

WARD 3 SITE VISIT

18 MARCH 2026

2 OPENING & WELCOME

- Ald K Brice welcomed all attendees to the ward committee site visit tour.
- Date of the site visit:
18 MARCH 2026 @ 10:00



3 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

- **The following ward committee memberS were present:**
 - Kenneth Briggs: Hermanus RPA
 - Michael Fynn: Hermanus Astronomy Association
 - Catherine McClune: Hermanus Baboon Action Group
 - Leon Gildenhuys: Fernkloof Estate (Secundi)
- **The following members rendered their apology:**
 - Mary Ann Verster: Hermanus Botanical Society
 - Ross Dewar: Cliff Path Management
 - John Cowan: Hermanus Sports Club
 - Barry v Vuren: Whale Coast Community Forum
 - André Du Randt Louw: Fernkloof Estate
- **ABSENT**
 - Kenneth Coetzer: Hermanus High School
 - Donovan Vd Westhuizen: Hermanus Neighbourhood Watch
- **Officials:**
 - M Middleton: Administrator



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- The item was discussed during the ward committee meeting of 11/02/2026 regarding incidents where swimmers were injured by surfboards.
- Mr John Leppan (Walkerbay Surfing) provided an overview of the surfing community's internal rules and etiquette.
 - ❑ Surfers are very conscious and do not go into the bathing area, but only use it to exit the water;
 - ❑ During an impact wave they do not let go of their boards, due to the fact that they do not know who are at their backs;
 - ❑ The surf school has a qualified coach with water rescue, CPR, etc.

The Ward Committee resolved to maintain the status quo, as surfers remain within their designated areas and do not interfere with bathers or swimmers.



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2. MARKET SQUARE





- The Chairperson informed the meeting that the whale was removed by Marine Dynamics; however, the area is currently in a poor condition. The site where the whale was located will be used for additional parking bays.

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- Ms Jasmine Duthrie advised the Chairperson of their intention to raise funds and solicit donations to enhance and beautify the area, including the wall adjacent to the Whale Centre/Museum (Old Harbour):
 - ❑ Install tiles where the whale was, but it was decided that this is not feasible as the tiles might crack;
 - ❑ A new idea was suggested, namely to divide the wall in triangular sections (100x100), where each school receive a section to submit ideas with a Marine Conservation Theme.
 - ❑ Local Businesses purchase a section to advertise their business.
 - ❑ Ms Allthea suggested that tiles be placed on the floor of the new building with the same them as mentioned above.
 - ❑ Mr Briggs had one concern, namely that the wall may be a heritage wall – it will be investigated/confirmed.





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