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ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING OF WARD 7

GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING VAN WYK 7

MINUTES/NOTE

DATE / DATUM:	**01 JUNE /JUNIE 2026**
VENUE / PLEK:	**BANQUET HALL/SAAL, BANKET**
TIME / TYD:	**18:00**

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING OF WARD 7

HELD IN THE BANQUET HALL, BANKET ON 01 JUNE 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 Andries Fourie	:	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 D Kearney	:	Hemel-en-Aarde Estate HOA

Officials:

Ms S Lukas	:	Administration
Ms N Mtholo	:	Manager: Community Liaison
Mr D Hendricks	:	Principal Engineer: Project Management

Apologies:

Ms J van Zyl	:	Sandbaai RPA
Mr R vd Merwe	:	Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch
Mr David Chambers	:	Safety and Security

Members of public in attendance: 10 (refer to attendance register)

		ACTION
1.	**OPENING AND WELCOME**	
	The Chairperson welcomed the Ward Committee members and public attendees. She informed public attendees that their attendance at the ordinary ward committee meeting is for observation only and not participation. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Ald E Gillion. The Chairperson introduced the newly appointed Manager: Community Liaison, Ms Ntombi Mtholo, to the meeting and explained her role in ward committee matters. **Apologies: David Chambers: Sandbaai Safety & Security** **Robert vd Merwe: Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch** The Chairperson informed the meeting that the order on the agenda would be adjusted to accommodate Mr. Hendricks first. **Noted**	
2.	**IS THE MEETING QUORATED?**	
	The meeting was quorate with nine members in attendance. A quorum was present, and the meeting was duly constituted. **Noted**	
3.	**STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR**	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the Speaker communicated a statement regarding the investigation into ward 7 inquiries. Ms Mtholo presented the letter to the meeting. The following highlights from the Speaker's statement: Two separate issues were sent to Provincial Government by ward 7 committee members, which were responded to by the Municipality at the Provincial level. An investigation was done on the request of the Province into the conduct of the ward 7 Councillor and the Deputy Mayor at a ward 7 meeting, A committee was established by the Municipality consisting of 3 Council members. The recommendations of the established committee on the matter were the possible update of the Ward Committee Rules going forward. These recommendations, as supported by the rest of the council members, were sent to serve before the Council for review, Council concluded that Cllr Lombard and Dep Ald Gillion were not guilty of the alleged charges against them.	

	This information was sent to the Provincial Government, and the Council is currently awaiting feedback, which would then be shared on receipt. The Speaker informed the ward committee that all relevant allegation information, together with supporting documents, was sent to the Provincial Government, and he urged that the investigation be resolved as soon as possible to ensure the return to ward committee business at hand. **Noted**	
3.1	**UISP Project Schulphoek: D Hendriks**	
	Refer to Agenda item 6.3: The Chairperson informed the meeting that an opportunity would be provided to Mr Hendricks, Project Manager of the Overstrand Municipality, to give feedback on the UISP Schulphoek project. Mr Hendricks gave a brief overview. He mentioned that the upcoming reses of Council led to time constraints as the intention was to do a detailed presentation at a public meeting. Mr Hendricks highlighted the following feedback: • The public participation for the environmental feedback on the UISP Schulphoek project was advertised at the end of November 2025. • The closing date for comments by interested and affected parties was set for the end of January 2026. • This would have been followed by feedback to the community by the end of March 2026, • This date had to be postponed due to input by the Department of Forestry stating that more information, specifically the impact on the Milkwood trees and other indigenous species, was required. • Various comments received urging additional botanical studies also contributed to the postponement. • A timeline for feedback to the community would be set once these impact studies were concluded. • The second scoping report with the additional information on the impact studies conducted and comments received would be distributed throughout all the wards. • The possibility was that the projected timeframe would be set between November 2026 and January 2027 for this feedback. Reference was made to the social media information on the progress of the project, and Mr Hendricks informed that cognitions should be taken when impact studies were requested, which could considerably lengthen the process. **Noted**	
4.	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**	
4.1	**Minutes of previous meetings;**	
	The Chairperson indicated that the three sets of minutes in question were dated:	

