



**ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 7**

**GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING
VAN WYK 7**

MINUTES / NOTULE

DATE / DATUM: 12 FEBRUARY /FEBRUARIE 2026
VENUE / PLEK: SANDBAAI HALL/SAAL, SANDBAAI
TIME / TYD: 18:00

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 7
HELD IN THE SANDBAAI HALL, SANDBAAI
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 18:00

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr H Lombard : Chairperson
Ald E Gillion : Deputy Executive Mayor

Committee members attended the meeting:

Mr R Groenewald : Sandbaai RPA (Secundus)
Ms Liana Everts : Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch (secundus)
Mr Vos Le Roux : Village of Golden Harvest
Mr P le Roux : VOS Kuspad
Mr Christopher Reid : Sandbaai Hall Committee
Ms Hester Mienie : Sandbaai Communal Housing Forum
Ms Joan Jones : Ward 7 Ratepayers Association
Ms Jeanine Vellema : Schulphoek Action Group
Mr David Chambers : Safety and Security

Officials:

Ms M Middleton : Administration
Mr A Wyngaard : Public Liaison: Kleinmond
Mr T Steenberg : Principal Engineer: Civil Engineering Services

Apologies:

Ms J van Zyl : Sandbaai RPA
Mr R vd Merwe : Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch
Mr D Kearney : Hemel-en-Aarde Estate HOA

		ACTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	
	<p>The Chairperson welcomed the Ward Committee members and public, and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Ald E Gillion.</p> <p>The Chairperson, as well as the Deputy Mayor, Ms Elnora Gillian explained to the public attending, that they are welcome to attend but it is not a public meeting.</p> <p>The majority of the ward committee voted that they do not give permission to be filmed during the meeting. The Chairperson asked the gentleman with the video camera to switch it off. She also asked the public not to disrupt the meeting.</p> <p>Some of the members of the public continued to disrupt the meeting and were asked to leave the meeting. Some of them were escorted by LE officers.</p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the order of the agenda would be adjusted to accommodate Mr Steenberg first.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
2.	IS THE MEETING QUORATED?	
	<p>Nine (9) members are present at the meeting. The meeting is thus 90% attendance and quorate.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
3.	STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the son of the late Mr David Botha donated a weed eater to the Vospaadjie committee as a gesture of appreciation.</p> <p>The Chairperson further advised that a request had been received to erect plaques on the boardwalk along the Branderdraai Kuspaadjie. The Committee resolved that this cannot be permitted, as approving one request may result in numerous similar requests. It was agreed that a formal application must be submitted to the Municipality for consideration.</p> <p>Mr Wyngaard informed the meeting that the draft Ward Committee Rules had been submitted to the Western Cape Government: Public Participation Department. Thereafter, the draft must be considered by Council and</p>	

	subsequently advertised for public participation, anticipated around March/April 2026. Noted	
4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
4.1	18 September 2025	
	It was acknowledged that Mr C. Reid submitted corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2025. The Chairperson advised that these suggestions will be reviewed by ward committee members, and discussed at the next meeting. Noted	
4.2	06 November 2025	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 06 November 2025 be confirmed. Proposed & Seconded: Ward 7 ward committee members	
4.3	20 November 2025	
	It was acknowledged that Mr C. Reid submitted corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2025. The Chairperson advised that these suggestions will be reviewed by ward committee members, and discussed at the next meeting. Noted	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
5.1	IDP Ward Priorities 2026/27: A Wyngaard	
	Mr Wyngaard informed the meeting that the draft IDP had served before Council and was adopted. He noted that this review is the final review of the current five-year IDP cycle. Alderman Gillion explained that a new IDP is submitted every five years, and that the first draft of the current IDP was presented in 2021. During the IDP roadshow, the document was workshopped at a public meeting. She further advised that, during each review process, items may be added or removed. Mr Wyngaard presented the current IDP, that was discussed and accepted on the ward committee meeting on 18 September 2026 to the ward committee members. He requested them to indicate whether they agreed	

