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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 DECEMBER 2018 at 1700

VENUE: NG CHURCH HALL, St Georges Ave

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Paul Erens, declared the meeting constitutional since notices had been posted 7 days prior to the meeting. The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting. He welcomed four guests from Bitou viz. Marcelle Minne, Anja Taljaard, Helen Flemming, Marco Barnardo from the Municipality and Mark Brown from the NVT.

The meeting was declared constitutional as it was advertised in the prescribed way.

The Chairman announced that participants should feel free to make proposals or questions in either language giving their names and erf number when doing so.

Permanent residents who left the valley during 2017

The Chairman announced that only one permanent resident, Marie Joubert, had moved away.

Owners who passed away

Sadly, five owners Alida Vullet erf 414, Drs Johan and Koos van der Wat and Dr Hennie Van Tonder, erf 264, and his wife died, the last two tragically in a road accident on the way to the Valley. Also, sadly, two permanent residents Linda Blaine and Willie Fourie had also passed away.

Welcome to New Owners

The Chairman welcomed some new owners including:

Lauren and Bruce McKinlay, Francois Retief Erf 34, Robyn Gonsalves Erf 60, Donovan Baguely Erf 64, Jenny Richard & Martin Whitaker Erf 386, Francois Le Roux Erf 294, Johan Van Zyl Erf 435 and Johann Loubser Erf 329.

Some of the above persons had been part owners of other house for many years so were not strangers to the Valley.

2. Apologies were sent by:

Ken Lyell

Elma Du Plessis

Philip Dietzsch (Bitou)

Johan Grobbelaar(Committee Member)

3. A Vote of thanks to the following persons or organizations was proposed:

- Die NG Kerk en Dominee Chris Du Preez en Mara en Dries Kruger vir hul voorbereiding van die saal.
- Municipal officials Marco Barnardo, Marcelle Minne, Chris Schlieman, Etienne De Waal, Philip Dietzsch, Gerry Swiegers, Creswell Basson, Johnny Prins.
- Sanparks as part of CNP, new Senior Section Ranger, Euginia Mkhathshwa, and section Ranger, Mthandazo Tshofela,
- Con Roux and family for allowing Fidelity-ADT hut installation on their property
- Residents and visitors who help to maintain the special character of NV
- The NVT for their continued dedication to research on all aspects of nature around NV and Bitou and important role they play in keeping us informed on environmental issues.
- Also, NVT employees and Annemarie who assisted with the Covie Christmas Party.
- To Richard and Robyn who run and maintain the store and restaurant.
- To the full and co-opted members of the committee who have assisted me throughout the year.
- Annamarie Kovacik for managing the office and communicating with members and owners in a friendly and professional way.
- The lifesavers who do an important job with limited resources.
- Fidelity-ADT for excellent service provided during year.
- Those he should have thanked but left out, apologies.

4. Approval of minutes from 2017 AGM

The 2017 Minutes were distributed in both languages and are posted on the website for ease of reference. The Chairman requested that someone proposes that the minutes be

accepted. Kelley Walsh proposed they be accepted and this was seconded by Carol Knudsen.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes were discussed as the Chairman felt they would be covered by his agenda.

6. Chairman's Report for 2018

The Chairman then presented his report underlining the NVRA objectives. The full report will be published in a separate document and can be viewed in our website.

He commented briefly on the Municipal Structures which affect us and gave a resume of the committee's activities and achievements over the preceding year. This was followed by information on the fire precautions in place and the Municipalities role in fires.

This was followed with some remarks of the built environment in Natures Valley, our praedial servitude, conditions of title and the processing of plans.

Information on the CNP was mentioned and the co-operation between the NVRA and NVT was touched upon emphasizing the importance of the latter organizations role preserving the character of the Valley. Dr Mark Brown, CEO of the NVT was invited to give a summary of their work.

Mention was also made of the management of waste and avoidance of baboon problems. There was also reference to the various municipal services such as waste removal, electricity and water supply, and road improvement or maintenance as well as future plans for improvements.

7. Finances

A summary of the Finances up to June 2018 were presented on a slide and the full Financial Report is attached to these minutes.