	18 September 2025, 20 November 2025, and 12 February 2026 were circulated to all ward committee members. Ward committee members present confirmed their receipt of it and noted the communication from Mr Reid on the said minutes. The chairperson further urged members not to expect that the meeting minutes would be verbatim nor that they would specifically mention their names on matters discussed at the meeting. • Ms Mtholo added that the meeting minutes were a summary of the meeting discussions and therefore could not contain all the words spoken at the meeting. She indicated that spelling errors or language errors could constitute corrections. She further urged that the minutes would reflect service delivery-related matters discussed and resolutions. • The Deputy Mayor explained that the objections raised were part of the ongoing investigation by the Provincial Government and would be addressed in that manner. • Mr Kearney supported concerns of summarising the meeting discussions and urged against verbatim versions of meeting minutes. • Mr Reid explained that he did not require verbatim nor the naming of specific people. He ensured that the purpose of his communication was to include the objections made at the meeting dated 18 September 2025, to make the contents of the minutes a true reflection of meeting discussions. Mr Reid further explained that the subsequent two meetings did not include these objections, hence the matter is in question. • Ms Mtholo concluded in conjunction with the chairperson that the communication from Mr Reid was noted and would be added to the minutes as addenda and be part of the records. The meeting agreed on this resolution, and it was noted that addendums A1,2 and A3 be included in these minutes. Adoption of minutes dated as stated above: **Proposed and Seconded: by the meeting attendees on the condition that the annexures of Mr Reid be included.** **Noted**	
5.	**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**	
5.1	**Naming of Beaches**	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the naming of the beaches was proposed at a ward committee meeting dated the 19th September 2024. At	

	this meeting, a discussion followed, and a vote took place where two names, Bamboo Beach and Brander Baai, were selected. The chairperson reported that she completed the required application forms and presented them to the previous Mayor to serve before the council, where the proposal was accepted. The proposal was delivered to the Town Planning department to begin the implementation process. • Concerns were raised by the ward committee that the beach rehabilitation project might change the current state of the areas, making the names as indicated unsuitable as opposed to what it currently looks like. • Further concerns were raised about whether public participation had been done. The Chairperson informed that public participation would follow with the Town planning process, and if unsuitable in the future, the name application process could be done again. She reminded members that the proposal served on the ward committee level for 6 months, providing an opportunity for members to take the matter to their constituencies for input and give feedback at the ward committee meetings. **Noted**	
5.2	**Installing a board on the Coastal Path**	
	The Chairperson handed out a pamphlet as discussed at the previous meeting for signage boards for ward committee input. She explained that an environmental committee designed the concept layout. Upon agreement of the concept plan at the meeting, it would be implemented in the new financial year. It would be like other boards in the Overstrand. The boards would be set at the Sandbaai Coastal Path (Kuspaadjie) and a bit further down, as there were currently no information boards along the west side of the coastal path. The Chairperson further informed that, after much deliberation with the administration, it was concluded that funds would be made available for the much-needed informational signage to be put up. The meeting proposed the following changes: • The informational signage would contain three languages, adding IsiXhosa. • The word Beach " should be removed, which enabled the use of the signage in other areas of Sandbaai. • Remove Coastal Access/Kustoegang when necessary and used for other areas.	

	The meeting concluded with agreement on the concept layout with the mentioned changes. **Noted**	
6.	**FEEDBACK FROM CLLR**	
6.1	**Traffic Calming Bergsig Street**	
	The Chairperson informed that the traffic calming requested at Bergsig Street had been completed, and she expressed gratitude to Mr Steenberg for his input during the site visit and for the job being done in due time. The work included speed calming measures in front of Monte Mare and Christian Academy. • Mr Reid suggested that an investigation be carried out into the possibility of sidewalks on Myrtle Street, as the pedestrian traffic was very congested in that area. **Noted**	
6.2	**Jan van Riebeeck/Grysbok Crescent**	
	The Chairperson mentioned that she received a request from a resident at the corner of Jan van Riebeeck and Grysbok Crescent, stating that traffic was a challenge. She reported that the street was very narrow. Traffic from Main into Myrtle was very busy, and traffic calming was required. • Ward committee members identified other streets requiring speed calming. The request was for this to be added to the upcoming site visit and the addition of speed calming to the IDP. • Mr Fourie raised concerns about the disregard of traffic rules by motorists using Sandbaai as a drive-through to reach other destinations. • Ward committee members requested ward committee put the requested proposals on speed calming to her via email. • Ms Mtholo proposed that this be added to the upcoming site visit and that the traffic officials be invited. **Noted**	
7.	**2026/2027 WARD SPECIFIC FUNDS**	
	The Chairperson indicated that the following WSP was identified for 2026/2027: • Revitalization of Kusweg: Curving, paving, and beautification of Kusweg from Main Road to Bamboo Beach Restaurant-Piet Retief Road, R250 000.00.	

