

provide braai facilities, if necessary provide piles of alien wood that they can make their braai's with so they don't go in and break of trees, break of branches, which happens, off the Milkwoods, it is an irreplaceable asset.

Rob Fryer: Rob Fryer Conservation. In terms of alternatives for the use of that site I am very much, and I know the Board of the Whale coast conservation of which Pat is a member, will be very much in favour of doing rehabilitation work in that area. What is more critical to me is that there is a full more critical study done of what that rehabilitation and the extent of that rehabilitation should be. To what extent one can retain the picnic area and have rehabilitation. There are minimum sizes of wetland sustainable and obviously one has to create something which is sustainable. What my proposal is and I have not discussed this with the board. But my proposal is have an urban park of some sort created there of a nature of the park created at the Green Point Urban reserve area. There is very amenable to people because it has been set up in a way that provides free access to people but also looks after the natural environment exceptionally well. And I think there should be a formal study done to what extent one can rehabilitate Fynbos as it is not an easy to re-establish fynbos particularly on an area that has been disturbed and the nature of the rubble that has been put there. I am not an expert but I question whether trees planted in that rubble are going to flourish without major excavation work to establish that. And I would also like to add as well what has not been raised in the discussions at all today is the re-establishment of a wetland area. It is important for the wellbeing and aesthetics of the area but water that runs through there goes to the Blue Flag Beach. It is highly contaminated with bacterial matter and a wetland system would filter that out and protect our Blue Flag beach asset which is all important to the community and to the economy of the area. So my proposal is that we should actually go back to the basics and look what can be re-established there from a wetland perspective, what can be feasibly re-established from a fynbos perspective and what can be accommodated for people inside that rehabilitation should we decide to go ahead with it. I am very much in favour of us going ahead with it obviously it is going to cost money so there needs to be some commercial aspect of it which finances part of it so one needs to look at that in a rational way. But I think that need to go right back to the basics and decide what is feasible and what is desirable and what is necessary there because rehabilitation I think is necessary. From a Blue Flag point of view and from the local environment point of view. The other thing I would like to propose and I think Hoogie and Pat Muller would support this is it should become a component of the Fernkloof nature reserve I think the Fernkloof nature reserve should be expanded to cover that particular area and that it should fall under the cover of the Fernkloof nature reserve and the financial and economic component of that should contribute to the overall Fernkloof nature reserve which is such an asset in this area. Thank You.

Charel Bruwer: Can I ask you a couple of questions, have you read the specialist wetland report that was produced on the rehabilitation?

Rob Fryer: No Charel I have not read that report.

Charel Bruwer: Have you also noticed that in the BAR documentation there is reference made to the fact that the Municipality wants to incorporate that area into the Fernkloof Nature Reserve?

Rob Fryer: Yes I am aware of that. So those issues have been addressed in the documentation. And they are on the website.

Werner Zybrands: The lady over here.

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Karen Kruger: My name is Karen Kruger I would just like to agree with Mr Cloete here a final point on the amphitheater there is no way where you can situate an amphitheater on the beach and think that you are going to have any kind of drama production, any kind and of classical music it just won't happen. I am very concerned that we have focused so much on the amphitheater and nothing has been said about the restaurant. We have a restaurant on Grotto and it is something that I would like to talk about at some point I would like that issue to be addressed.

Werner Zybrands: Yes it is still on the agenda and I think we have to move along a bit faster. Mr Hoogenhout you are voicing gag?

Mr Hoogenhout: Ja look I think it is like one of the gentlemen I think he left now actually just said now. He actually said it is not our job to provide alternatives to the Municipality. If you read the BAR in detail you would see there they had the brainstorming sessions and quite frankly Rob there said they should go back to the drawing board and start again. And I think that really is what needs to be done. We could make suggestions here ecology center, picnic area, trees all those sort of things very nice things. The Municipality has got to do something about this they need to go back and say look we made a mistake it is not an amphitheater we need to put something else on the table that can work. We can canvas people for their views we can get experts we can get experts from all kinds of Town Planning people there are a number of people like that around. It is not rocket science it can easily be done. I think we know one should not ask around there has only been five suggestions here or alternatives, it is not our job to make the alternatives. So I think we should move on and talk about the restaurant because I think we are all clear here we are not going anywhere near the amphitheater not even a small amphitheater like someone said it is like a slippery slope you just go down to the dungeons if you do that sort of thing. It needs to be trees picnic area something like that whatever they can come up with whether the use the materials they can come up with dug up from the wetland if they can do that and it is possible it is great if it is not possible we can cart it away and they can use it to repair the damage out at the parking area. But with all due respect all we have heard today was from Mr Bruwer we have had all the correspondence from him and we did not get anywhere with any of that that is why we had to appoint a lawyer. Why don't we hear from the Municipality why can't the Municipality say why they came up with any of these ideas then if they can't say why then we must just leave it.