The 2017-18 situation is summarized below:

Financial Statements for 12 Months to 30 June 2018					
Income		280 747	Expenses		265 450
Contributions/ Donations	213 116		Contracts (Salaries)	79 287	
Donations to legal fees	5 150		Office expenses	43 305	
Donations to Covie party	15 050		Comms. & Newsletters	4 764	
Bank interest	2 595		Covie Christmas party	3 281	
Speedhump Donations	44 836		Wages (Supt. Staff)		
			Legal	69 038	
			Open Spaces	10 124	
			Speedhumps	45 000	
			Website	1 646	
			SCFPA	5 405	
			Income over Expenses		15 297
			Funds on hand at 30 June 2018		112 339

A full summary of the financial situation is given on a separate sheet (Attached)

It was proposed that the annual contribution be increased to R 950 per annum. This was accepted by all.

8. Election of NVRA Office bearers

Members who have served 1st of 2-year period, (automatically re-elected):

Dave Owen, LAC

New candidates for election:

Julian Muller Erf 375.

(Nominated by Francois Kruger seconded by Doug Blaine)

There were no nominations from the floor.

Serving members available for re-election were the following persons:

Paul Erens (Chairman) LAC

James Martin (Deputy chairman, LAC, Treasurer, Environment) LAC

Doug Blaine (Infrastructure, Safety and Security, past Chairman) LAC

Peter Harpur (Deputy Chairman, Safety and Security) LAC

Francois Kruger (Environment, Ward Rep) LAC

Conrad Wiehahn (Built Environment)

Johan Grobbelaar

Anton Van Wyk (Nominated by Paul Erens seconded by Francois Kruger)

Co-opted members:

Continued involvement to be confirmed by the incoming committee.

Jeanne Biesenbach, Jan Strydom (Built Environment)

Geoff McIlleron, Ted Grobicki (Sewage matters)

Roy Parkhurst (Website and Communications)

Dries Kruger (Infrastructure, Roads)

Barry Woode (Built Environment, Plan Approvals)

Mr Alan Whyte proposed that the new committee be accepted and this was seconded by Mrs A Pieterse.

9. Questions and Comments

1. AJ Brynard expressed concern about the growing cat population in the valley.

The Chairman answered that this could be discussed in a future LAC meeting.

2. J Albertyn wanted to know why he cannot trim/cut bushes restricting his sea view? Mark Brown said he was waiting for a response from DAFF's on whether permits are necessary to trim/cut bushes/indigenous and non-indigenous species.

3. Kay Brown questioned why there is a barrier behind the ablution block at the restaurant on the trail to Salt River and Mark Brown replied that the trail is an accredited International Blue Trail which cannot run along the boundary of any properties. Without the barrier Sanparks would lose the Blue Trail status.

4. Mrs A Pieterse commented that the path at beach entrance no 1 is very slippery and a few of their guests had slipped badly there. The Superintendent said he had already asked Sanparks to resurface some of the paths in the New Year.

5. Con Roux said he disagrees with Bitou's attitude on the lifesavers and that the NVRA should go back to Bitou to fight for their cause as the lifesavers are very important to us.

The Chairman replied that he would have to wait to see what Bitou does.

6. Mark Langton said he was concerned about the size of the septic tank that his neighbours are putting in. Doug Blaine gave a reply saying Doug that the tank should be sized to suit the number of potential occupants of the house. A tank that is too small will not allow sufficient time for the bacteria in the tank to break down solids before liquid is discharged into the soak-away while an oversized tank does not present a pollution threat.

10. Closure

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting which was adjourned at 19h30.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 20 DECEMBER 2018
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**



OBJECTIVES

Members were reminded of the Objectives of the NVRA as follows:

To look after and represent the interests of the ratepayers

To facilitate communication between members

To act as a watchdog to ensure fair and just treatment from the Local Authority

To promote security in the township and surrounds

To act as an action and pressure group when needed

To promote the orderly and environmentally sensitive development of the township

To retain the single residential (Res 1) status of Natures Valley

To prevent the subdivision of residential erven

To promote the sustainability of the natural heritage of the township and immediate surrounds

To enter into agreements with any relevant authority on behalf of NV.

MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE

This was followed by a brief resumé of the Municipal structures affecting Natures Valley

- Ward Councillor, Ward 1, Jessica Kam Kam
- Ward Committee. (10 ward representatives, 1 from NV)
The NV Ward representative is Francois Kruger
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement drawn up between the NVRA and Bitou Municipality to better facilitate services to NV and co-operation between the two parties. It was signed by former Municipal manager Mr. Thabo Ndlovu.
- We deal with various Municipal Officials concerning Planning and Building Regulations, Electricity and Water Supply, Waste Removal, Sewage Handling, Road Maintenance and Traffic Affairs.
- At the introduction of the MOU we were given a Superintendent, Marco Barnardo, and were promised two assistant posts which had not yet been granted.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

LSDF and Bitou SDF

The NV Local Spatial Development Framework (LSDF) was created, mainly by Doug Blaine and will be incorporated into Bitou SDF. This includes valuable elements of our praedial servitude and title deed conditions as well as plans for the future improvement of Natures Valley while retaining its unique character.

Fire Precautions

The NVRA has become a member of the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association, SCFPA and which has Fire Management Units in various places including the Crags and on which we can depend on assistance in the event of a fire threat. Also, it was said that an Action Plan is required when threatened by fire and needs to be coordinated with Bitou Municipality.

Built Environment

Plans

The NVRA screens all plans for additions or new structures before they are submitted to Bitou for official approval. Plans have to be stamped and signed by the Chairman or approved deputy before being submitted to Bitou.

Twelve sets of plans were recommended approval over the previous 12 months while one was referred back for additional information.

Lifting of Title deed restrictions.

One application for a suspension was pending. It was said that applications for lifting of title restrictions are not viewed lightly by the NVRA or Bitou in view of the praedial servitude binding owners.

The case of Erf 130 is pending and we hoped would be resolved in 2019. A final proposal had been submitted and accepted by the Provincial Govt but we were still awaiting replies from Bitou and the main respondent who is the owner.

CNP (NVRA, Sanparks, Bitou)

We are signatories of a 30-year Contractual National Park tri-partite agreement with Sanparks and Bitou which ends in 2024. This was done to achieve co-operation between the three parties to maintain the character of NV and protect flora and fauna with the same rules as those applicable in Sanparks areas. It also transferred responsibility for certain areas such as the dunes to Sanparks. The NVRA is working on maintaining and even strengthening this agreement.

Estuary Management

Estuary management is extremely important from an ecological point of view and also to ensure the supply of fresh unpolluted water to Natures Valley. Mark Brown was given the opportunity to explain how co-operation between the NVT, NVRA and Sanparks is essential in creating a meaningful estuary management plan which is a legal requirement.

Urban Conservancy

Mark also explained the function of the Urban Conservancy Committee (a joint NVRA-NVT activity) aimed at looking after the appearance of Natures Valley town.

Alien Vegetation Handbook

This very useful book was produced by one of our members Prof Charles Breen together with Brittany Arendse of the NVT. Members and owners were asked to help eliminate alien species which are a threat to the indigenous vegetation.

Whatsapp Groups

Three Whatsapp groups were announced. The NV-Alert is used for passing on security information and fire warnings, the NVRA-Bitou Whatsapp is used for announcements concerning all owners about events such as water or power shuts and road closures. The NVT runs a Baboon Whatsapp which is used to gather statistics on numbers and location of baboons and their activities and also serves as a warning for approaching troops. TheseWhatsapps are intended strictly for reporting rather than as discussion platforms.

Waste management in Bitou Region

Information on NV Waste Management was given especially with regard to god waste management to avoid baboon and other problems. Members were once more reminded not to leave bags of refuse lying around but to rather deposit them in the building at the WTS should they leave between collection days.

Recycling

Residents were also asked to make use of the recycling bins to cut down on refuse quantities.

Water supply

It was announced that a new 160mm riser to reservoir had been installed as well as a 200mm feeder pipe from the reservoir to NV. Unfortunately, there is a one-year delay of the installation of a larger 1500 cubic meter reservoir. Eventually all the old asbestos pipes in the Valley will also have to be replaced.

Road maintenance

The NVRA and the Superintendent are in regular contact with the Roads Department concerning repairs and upgrades. Large sections have been resurfaced with new bitumen sections at the WTS and the convergence of St Georges and St Andrews,

Electrical infrastructure still requires attention

There had been little progress in improving the ring system which still requires completion near Arum street and damaged kiosks still required repairing.

Sea Safety and Blue Flag Beach

Unfortunately, the lifesaver situation is not perfect with poor facilities and equipment for lifesavers. The NVRA was specifically asked not to interfere in lifesaver affairs which would be handled by Bitou under Mr Jonny Prins.

