

NOTES ON MEETING HELD AT JEFFREYS BAY MUNICIPAL OFFICES

HELD ON THE 21ST MAY 2009

Present: Mr. R. Abdullah – Chief Financial Officer
Mr. B. Rheeder – Ward Councillor
Mr. S. Baartman – Municipal Law Enforcement
Mr. J. Robson – Vice Chairman S.F.B.R.H.A.

This meeting was held in response to a letter received from the Kouga Municipality dated the 12th May 2009.

Mr. Abdullah was concerned that the tender process for the dredging of the canals had not been done correctly, he also wanted to know where the money for this contract was coming from.

Mr. B. Rheeder gave a short account as to how this contract came into being with the Council. He explained that over the last few years the Council had done no work on the canals, despite having received a monthly levy from all canal homeowners. They had also received money from the licensing of boats and mooring fees.

The money being used for the dredging was an excess amount, which the Council had earmarked for dredging only. The S.F.B.R.H.A. were told that this amount was R900 000.00. Mr. Robson said that he understood that this amount was excluding VAT.

Mr. Abdullha then asked Mr Baartman to check how much money had been spent and what the balance was. He also said that the above letter had probably been sent prematurely and that the wording was misleading. He asked that in future we arrange a meeting and discuss any problems.

He also suggested that he get legal opinion on our contract. Mr. Rheeder said we would like our attorney to attend this meeting.

Mr. Robson asked if we could expect our money to start being paid in on a regular basis again.

Mr Abdullah said as soon as Mr Baartman had confirmed how much still was owed there should be no problem with payments.

Mr. Robson also asked as to why there was no amount allocated to the canals on the Municipal Budget.

Mr. Abdullah was very surprised about this and assured him that this would be rectified immediately