Werner Zybrands: There is a suggestion there that we should perhaps just formulate it in some way or another I summarized earlier the wetlands and everything there and there was broad.

Clapping.

Werner Zybrands: Can I take that all these environmental matters are in principle okay? Anybody who is opposed to the environmental rehabilitation anybody? I don't see a hand right. So at this stage the proposal put forward by Mr Hoogenhout is who is opposed to that proposal, who thinks it should still be an amphitheater? Right nobody here. So I think that gives a clear unanimous indication for no amphitheater. I think the message is conveyed. Now the problem is sir the problem is this and if you say and sorry I am not being bias if they say make it a braai area I can bet my bottom dollar that somebody is going to oppose the braai area again. I am trying to get something out of this meeting so that we can at least guide the Municipality if they do come with further proposals. It seems like and I want to summarise this, it seems like that one should have as natural as possible a grassed area which is still accessible to the public where they can have picnics or perhaps a braai or something of that nature but with more shade, more protection against the elements. Perhaps a thatched lapa type of thing I am not

sure but that is seems to be the broad consensus that I am getting here. But the public must still be there, keep it as simple as possible and don't cater for intensive kind of developments. Keep it as natural as possible. Am I, Sir in the pink shirt I think it is pink.

Anton Lotz: I am Anton Lotz there are two comments again. I think the first one is in terms of process there are certain suggestions for shade and I think one needs to be quite careful in terms of types of trees in that area are quite water dependant and there area lots of impact as soon as you start planting trees and it is not indigenous or it has got some effects.

Werner Zynbrands: No Bluegums.

Anton Lotz: And I think that certainly is one consideration again as how the process is taken forward. We are looking at structures, I think Charel as soon as there is a structure being constructed then it is part of this process. Whether in terms of what is put on the table the rehabilitation and environmental considerations the protection is very important the protection of the Milkwood forest whether this process can go forward without the specific development opportunities being identified at this stage. Having said that, the financial viability is also quite important. Rehabilitation will cost money. This is quite a unique area it was said earlier there are a couple of unique features and there are environmental, tourism and educational opportunities that can still be developed out of this. Whether without identifying specific development opportunities the BAR process can be taken forward so that at least the protection or conservation component can be finalized without having specific ideas on the table and in future and the redevelopment of that area.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you just pass the microphone to the front here please.

Simon Pickstone Taylor: Simon Pickstone Taylor from La Gratitude Basically I am appealing to the Municipality and agreeing with Dr van Hoogstraten's comment. How much money has been wasted today, how many sleepless nights, R50 000 on lawyers. If you had just consulted local people and felt things then maybe all this nonsense and sleepless nights would not be necessary. Now we are talking about new proposals and I am making appeal to the Municipality Wendy Hofmeyer knows better than anyone else that this nonsense happens every ten years. New proposals we go through all of this energy new proposals and this trauma and then we are back to square one. Please could the Municipality try and work in a more consultative way with local committees with people who knows what is going on what people feel, even if it is not the official path and they say we do not have to include people. I must say that I have a huge amount of doubts about the process that has been and the Municipality today has heard how difficult it has been to communicate with Mr Bruwer and I don't feel I am being bias. And for someone to start the process of disparaging the law in South-Africa as he explains it I find quite appalling. I don't know if anybody picked that up he did it three times as he explained the legal process to us. So frankly I am appealing to the Municipality to be more consultative, think about what they are doing, look at the past, look at the people who was involved in the past. All it takes is half an hour of discussion with the local heritage committee and the other committees that are here a lot of this nonsense can be saved. Because I don't like leaving my family that I have precious time to see to drive down here for this sort of waste of time and upset on a regular basis even if it is once every ten years. Thank you.

Werner Zybrands: I hope that you are going to feel that it is not a waste of time today. I think we have concluded at this stage, if you are happy, the amphitheater aspect. Can we just look at the second key point here and that was the restaurant I just want to summarise all the comments because it was an existing right most people are not opposed to it the bulk of the opposition was with regard to the height, the type of activity that would be there. Can I just get an indication of how many people want to talk about this? Oh quite a few here ok right lets start from the side. Lets start with GAG if you don't mind.