8.	• The Chairperson informed the meeting that the residual of 2025/2026 was used for replacing the white stone paving at Kusweg (Dawids' corner). Therefore, she indicated that the 2026/2027 project could now be amended or added to. • Ms Mtholo informed that changing this project was possible, changes take effect after the adjustment budget process, set to be in January 2027. • Discussions followed to change the 2026/2027 project to Paving in Kusweg to protect the existing tar. • Ms Mtholo advised that projects of a capital nature be selected. • The Chairperson suggested that the paving of Kusweg be continued and the rest of the money be used for traffic calming. Should this not be possible, it would be investigated whether the streets as identified by ward committee members can be done after the proposed traffic audit request. • The deputy Mayor proposed that a traffic audit request be done, and the streets that were mentioned as challenges be included for investigation. • Ward committee members agreed that a site visit be conducted in the following week in conjunction with the traffic department to determine whether a traffic audit was warranted. It was suggested that traffic calming for Sandbaai and the traffic audit become part of MTEF. • Ms Mtholo advised that the 2026/2027 WSP list presented was approved by the Budget Steering Committee and served before Council to commence at the beginning of the new financial year. She advised that changes take effect and be implemented after the formal Adjustment Budget process in January 2027. She requested that the conclusion by Ward 7 on the WSP 2026/2027 be finalized at least by Friday. The final decision from the meeting was to pave and beautify Kusweg. The layout or plan for Kusweg revitalization would be done in conjunction with a site visit with Theo Steenberg on 03 June 2026. Ms Mtholo gave a deadline for the following Friday for Ward 7 members to decide and give their feedback on the details of the project to her office. **Noted**	
8.	**GENERAL**	
8.1	**Potholes/stormwater canals**	

	The Chairperson requested ward committee members to make a list of potholes in Ward 7. She further requested that sewer and stormwater canal overflows be added to the list emailed to her to ensure that challenges were addressed. Discussions followed on collaborator challenges. Ms Mtholo advised that Ms Johnet van Asperen is the appointed Manager to direct collaborator App enquiries. **Noted**	
9.	**FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEES**	
	Ward Members provided feedback on the following: <u>Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch:</u> Ms Everts informed that the neighbourhood watch meeting was scheduled for the following evening at the Sandbaai hall at 18h00. The purpose of the meeting would be to provide crime statistic feedback. <u>Village of Golden Harvest:</u> Mr Le Roux reported on tree damage at the Village of Golden Harvest after the recent storm. He further enquired about the feedback on the budget information for the Village of Golden Harvest. The Chairperson undertook to obtain this information and provide feedback to him. <u>VOS Coastal Path Committee:</u> Mr Fourie provided feedback on questions raised at the meeting about coastal path donations. He answered that all donations were listed by their committee for record purposes, and that not all donations were publicly acknowledged. He reported that public acknowledgments were only done in conjunction with consent from the donors. ➢ Mr Fourie reported on the progress of replacing broken tiles on the coastal path: ➢ That maintenance was an expensive exercise, and the possibility of donations and funding was considered. ➢ The debris of the benches on the coastal path indicates that an intervention is required. • Discussions followed on possibly adding two or three benches with the ward-specific funds. • Mr Fourie informed that the main concern was the condition of the current benches. It was decided to include this matter in the site visit with Theo Steenberg.	

- The Chairperson advised him to write an email request with these items to her; she would undertake to address and escalate the request.

Sandbaai Hall Committee:
Mr Reid reported that
- ➢ The hall sustained the following damage during the storm. Due to the sagging roof, the women's bathroom leaked into the ceiling. As a result, the lightbulbs filled with water, 2 stalls had to be closed for repairs.
- ➢ A tree fell, which damaged the fence.
- ➢ Three of four gutters were torn off at the side of the building
- ➢ An insurance claim was filed with Property Administration for this.
- ➢ A request was put in for disabled parking at the hall, a few tables and a bar fridge had to be replaced, and bookings were good so far.

Sandbaai Communal Housing Forum:
None

Sandbaai RPA:
Mr Groenewald reported on stormwater challenges at Jimmy Smith Street.

- The Chairperson requested that this be added to the email list of stormwater challenges as per Agenda item 8.1.

Hemel & Aarde Estate – HOA:
Mr Kearney expressed gratitude for the road signage at the Estate and the flow of traffic that it enhanced. And, that all other Estate matters were on par and the AGM was scheduled for the coming week. The recent storms left few damages in properties.

Safety & Security:
None

Ward 7 Ratepayers' Association:
None

Schulphoek Action Group:
Ms Vellema raised concerns about the growing influx of vagrants and illegal occupants at Schulphoek. Referring to Mr Hendricks' feedback, and believed that whilst the project was progressing, these incidents of illegal occupants increased, and it would become more difficult to remove them for the project to commence.

- The Chairperson reported that only those documented would receive housing opportunities.

	• Mr Fourie shared the concern about the escalating invasion of illegal occupants at Schulphoek. • Ms Mtholo indicated that she would take up the matter with Law Enforcement for patrols and visibility. • Ms Vellema stated that Schulphoek Action Group was not opposed to the Schulphoek project but rather to the further invasion, destruction, and environmental disruption, and the lack of containment of the situation at Schulphoek. **Noted**	
10.	**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**	
	The Chairperson advised that the agenda items for the next meeting can be forwarded to her by email. **Noted**	
11.	**NOTICES**	
	None **Noted**	
12.	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**	
	The next meeting would be a site visit, scheduled for 10 June 2026. **Noted**	
13.	**CLOSURE**	
	The meeting adjourned at 20:20 **Noted**	