	<p>that it could be accepted. Six members voted in favour, while four members did not agree.</p> <p>The Ward Councillor accepted the outcome of the vote and confirmed that the final IDP will be submitted to the Divisional Manager: Strategic Support Services.</p> <p>Mr Reid strongly objected to the voting process, stating that no vote should take place until the investigation by the province has been completed, as indicated by the mayor at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.2	Traffic Calming: Bergsig Street	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that during a site visit held on 22 May 2025, attended by the majority of Ward Committee members, it was decided and approved to construct a traffic circle in Bergsig Street.</p> <p>Mr Steenberg advised that two traffic circles cannot be constructed in close proximity to one another. A subsequent site meeting was held between the Chairperson, Mr Marx and Mr Steenberg, where it was agreed that, instead of a second traffic circle, a raised platform or speed bump would be constructed further down Bergsig Street.</p> <p>Mr Steenberg confirmed that the raised platform would be located approximately opposite the Takealot depot to reduce speeding towards the Mall. He further indicated that the storm water conduit in Bergsig Street has been taken into consideration and that the construction will not interfere with the conduit or create any storm water-related challenges.</p> <p>Ms Vellema objected to the statement, noting that the matter was not approved at a public meeting but was adopted during an ordinary meeting.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.3	Ward Specific Funding	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that Ward 7 received R 378 571. Part of the money will be used for the raised platform / speed bump and the rest for the upgrade of Kusweg. (Between Main Road and Bamboo Beech.)</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.4	Kusweg Upgrade: T Steenberg	
	<p>Mr Steenberg provided a brief overview of the proposed Kusweg upgrade, and the amendments made after comments from the ward committee members were taken into consideration.</p> <p>Noted</p>	

5.5	UISP Project Schulphoek: D Hendriks	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that Mr D Hendriks and Mr G Nel delivered a presentation at the meeting held on 20 November 2025. Public participation was open from 14 November 2025 to 8 January 2026. The public comment period was subsequently extended to 20 January 2026. The first feedback meeting for the year is provisionally scheduled for May 2026. The confirmed date, time, and venue will be made public and advertised on the municipality's official website.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.6	Cove Street	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the rubble on the property was a huge concern and after several court cases the rubble was removed and building started. The property will be rented out.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.7	Naming of Beaches: R Kuchar	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that Mr Kuchar informed her that they are still busy preparing the documents and public participation will be advertised in local newspapers and on the municipal website. The meeting requested that timeframes be obtained from Mr Kuchar regarding the public participation process.</p> <p>Noted</p>	Clr Lombard
6.	NEW ITEMS	
6.1	Misinformation	
	<p>The Chairperson presented several issues regarding misinformation from ward committee members to the public and requested that false information not be spread on social media.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
6.2	Public Information Meeting – Sandbaai Hall – 26 February 2026 @ 18:00	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting regarding above-mentioned meeting and that the date has changed to 26 February 2026.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
6.3	Installing Board Coastal Path	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that she had received a proposal for the installation of a signboard at the Sandbaai Kuspaadjie to warn</p>	

	<p>pedestrians to exercise caution when walking along the pathway. The sign was approved and will be displayed in the three official languages.</p> <p>Mr Groenewald indicated that a sign had previously been installed; however, it was removed after it was found to be offensive.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that a pamphlet outlining all the do's and don'ts be designed and distributed to guesthouses and hotels for the information of their visitors.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
7.	FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEES	
	<p>Ward Members have the opportunity to give feedback:</p> <p><u>Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch:</u> Ms Everts reported that it was a safe season with only two incidents reported. At a JOCO meeting it was reported that crime was down by 74% since April 2025. Guards were placed on the coastal path during the festive season which curbed crime. A person that was locked up for various burglaries are back on the street and residents are urged to not leave valuables near open windows.</p> <p><u>Village of Golden Harvest:</u> Mr le Roux thanked the municipality for cleaning the storm water channels. Mr le Roux enquired about the budget process. Mr Wyngaard explained that the Municipality is currently finalizing its budget and allocations. He further advised that a budget roadshow will be held in April, during which all allocations will be discussed with the public.</p> <p><u>VOS Coastal Path Committee:</u> Mr le Roux informed the meeting that this will be his last ward committee meeting and Mr Andries Fourie will be taking over as ward committee representative. He thanked the ward committee members and ward councillor for their support during his time as representative. The Chairperson thanked Mr le Roux for his dedication and hard work.</p> <p><u>Sandbaai Hall Committee:</u> Mr Reid reported that repairs were done on the sewage system. Bookings increased. They are still busy with upgrading and improving the hall. It was suggested that everyone attend the meeting of 26 February 2026.</p> <p><u>Sandbaai Communal Housing Forum:</u> Ms Mienie raised her concerns regarding Bergsig Street and traffic calming must receive urgent attention. There are two new developments as well as</p>	