GAG: Judging what people have said in their letters as I have mentioned before the main emphasis has always been on the amphitheater. The fact that they have not spoken about the restaurant is because they want to make their point about the amphitheater. So my feeling is the point that I am making is because the restaurant is not actually in the front of everybody's concern it still has a relevant aspect to it. And there is number one the height and number two the actual position and I am aware that that particular restaurant did exist years ago, was successful but as everybody knows a few years ago we had the sea wash away the very land that that restaurant was placed on. So the question is before we start anything about the restaurant should it not be first done whether in fact that site is safe to put any building on before you decide is it going to be single storey double storey with BAR without BAR. Thank you.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you sir. As you know the cloak room facilities are there they are still standing but lets get some opinions on this.

Charel Bruwer: Maybe I can answer this. If you take the photograph that you have got there and you walk down to that site that photograph was taken in 2008. The result of that wash away was exactly the same as with this last flood and if you take that photograph and you go and look at the scour you will see those little wooden bollards on the left hand side now the restaurant is on the left of that. Now during that 2008 flood that restaurant site nothing happened to it.

GAG: and maybe in 20 years time it is gone.

Werner Zybrands: Professor du Toit?

Professor du Toit: Yes I think with respect to that particular site I think it has been taken over by events very rapidly. As we know when the Kleinrivier lagoon breached last year it moved back to its original site and one of the effects was that it changed the entire coastline from the outlet right up the way to Grotto Beach. And what is happening now is that at the other parking area there are two sites where the higher water line is within eight meters of the exit road. And the only and that eight meters is composed of soft dune sand. So unless dolosse or something to that effect all of it very expensive is very quickly set out there I am quite confident that in the very next winter some storm surge is going to breach that exit road. And then of course there is a knock on effect and with that knock on effect that particular site again under different circumstances will become under threat.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you.

Unknown Person: Why have we got two restaurants we have got Dutchies already why do we need another restaurant?

Werner Zybrands: Dutchies came in as a Dutchies at one stage if I remember correctly was mainly a little curio shop selling clothes and equipment and ultimately it will revert to that a little curio shop selling bathing things and costumes and stacking the chairs that are being used at the moment when visitors come they can keep their chairs in there. And I got the impression I don't know that it might still be a little ice cream parlor something of that nature. But the restaurant facilities should be in a proper restaurant designed building. That was the idea.

Unknown person: If Dutchies is there then why have another one?

Werner Zybrands: Sir the problem is you are getting the situation that apparently with the increase in visitors and Voëlklip is not what it was 20 to 30 years ago. The population increase has been quite significant and that the bulk of restaurants facilities are in the center of town with traffic problems etc-etc. Apparently there is this growing demand for a proper facility there at that stage but the market will indicate the market will indicate.

Unknown person: Was there a study done by the authority was Dutchies for winter months.....

Werner Zybrands: Not any more because the growth is lets get to the point I don't want to....

Unknown person: You referred to a study now? Was there an assessment made of the need?

Werner Zybrands: I don't think you can easily determine that but with the inputs that people have said to the municipal staff is apparently that it would be nice to have some kind of facility.

Unknown person: Can we see those input? Was it Dutchies? Can we get an indication where it is coming from?

Werner Zybrands: I don't know sir can I just get.... I think the fact that for close on thirty forty years restaurants were making a living there.

Unknown person: There was also a Goldfish restaurant and it is gone.

Unknown person: Can I just say-if you are looking at a restaurant for a larger population etc. etc. why don't you just increase the Dutchies that is there? Why go near the Beach, why go near the Milkwood trees that everybody is so concerned about?

Werner Zybrands: I don't know can we get somebody to answer that question but I don't think. If you want to do that you probably have to do because that was never really a commercial site in the sense of a restaurant but with proper restaurant you are going to need proper toilet facilities proper kitchen facilities. Let's hear Mrs Wendy Hofmeyer.

Wendy Hofmeyer: I would just like to know in terms of the Coastal Management Act how you can even think to build right on the beach when you have got a minimum of 100 metres back from the high water mark. Even if you made it a demountable structure which would probably be the only way to go I don't even know that that would even pass. Any environmental impact assessment.

Werner Zybrands: Can I just ask the question to the officials is this an existing footprint? Can we just ask Liesel or Charel.

Charel Bruwer: You know once again.

Simon Pickstone Taylor: Can we speak to the Municipality please?

