

MINUTES OF S.F.B.R.H.A. MEETING

HELD ON 27TH MAY 2009

PRESENT:

B. Morsink
J. Robson
S. Gallarelli
P. Grobbelaar
C. Beckley
B. Robson
D. Nell

APOLOGIES:

B. Buckham
A. Peros

1. P. Grobbelaar's Report
See Attached.

The quotes for the bridge were
St. Francis Engineering R7 143.07
JC Engineering R9 250.00
R & A Did not submit quote

DN suggested that we do not use weed killer, as it is not environmentally friendly.

JR to arrange for the canal boat to get a seaworthy certificate.

JR and PG to get thatching grass for bird island to prevent sand being blown back into the canal.

CB to speak to Mrs. Tasioulas regarding a donation to assist with the purchase of plants for Bird Island.

JR suggested that the committee members think of projects to be done during the winter months and advise him.

2. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

The quotes for the storeroom to be held over until it can be discussed in more detail.

The three quotes for the work under Serpentine Bridge were:

WW Retaining	R31 450.00 excluding VAT
Marina Projects	R36 540.00 excluding VAT
Morsink Projects	R22 173.00 including VAT

It was decided to give the work to Morsink Projects.

JR to try and arrange a bi-monthly meeting with the council as Mr. Abdullah, the Chief Financial Officer, felt this was a better way than doing everything by letter. **JR** to get Mr Abdullah's email address.

CB stated that there was still no newsletter and felt that something needs to be done urgently, as our members need to be kept up to date with what is happening on the canals. **AP, SG and BR** to follow up on this.

3. Financial

SG again asked that we have a full financial report at each meeting.

DN will liase with M. Lehana in this regard.

CB asked why we are spending money on the cove as it is not our responsibility. **BM** said that he thought that this was included in the agreement with the Council as part of our maintenance contract.

The committee must now approve all accounts before being paid.

4. General

CB gave a brief report on the spit. The application submitted to the Kouga Municipality by Africoast in November 2008 to extend the validity period of the environmental authorisation has been rejected by DEDEA. They do not have any issues with the rock revetment but feel they would be setting a precedence if they allow us to proceed without a valid and current authorisation. The Council therefore has to reapply. Dylan Anderson of Africoast will be approaching the consultant who submitted the previous application for a quote/timeframe etc. to resubmit. Geoff Govender of DEDEA assures us that the application will be processed within six months. **CB** also expressed his frustration at getting through all the red tape. For example phone calls and emails were never returned. He suggested that we get legal advice as to who is responsible if the spit is breached and our houses are damaged. If the spit is breached it will not be an "Act of God" as this could have been prevented and they have been informed of this possibility on numerous occasions. Despite this, they are delaying our attempts to reinforce the spit.

The committee's portfolio is as follows:

B. Morsink	Chairman and Council convenor
J. Robson	Vice Chairman, Dredging, Maintenance and Wetbikes
B. Robson	Secretary
S. Gallarelli	Data Base
C. Beckley	Website, Spit Committee and Wetbikes
D. Nell	Spit Committee and Finance liaison
A. Peros	News letter and correspondence
B. Buckham	Finance and Budget

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30p.m.

Next meeting 24th June 2009 at 3p.m. at the Robson house.