



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Malagas Hotel
on Friday, 29th December 2023 at 09h30**

Present

As per Attendance Register –

Stephen Hrabar, Andrew Crawford, Jason Oxley, Lester Coelen, Warren & Andrea Brewis, Rene White, Oliver Sedgwick, Mark Rossouw, Werner Brits, Brig. SJJ Brits, Marjo Felderhof, Eric van Oppell, Mike & Cathy Parker, Anthony Akerman, Anthony Davison, Monique Mulder, Ken Wentzel (Total 19).

As per Zoom attendance-

Alex (Surname not logged on Zoom), Cathy Shaw, Pam Penfold (Total 3)

Notice/Quorum

All constitution requirements had been attended to, a quorum being present, so the meeting could proceed.

Welcome

On behalf of the Committee, Monique Mulder welcomed everyone attending the meeting. It was noted that there were new members at the meeting, as was the absence of some normal regular attendees.

Attendance and Apologies

An Attendance Register had been signed at the entrance to the conference center and was circulated to ensure names of those present were recorded, as reflected above.

Apologies were noted from Pam Penfold and Gary & Cathy Shaw (Zoom), and Deon Joubert.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 8st April 2023 and the Special General meeting held 12th September 2023 were approved as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed changes to Constitution

Changes to the Constitution have been proposed. Some general wording and phrases were changed to make for a more professional and better reading document.

The key proposed amendments and updates were:

1. Change of name to Lower Breede Ratepayers and Residents' Association:
 - The proposed name change was not accepted and the alternative Malgas Ratepayers & Residents' Association abbreviated MRRA was put forward seconded and accepted. It was proposed that the greater community be approached in 2024 to propose any alternatives to achieve inclusivity.
2. Other changes including:
 - Defining the area of the Association
 - Decrease Executive Committee size to minimum of 4 and maximum of 7 members.

- Defining a Resident member.
- Including electronic/virtual meetings.
- Treasury payment approval and reporting process.

were unanimously approved.

It is noted that members felt more amendments could be made before the next AGM, and would advise their thoughts to the Committee.

Chairman's Report

Monique Mulder thanked the Committee for their service over the past few months; the Committee consist of Tony Davison, Rene White, Ken Wentzel, Deon Joubert and co-opted member, Oliver Sedgewick whom was nominated and elected during a Special General Meeting held 12 September 2023. Their enthusiasm and capability to progress the association into a professional and successful organisation is applauded.

Malagas Public Launch Site

Erf 422 has been expropriated by Swellendam Municipality and registration is currently pending at the Deeds Office. It's only the beginning of a lengthy process which might involve an EIA, should the PLS necessitate. Members and the community will be kept up to date on any progress.

The Ferry fall under the jurisdiction of ODM and ownership of Provincial Roads Department and from the implementation of the motorised ferry, communication from these departments have been staggered and recently non-existent via normal channels.

A direct line of communication with the coordinator of daily operations has been established and the hope is to be timeously informed of planned maintenance. The aim is to keep the community informed of the accessibility to the area and continuous pressure will be applied on the responsible authorities.

Disaster Planning

Thanks to Renee White and her team for keeping activities, updates, communications, equipment and liaison with neighbours and authorities to a high level.

➤ Disaster Management:

Fire and flood remains one of the main concerns along the Lower Breede.

The objective was to have maintained firefighting equipment available in all areas at specified points to be able to respond within a reasonable timeframe.

Placement of maintained of equipment stretches from Area1 (Nuyshoek) up to and including Area 6. A good relationship have been established with IRRA Disaster Management and during the last few months, the MRRA have extended the Disaster Plan to include Area 7 (Kontiki, Infanta Park), with the support of IRRA.

Coordination, response and communication have been key factors and the Disaster/Incident Management Plan have proven to be a success. With each incident, the plan is reviewed to ensure the team is effective at all times. Future plans involve assessment of still vulnerable areas; to identify important and accessible water points in each area and possibly procurement of more equipment should the assessment deem it necessary.

➤ Communications:

The radio communications have also expanded to include Area 7 (Kontiki) and daily radio checks continues to ensure that the equipment and repeaters are in optimal working condition at all times.

Area WhatsApp groups have been established. The area has various WhatsApp groups, each created with specific intent and the most important is highlighted below:

- Area Groups 1-6
- Disaster Management Malgas
- Malgas/Infanta Security
- Malgas Community Liaison – municipal affairs

Residents are encouraged to ensure they are members of their Area Group in order to be kept informed of developments specific within their area.

➤ Security:

The LPR camera system located at the Trading Post has for some time been in need of urgent maintenance. A quotation has been supplied to have the camera system upgraded and maintained and labour and equipment have been secured with a 70% deposit, expensed in 2023 book year. The work will commence mid-January. The monthly monitoring fee will be negotiated and the objective is to join the Overberg network LPR monitoring system with warnings broadcasted from all areas of entry into Malgas.

Swellendam Municipality Affairs

The MRRA has been engaging with the Swellendam Municipality and established a monthly virtual meeting that will help the Association to keep up to date with developments and decisions within Swellendam Municipality that may affect the area. The first meeting has taken place during the second week of December with the Department Heads and senior officials.

➤ Refuse sites

During the month of December, 3 refuse containers have been delivered to the area. These containers have been installed and will be applied on the same principle as the installation in Infanta. The outstanding container at Matjieskloof will be delivered early January 2024.

There will be two refuse sites with a General Waste Container as well as a Recycling Container located at Malagas and Matjieskloof.

The brick/stone refuse hokkies situated in Lemoentuin and Nuwedorp will be demolished and decommissioned due to it being on private property and no consent of use has been granted by the owner. Demolition of all constructed refuse hokkies are planned during the month of January 2024.

In due course, combination locks will be installed and owners will be advised of the procedure to dump their black bag and recycling waste with the erection of proper signage.

Planned projects raised with Municipality

- Erection of speed deterrents in Diepkloof by means of speed humps.
- Possible extension of tarred section in Diepkloof in the vicinity of property 484/7 to prevent dust and speed in the area that carries most traffic on and off season. The LBRCT did indicate it might necessitate an EIA.
- Art project planned for refuse containers as proposed by municipality.

Breede River Advisory Forum

In July 2021 the Department of Environmental Affairs Development and Planning embarked on a further initiative to engage with property owners and other stakeholders on the Lower

Breede River regarding an Estuary Management Plan. A BREAf open day was held 19 December to encourage the community to get involved and to be able to understand the objectives from the Estuary Management Plan. Stakeholder communications have been sent.

Treasurer’s Report

Thanks were again conveyed to Tony Davison for reviewing the financial figures for the year and for his assistance in preparing the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2023, which were circulated for review. Monique Mulder discussed the figures which were accepted as a true record.

Membership

It was accepted that the annual subscriptions would remain at R250 for 2024. The current paid-up Membership for 2023 currently stands at 170. Regular membership drives are done via email to encourage renewal subscription payments as well as recruit new members.

Committee Nominations

No new nominations were received. The current committee has been re-elected and will continue to serve.

Matters Arising:

A proposal was put forward to investigate the development of a quadbike recreational area close to Lemoentuin.

Speed limit/danger of high speed on Malgas/Infanta Road awareness campaign to be initiated.

Small pamphlet containing river etiquette and short summary of regulations, easily readable and that can resonate with holiday makers to be distributed with issue of boat license.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at approximately 11h05 to be followed by an Information Meeting by the LBRCT.

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Chairman

14 January 2024