Werner Zybrands: Liesel Hanneen or somebody Riaan?

Unknown person: Riaan can answer it.

Riaan Kuchar: It is an Environmental Question.

Liesel Bezuidenhout: It is fine I can answer I am Liesel Bezuidenhout I am the Environmental Manager for Overstrand. The current situation is that a circular has gone out on this particular point where you have existing footprints or existing erven. If something has been developed before 1997 then it is seen as a commencement and if in this case it has burnt down and you want to re-establish it is seen as a further commencement so that what you are saying the ICA or NEMA implications does not count in this specific case. It has changed it is a new circular that has gone out in May 2013 which states specifically this.

Werner Zybrands: Ok does that answer you Wendy?

Wendy Hofmeyer: Yes

Simon Pickstone Taylor La Gratitude: I just want to support about what somebody else said about expanding Dutchies. I mean just look at that picture and that massive great thing on the Beach so what if they can legally reinstate it is this really about what legally can be done or is this what should be done? And I think I certainly want to say that to me logically looking at that picture if you want to have less impact you have got a massive problem there in the middle. Okay maybe you are going to dig out all that rubble and make it all wetland again but the obvious start is to rehabilitate the coastline where it is making it look more natural and expanding Dutchies to the back. I think that is a very logical point and I really support what the other person said and please Municipality we pay your wages listen to us please.

Unknown Person: Mr. Chairman I am not a land surveyor but I walked there a couple of days ago and that concrete base where the restaurant use to be is not nearly the size of that thing that is on the picture there, not nearly. And that picture there that my friends show actually covers the first point here and that back part of the building there that is closest to the parking lot there is definitely no concrete base there. So if they are thinking about re-establishing the restaurant it is going to be a small thing. As my recollection, it is a long time ago and I am getting old too. But my recollection it was not bigger I would say than a third of this room and that is not what they are proposing.

Unknown person: Is that true?

Another unknown person: Ja, diagonally where the gumtree's are. It sat right on the beach, it was not there and single storey. It was never double storey.

Werner Zybrands: Lets give the Lady a chance.

Lady: What date is this photograph taken is it a very recent map?

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Charel Bruwer: I think it is a google image prior to the mouth changing it's position and I think it is about 2011 2009 roundabout there.

Werner Zybrands: Can we just get some progress in this specific.

Someone: Mr. Chairman?

Anthony van Hoogstraten: Mr. Chairman just for the record Anthony van Hoogstraten that building when it existed was a wooden building hence it burned down it was a wooden building and it was not a very large building so to try and super impose a massive concrete structure on that foundations i am afraid the Municipality is fooling itself.

Werner: Okay some more comments?

Lillian Klusey: Lillian Klusey I am part of the action group. I just feel that Dutchies serves the purpose at the moment very well. The people who come to the beach are informal people who don't want a smart restaurant would be very happy with something simpler ja that is all.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you for that, can we it seems like there is another hand can we just get that.

Rob Fryer: Rob Fryer Whale Coast Conservation: Once again I think one needs to be realistic in this day and age there is need for some commercial activity and tourism facilities to be developed in that area and I think Whale coast conservation would be all in support of that. But I think in respect of that specific site I think there needs to be very careful thought given as to what is happening in climate change and to reassess the setback line and so as a result of increase in storm surges and so on and in the next 40 to 50 years people are talking about conservatively 300 to 400 mm sea rise and substantial changes in the storm surge currents around the world so to put something on to what is already a threatened beach frontage which has been eroded substantially by storm surges within the last three to four years i think is a very brave and perhaps foolhardy move. You said that the existing facilities are still standing, well I question how long that is going to be safe? Someone has already mentioned that the road on the eastern side is under threat, there has been discussions as how to shore UP the embankments as to prevent that road disappearing within the next couple of seasons. So the whole coastline there has changed so in the event that there is continued Westwood migration of the mouth of the estuary which is quite possible the mouth will wind UP right at the rocky point there in the next couple of years as it did at the lookout bay in Plettenberg Beach. In one season the entire lookout beach was gone. It is now recovering slowly but in the event that it happens here and it is not beyond the realms of absurdity that whole infrastructure there could be under threat including Dutchies actually.

Werner Zybrands: Okay the gentlemen here.

