have a well-structured public meeting.

The Chairperson informed the meeting that the MM informed her that such a meeting will not be organized because it will not be constructive or conducive to anything, but she will get answers to the residents' questions. The need to get the current structure in place properly. They do not have money for HWS, and their contract ended.

Ms McClune informed the meeting that Gary & Liezl from environmental are eager to have meetings and they had one with the Chairperson of HBAC, but HBAC want to meet with the decision makers. She met the mayor at the joint meeting, where he took her details and said he will contact her, but to date she received no feedback from the mayor.

The Chairperson informed the meeting that she will follow-up with the mayors' office regarding date for a meeting.

Hermanus Botanical Society:

Ms Verster informed the meeting that they have two co-management agreements with the municipality to do alien clearing along the paths and an addendum was approved but must be upgraded every year, which was not done yet by the Environmental Management department.

Various paths (Elephant, ZigZag, etc.) was done already.

A section of the path (red route towards Kanonkop) is currently very dangerous due to a narrow ledge which must be closed off, but the environmental department did not do that yet. They now funded a bridge over the area to make it safer, but it also needs a railing.

The facilities at Fernkloof must be upgraded, especially at the visitors' centre. The floor cracked and sagged, and it was suggested that they remove the tiles and screed the floor, but that will cost ±R27 000, which the Botanical Society have to fund.

A big map at the centre of the reserve was warned and could be replaced with a sponsorship from PSG.

Whale Coast Community Forum:

Ms van Vuren informed the meeting that they are busy with a big project and plans for Swallow Park and are working closely with CPMG. They are busy with a campaign for funding to communicate to the public what Swallow Park can do for the community.

The Business Chamber are launching a "love local" campaign on 23 October 2025 to inform the community how much worth there is in buying local and supporting locals.

Hermanus Astronomy Association (HAA):

Mr Fynn informed the meeting that they are busy maintaining the actual planet and concluded the part in the vicinity of the centre of town. They are

	<p>busy with a project to coincide with the sun coming back into the southern hemisphere on Monday, where they will paint the sun bright orange near the amphitheatre. The Headmaster of Lukhanya Primary and the school kids will do the painting of the sun as part of the solar system.</p> <p><u>Cliff Path Management Group</u> Mr Dewar informed the meeting that they are continuing to clean/cut/trim the entire Cliff Path at their own expense and with their own resources. They are busy finalizing the upgrade of the signage on the entire Cliff Path, excluding Gearings Point. The design is done, and the costing is in place. They are also busy with the new viewing platform at Swallow Park and are busy finalizing the design, costing are in place, donors are in place and they've involved stakeholders from the municipality, for example Mr De Wet Nel. They are facing a challenge to formalize various co-management agreements between themselves, BOTSOC, FAB and the municipality. They need to generate money and go ahead with building the brand for the Cliff Path but need access to the municipality and other role players. The Chairperson will contact the mayor's office to set up a meeting regarding CPMG's needs and priorities.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p>The date of the next meeting will be communicated as soon as it has been finalized.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 15:41.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	