**BITOU MUNICIPALITY IDP (INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN)
NVRA SCHEDULE OF IDP NEEDS**

Various items which we would like to receive attention were listed as follows:

- **Electricity**

Completion of electrical infrastructure with completion of the ring-main system upgrade and repair or replacement of damaged kiosks, some of which aren't locked.

- **Roads**

Upgrading of roads to prevent medium term failure and improve safety by improving the road edge reinforcement.

Five additional speed humps are desirable.

Paving on public parking areas is required.

- **Sewage Management**

An exemption from regulations requiring the elimination of Septic Tanks where possible with the introduction of a partial water-born system where essential.

We have been asking for the building of public toilets at the entrance to Natures Valley for a number of years.

- **Waste**

Waste transfer site upgrade

- **Water**

Upgrading of the storage reservoir and pipelines is still required.

The following items are on the current IDP Budget:

Water Reservoir and Pipeline upgrade:

- 2018/19 - R 2 000 000(Pipeline); 2019/20 - R 5 000 000(Reservoir)

Sewage management

- 2017/18 - R 1 000 000: 2018/19 - R 5 000 000

Equipment Replacement

- R 200 000

Telemetry

- R 300 000

New River Pump

- R 50 000

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SECURITY

The main Security provider is Fidelity-ADT with above 75% of owners having contracts. The NVRA has signed a Service Level Agreement with the company which can be inspected on our website. The tables below summarize the various crime incidents.

We are grateful to the Roux family for allowing Fidelity ADT to install their hut on their property at the entrance. There is a CCTV camera continuously recording movements in and out of the entrance.

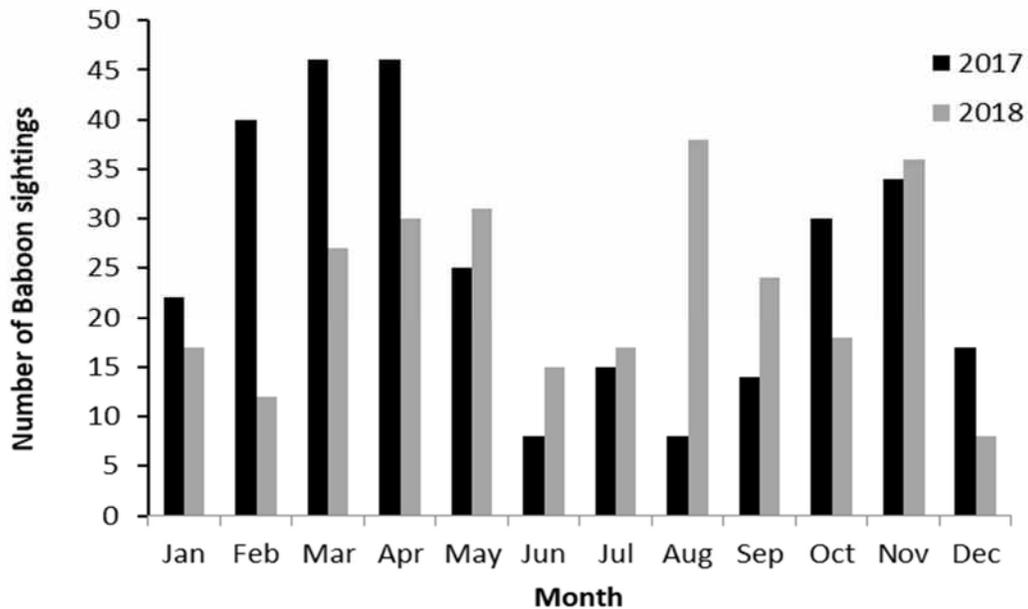
The Fidelity-ADT guards have greatly assisted people when harassed or raided by baboons.