Andrew Grieve: Hi. My name is Andrew Grieve I would just like to comment on the usage of the restaurant. There is a very fine or a very small step between restaurant and nightclub. Now I think the Municipality must be commended for how they have controlled the noise that have existed five or six years ago that they managed to stop that and a setup like Dutchies works very well and if the utilization of this space is similar then it is less of an impact on the surrounding residence. Then I think one must just be very careful about the steps toward night club loud music and then we are back to the amphitheater scenario. Thank-you.

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Werner Zybrands: Some more hands on this side before we go back. Pat there at the back again.

Pat Muller: A very simple proposal I think if a larger restaurant site is needed the existing Dutchies site should be extended, and I would like to see us experiment whether we can't take the site of the old restaurant and plant more Milkwoods, look at how many has already gone just in that area all of that area would be out of Milkwoods eventually. So it would be a very good environmental experiment to see if we can do anything to rehabilitate that area with Milkwoods, that would also do some mitigation, that is my proposal. But use the footprint that is already there for the Dutchies restaurant for the new restaurant.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you we are getting to an concluding point now.

Unknown Person: What she just said I was standing there the other day looking at the nice area and you know we have been coming to Hermanus for many years and particularly people with small children to the grassy area where they can sit. To me that is an ideal place. Milkwood is a very good opportunity as well but actually take that opportunity to break out that concrete slab take it away and plant some grass maybe Milkwood trees so that it is an grassy area where people can enjoy the beach. It is really why they come to the beach to enjoy it not a fancy restaurant. You know at the moment alcohol is prohibited there if you put a restaurant with a bar there ok Dutchies has got a licence but I think it is fairly under control it is right on the beach and is going to be difficult to control the alcohol problem onto the beach which you obviously don't want. So I think if you are looking for other suggestions there is Milkwood there is grassy area it is much better than a restaurant.

Werner Zybrands: Can I just summarise this at this stage is although some of you in your written comments did not object you supported the reinstatement of the old restaurant area it appears that the majority of the people here feel don't follow that route for environmental or other reasons. Rather include it in the environmental extending the environmental aspect of that and then revisit the Dutchies site because it needs to be refurbished and upgraded you cannot operate a restaurant with primitive conditions for too long in terms of health legislation. You have to revisit that and do it properly. Apparently I just checked can this be done Riaan from a Charel says from an environmental point of view it should be okay but from town planning point of view?

Riaan Kuchar: Yes just to go back to some, if you look at the apparent site for the proposed restaurant. Basically what we also considered if you redevelop Dutchies and lets say larger footprint and all that you move the activity you actually move it to the opposite side of the road where people and children have to cross the road all the time to the more extensive activities and that was also the more the reason why we have said let's go back to the old footprint if it needs to be a smaller footprint that can be accommodated that is just a proposal that we had. If we go back to Dutchies again you go and look what alternative uses you can have on that site. And if you look at the development plan that is in the hall here at the back we did provide for children's playground and grass areas in the plan as well. The other thing about Dutchies is we retain it as is some mentioned that you do an enviro eco-centre or a education centre, that is perfect for the size of that building that is there now which could be accommodated. Or you can keep all that the umbrellas and other facilities that people use when they go to the beach as well. So from a planning point of view if you go and move the activities to Dutchies you will have to move the roadway as well with the crossing. The activity of Dutchies is currently contained in terms of its size and in terms of its exposure to the.

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Unknown person: Between Christmas and new year we were down at Dutchies a lot of people were crossing to that parking area a lot of people crossing from there would be far more than from a parking area and to slow traffic down is quite an easy thing with speed bumps. I can't quite go along with that. Plus we have hundreds of people crossing the road with potjies and braaiwood which is quite normal.

Werner Zybrands: Okay there some more discussion at the back there.

Bobby von Doring: I just want to say I agree with what Riaan said if you take Dutchies and you enlarge Dutchies the name Dutchies is going to change it won't belong to Dutchies, the Municipality will have to go out on tender again through supply chain management. At the moment as Dutchies are standing there I am one thousand percent certain that the health department will close it down every single day. It does not comply for a liquor licence it does not comply to be a restaurant that is a fact and that is law and legislation. So you must think very carefully about that one because if they enlarge it Dutchies will not be Dutchies it will have to go through supply chain management most probably with the amount of business identified moving down to voelklip that will want to go and eat there. Seen as drinking and driving you will not find Dutchies you will have a big company coming in and winning that tender.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you Bobby. Dr. De Kock?