the De Zand development and that the infrastructure will struggle to handle all the new developments.

Sandbaai RPA:

Mr Groenewald invited all members to attend their meeting scheduled for 26 February 2026. He advised that a PowerPoint presentation will be delivered, addressing various issues.

Hemel & Aarde Estate – HOA:

Mr Kearney could not attend the meeting and rendered his apology.

Safety & Security:

Mr Chambers informed the meeting that he attends weekly meetings with the South African Police Service (SAPS). He reported that fraud cases have increased to approximately 10 per week, particularly relating to online banking crimes.

During the festive season, six near-drowning incidents were reported. A major concern remains poaching, with 25 cases reported over a three-week period.

Rotary Way and Swartdam Road were identified as high-risk areas. A number of incidents were also reported along the coastal path, and members of the public are urged to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings.

Ward 7 Ratepayers' Association:

Ms Jones informed the meeting that she was invited to attend a meeting regarding the De Zand development, which will comprise 197 residential units to be developed adjacent to Curro.

A major concern raised relates to Phase 2 of the development, during which an alternative access road will be constructed. This is expected to result in an increase in construction-related and heavy vehicle traffic. It was noted that traffic congestion in the area is already a significant problem, particularly along the road from the circle to Engen, which is very narrow. Traffic frequently backs up past the circle and extends up to Bergsig Street. Ms Jones indicated that she was requested to withdraw her objections; however, it was emphasized that an urgent solution must be provided before the objection period closes on 27 February 2026.

The Chairperson requested that all constituencies submit their concerns and suggestions via email to Ms Jones, in order for a consolidated report to be compiled.

Ms Vellema enquired whether the traffic assessment of the dual road near Engen is still in process.

The Chairperson confirmed that the process is ongoing and that feedback will be provided at the next meeting.

Schulphoek Action Group:

Ms Vellema reported that there are massive concerns regarding land invasion in Schulphoek and fires that are set in the Milkwood forest. Law

	<p>Enforcement does react quickly, but then it reoccurs in a different area. This is spreading into the Sandbaai coastal areas. They've requested a while back that the ward councillors assist with the erection of signboards regarding no fires, no bicycles, etc.</p> <p>Ms Vellema reported that the EIA scoping document that Mr Hendriks and Mr Nel presented was advertised for comments on 14/11/25, with closing date 08/01/26; this date was extended due to the fact that the offices of Mr Nel was closed over the festive season. Their biggest concern is the environmental destruction that may occur if the project goes ahead. Another concern is the connection of Schulphoek Road that will go through the wetlands and the Milkwood forest and they made alternative suggestions.</p> <p>Ms Vellema stayed in touch with Mr R Kuchar regarding the rezoning proposal from the community and Schulphoek Action Group and he is keeping them up to date. It will go through a public participation process and Mr Kuchar indicated that it will hopefully be by the middle of the year. Ms Vellama is staying in touch with Ms L de Villers regarding their co-management proposal regarding the coastal strip. It will be volunteering community services for the preservation and conservation of the coastal strip.</p> <p>Ms Vellema informed the meeting that their AGM was held on 08 January 2026, and concerns were raised regarding the IDP process and the lack of public participation regarding the Kusweg upgrade and how much of the budget it will consume. She will have a meeting with Mr Steenberg regarding the EIA.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
8.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	
	<p>The Chairperson requested the ward committee members to email agenda items for the next meeting to her as soon as possible.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
9.	NOTICES	
	<p>None</p> <p>Noted</p>	
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	<p>Will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.</p>	

11.	CLOSURE	
	The meeting adjourned at 20:15.	