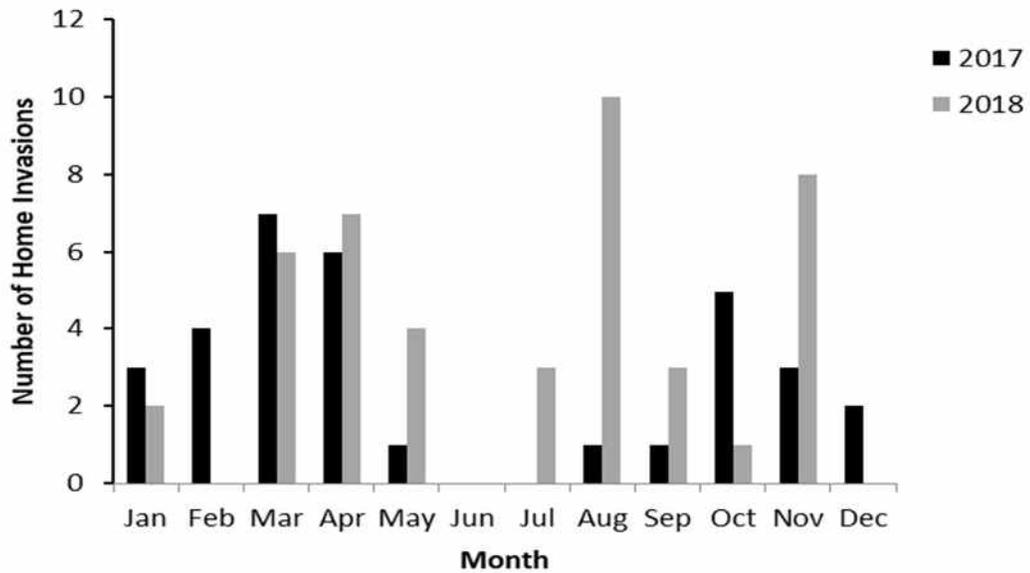
Year	Month	Robbery	Atempted house breaking	House breaking	Theft	Other crime	Arrests	Alarm call-outs	Baboons	Medical
2017	Nov				1			238		
	Dec			1				198		
2018	Jan				1			241		
	Feb							221		
	March			3				239		
	April							481		
	May							281	3	
	June	1						203		
	July			1				173		
	August		1	2			1	193	2	
	Sept			2				192	2	
	October			1	1			232	2	1
	Nov							235	1	
	Total	1	1	10	3	3	1	3127	10	1

NATURES VALLEY - CRIME AND INCIDENT RECORD						Updated; 17 Dec 2018
DATE	NV Erf No	FIDELITY-ADT	ALARM ACTIVATED	NEARBY AREA	NATURE OF INCIDENT	DETAILS
2018						
January	Erf 20 Arum				Theft	Fossil rock stolen
March	Erf 284 Forest Drive	Yes	No		Theft	284 Forest Bike stolen from outside house
April	Erf 399 Lagoon Drive	Yes	No		Theft	Dr Girdwood, expensive sports shoes stolen from garden
June	Lagoon				Theft	Sport Canoe taken from lagoon area
June				Crags	Theft	Natures Way Farm Stall. Solar panels stolen
July	Erf 132 NV Trading	Yes	No		Break-in/Theft	Robbery at NV shop. Safe and other goods stolen at 4.20 AM . Alarm deactivated by thieves
July				Crags	Break-in/Theft	Robbery at Natures Way - safe stolen
August	Phyl Martin Park	Shmart			Break-in	Marco Superintendent office attempted break-in 14 August
September	Erf 150 St Georges	Yes	Yes		Break-in	Attempted break-ins alarms triggered and purp disturbed
	Erf 200 Nemesia	Yes	Yes		Break-in	Attempted break-ins alarms triggered and purp disturbed
	Erf 290 Forest	Yes	Yes		Break-in	Attempted break-ins alarms triggered and purp disturbed
	Erf 410 St Patricks	Yes	No		Theft	Wheelie bin stolen -
Sep-19				SANParks Rest ca	Break-in/Theft	TV set removed from chalet
Sept	Erf 130 Tranquility Lodge				Break-in/Theft	TV Set taken
Sep-25	Erf 56 St Andrews	Yes	No		Theft	Plants reported stolen
Sept 26th	Erf 300 Forest	Yes	No		Break in	2 bikes found on deck. No sensor in room so no alarm.
Oct-02	Erf 265 St Michaels	Yes	No		Theft	Ipad and Iphone taken from visitors car. Unlocked
Oct-03	Erf 130 Tranquility Lodge				Break-in/Theft	Two TV sets taken.
Nov-14	NV Trading Store	Yes	Yes/Panic		Theft	Cell phone of worker stolen by "friend"
Dec-11	NV Lagoon				Attempted theft	Car keys and valuables from unattended back-pack

Baboon Statistics

The bar charts below give useful information on baboon incidents and movements.





7. Finances

The table below summarizes the NVRA's financial status at the end of the financial year in June 2018.

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