Matthys de Kock: At the moment I just want to say when I look at it like that I would suggest that we return that back to grass or something the proposed due site the Nautilus site and then the present Dutchies I agree that it should comply with standards that is required. But the whole idea is to make that open public place a nice place to visit and it is a nice protected area from the wind and everything so most of the year a lot of the time it is ideal for the children to play there on the grass as well if they can't play on the new grass patch in front. So if you develop that thing at the back behind Dutchies. And I would also suggest that if there are any facilities available for the people that want to go and braai there or have a picnic must pay an admission fee to cover the costs and there must be security there whether it is ADT or HPP and the people must be told you cannot cross into the Milkwood area these are the areas that you can stay in. So it is like going into a well organized with clear parameters on the rules if you want to use the facilities in the public open space so I think we can control it very well so I would agree with just increasing it and improving the present Dutchies.

Werner Zybrands: Okay can we there seems to be there area more and more people leaving can I just summarise it. Yes sir.

Unknown person: The question of extending Dutchies would be a simple matter just to clip the road around the back of Dutchies to go around the back of Dutchies and out and then you could actually form an unbroken connection with the sea. Just an idea. For the town planner not a problem I think it is quite simple to do that an continuous area where it is connected from Dutchies to the sea. Unbroken no traffic no nothing. Just an idea. So what you are suggesting is to bring this road around, no just a clip....mense praat almal gelyk kan niks hoor nie. I think you can all remember when the cars went down to Dutchies parked around the Dutchies area you were either able to go to the parking area UP at the beach or at Dutchies and go back up tenth street. What has now been done about four five years ago the traffic flow has been forced to go along the back trail and I am not so sure that that is actually a good idea if you were actually to have less traffic going that way and going back up the stream again I think that would

be a very good consideration for everybody. Instead of making a u-turn here you will have parking like this instead of parking like this. And they can come out again a two way.

Werner Zybrands: It is a suggestion that we will minute.

Wendy Hofmeyer: May I just say about tourism and I appreciate about what is being said. But what I wanted to say about tourism is that I have a guest cottage which is being used a lot by overseas guests and when we talk to them about when do you come here what do you enjoy and what are you looking for they all say we don't want great big buildings and smart restaurants Europe is covered with them and so is America and what we love are little informal places, please tell us where to find those. We like coffee on the rocks we like the beach we like Dutchies on the beach we will go to marks we will go anywhere that speaks to us about South Africa and intimacy please don't send us to those great big restaurants. That is what you would create if you did what they area suggesting.

Werner Zybrands: Right any last comments at this stage? Can I just summarise then again? It seems like most of you are not in favour of the old Nautilus site being re-established, that it should rather be incorporated into the natural area. That one should revisit the possibilities of upgrading Dutchies to a proper restaurant that complies with legislation because you will have to comply with legislation there is a need for such a facility and that the lets curator ad litem it the western part of the road system there be reinvestigated to a two way road system again. There is also the suggestion of taking the road around Dutchies sort of a dogleg there that that should also be investigated. There is also the question raised by Rob that one should look at the environmental aspect rising water levels and things like that, the impact of the breach of the Klein River whether that can spill over more to the western side we should bear that also in mind. And then also the suggestion that one should look at the play park area to the traffic suggestion then incorporate some playground or equipment or area for children to be safe in that Dutchies area so that the parents can cater for their kids there as well. Ok have I summarized this fairly well is there something that I missed that we should add? The gentlemen there with the microphone.

Unknown person: I have been to Dutchies many times in the last 30 40 years.

Werner Zybrands: It has not been in existence that long sir.

Unknown person: No I mean the late proprietors and I talked to them about an edition how one could. I know it is not their property they are leasing it. But as an architect I went around the building and had a look at the eastern side of it. There is a vending place where they have soft ice and there is about seven meters before you get to the edge of the trees. You could easily extend Dutchies on that side about 7 meters even 50 percent or 65 percent of the whole-existing area could be added. And then you would probably mitigate all those problems with the toilets. The kitchen I know is incomplete too small no storage no cold rooms etc. you could do it there. Simple thank you.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you for that as well. Any other suggestions comments that you want to pass on to the Municipality and the planners. Right it seems like we have reached the end of today's discussion. First of all can I Mr. Hoogenhout?

Mr Hoogenhout: Can I just have a final input from the action group site. It is in our interest and that is why we have been working on this for a number of months on this there is a lot of money and effort in it. We wish to have every possible opportunity to ensure that undesirable

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development does not take place and it is necessary therefore that all the registered and interested and affected parties that are here present be informed speedily and in writing of the Municipalities intentions of going forward. If they decide to go ahead with certain or all the components of the Development we require written confirmation as well as a copy of the letter to province, with drawings of components concerned from the application for Environmental Authorisation. I am really really concerned that this whole idea of the Amphitheater may go ahead. We want to just make sure the Municipality confirms in writing is not going to happen and it looks like the same idea with the restaurant because everyone here seems to be against it.

Werner Zybrands: Okay can I ask can you give a copy of that to the admin. staff please the staff involved here. At this stage we have to conclude first of all I want to thank you the audience the interested and affected party I think this is the great thing about Hermanus the Overstrand area is that you have active public participation it is wonderful to see people to take time effort and really are concerned about the wonderful beautiful area that we do have. So thank you to all of you for what you have done. You have made sacrifices I know people referred to that and I think the outcome is going to be hopefully very positive. Thank you also to Charel for filling us in on the work that he has done and responding to the questions. Thank you also to the Municipal staff that will take this matter further incorporate the minutes and the ideas put forward here. And then it is on the agenda that the way forward would suggest that once they have applied their minds they have got the feedback now. I don't expect the Municipality to be put on the spot now and say what their reaction is going to be, but whatever their reaction is that this should be made known to the public what the suggested route is what they are going ahead. So that everybody who registered here will get that response from the Municipality if I can impose that on the municipality she is nodding she says that is fine. So that will indicate the way forward as well. With that then unless there is unfinished business Charel, you happy? And from the municipal staff anything from their side once again thank you to them for everything that has been done here and with this I want to conclude the meeting and say thank you to everybody here for your active participation baie dankie aan almal wat die opofferinge gemaak het. Thanks

Meeting Concluded.

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10 March 2014

Municipal Manager
Overstrand Municipality
P O Box 20
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(email : cgroenewald@overstrand.gov.za)

Dear Sir

**PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS, HERMANUS
DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13**

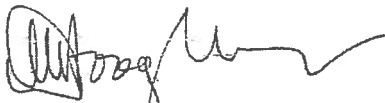
We were pleased to read in the local media that the Municipality has decided not to pursue further the development of an amphitheatre at Piet-se-Bos. In Mr Müller's letter, dated 12 February 2014, to all interested and affected parties he indicated that a "proposed amendment" to the Final BAR that "will entail rehabilitation of the wetland, no amphitheatre and a scaled down version of the proposed restaurant on the Nautilus site" will be circulated to all registered interested and affected parties and we are eagerly awaiting this document.

The Grotto Beach Action Group would like to close the book on the amphitheatre and would be pleased to receive your written confirmation that the Municipality has in fact taken a decision not to go ahead with the development of the amphitheatre. Kindly provide us also with a copy of the letter to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, confirming that the amphitheatre component is withdrawn from the original development proposal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

We thank you for the minutes of the public meeting held on 18 January 2014 which were attached to Mr Müller's letter. We may comment under separate cover on the summarized minutes and the proposed plan to erect a restaurant on the Nautilus site.

Yours faithfully



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- Copies to :
1. Ms H van der Stoep (Overstrand Municipality)
(email : hvdstoep@overstrand.gov.za)
 2. Mr C A Bruwer (Enviro Africa) (Fax : 086 513 2141)
 3. The Head of the Department: Western Cape Department of
Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
(email : Pieter.vanZyl@pgwc.gov.za)
 4. Mr Carel Hofmeyer (email : carel@dhmlaw.co.za)

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Geagte Heer/Dame,

OPGRADERING VAN PIET-SE-BOS EN OMGEWING

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Hanneen van der Stoep - OVERSTAND LETTER from 6, 10-th Avenue, Voelklip - REMOVAL OF AMPHITHEATRE PROPOSAL

From:
To:
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CC: , ,

Dear Annene,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday about the defunct Amphitheatre development. It is pleasing that you advised the development was not going to go ahead based on the many objections from the public meeting.

I look forward to the new 'BAR', as you refer to in your letter of 12 February 2014 confirming the removal of the amphitheatre from improvement proposals. As I highlighted, we didn't receive any documentation throughout this process although living in the immediate vicinity therefore I appreciate the fact that you will ensure we get everything this time by email and registered mail.

The owners details are as follows:

Owner: THE EDEN COURT TRUST
Represented by: Mr Nazeem Ebrahim

Physical Address: No. 6, 10th (Tenth) Avenue, Voelklip, Hermanus, [Corner 10th and 11th Avenue]
Email Address: pa.nazeem@oasiscrescent.com; and Nazeem@oasiscrescent.com
Telephone: 021 413 7872

We expect that we will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to peruse and comment on same. This must be able to give us an understanding of what it is that still is going to take place. Considering that you plan to send out the document imminently, per my understanding of our telephone call, I am eagerly looking forward to preparing a response because as an interested and affected party I too want to see the matter reach finality and protect the interests of property owners'.

I perused the minutes which I do understand are in summary form. We commented that there had been a lack of consideration for property values, implications on the vested rights of property owners, and the fact that the underprivileged members of our community use the facilities during various times of the year. The disruption caused by an amphitheatre would far outweigh any current disturbances. Our points were not minuted and we want this to be recorded.

The project has effectively been shelved so we wish to fully participate to ensure that is concluded formally and that we can move on.

I must at this stage thank you and the relevant people at the Overstand Municipality for making this change in decision and now we look forward to seeing this put into action.

I await the necessary documents. Can you kindly confirm receipt of this email

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Ef 4771, Hermanus

Attention: HANNEEN VAN DER STOEP
 Senior Town Planner
 Overstrand Municipality
 Hermanus

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Dear Ms van der Stoep,

Thank you for the documentation regarding Piet se Bos and the Grotto picnic site.

Hermanus being one of South Africa's premier holiday destinations, it is encouraging that the Municipality and other organisations recognize the need to care for and promote sites of particular beauty and interest. Coastal forest habitat, caves and grottos, like the Piet se Bos system, offer visitors a unique experience; I suspect, though, that the lack of security in the forests is a problem that needs to be addressed and is the principal reason that few people venture through these magnificent areas.

The purpose of this email is to commend the Municipality for its efforts, and to offer suggestions that may be helpful in conserving and upgrading the sites.

THE GROTTTO PICNIC SITE

The site already possesses outstanding features: a prime location, being right next to a world class beach, a large area of land easily accessible and relatively easy to work, a steady supply of water, exceptional views of the mountains and surrounding forests.

The Views.

From ground level the views of the mountains and forests are superb, however, when observed from the top of the cliffs, above the grottos, the views are really remarkable, stretching from the mountains, across to Gansbaai, over the sea, and towards the town itself.

The aerial boardwalk, of course, provides a unique vehicle from which to observe views as well as natural life at canopy level. The authorities at Dhlizna Forest, KwaZulu-Natal, were the first in South Africa to install an aerial boardwalk in a forest, in this case a coastal forest, which has proved to be a big attraction and an exciting way for children to learn about and get involved with the natural habitat.

The Land.

At the moment, the land is flat, featureless, and shadeless – in midsummer, hot.

An ideal picnic-braai site certainly needs to be shaded, grassed, and possess interesting features –

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boulders, mounds, small hills. A river would be a real bonus.

The Grotto Stream.

Happily, there is a stream, which, courtesy of the mountains, supplies a constant flow of water. Throughout the hottest months it never seems to dry up. Harnessing the water by means of a weir located where the stream runs through the elevated part of the forest would provide the pressure for irrigating lawns and fast growing indigenous trees and shrubs.

Besides its irrigation function, the river is a thing of beauty.

When redirected so that it winds and meanders through the picnic area down to the Piet se Bos forest and exits onto Grotto Beach, the stream would present an aesthetic addition of note to the site.

The Site.

When fill is required for landscaping the site, it may be possible to utilise the rubble that has been exposed by heavy rains at the mouth of the lagoon and at the same time get rid of this eyesore.

PIET SE BOS

The forest provides a unique, almost prehistoric, experience, and it is fortunate that it has survived relatively unscathed. It is such a rare treasure and any greatly increased traffic through the area will create conservation problems. Besides security and patrolling measures, boardwalks help control vandalism.

Security and Guarding.

The presence of guards obviously gives visitors a sense of security and acts as a deterrent to those intent on harming the environment; to be really effective guards need to be visible all the time.

At the Victoria Falls, guards are strategically placed – from what I observed they are spaced in a line-of-sight formation – and in contact with each other.

Guarding, perhaps, also presents an opportunity to include another function of real benefit to visitors and overseas tourists not familiar with Cape flora, fauna and topography: guards, as well as working in their official guarding capacity, could conceivably also be trained to act as providers of information about plants, animals and other interesting features of the forest (and grottos). This would make their job far more interesting, too, and rewarding, visitors being encouraged (by means of notices on noticeboards at the entrances) to make a financial contribution in return for the information received. A rewarding job would hopefully induce friendly and cheerful behaviour, such an important requisite in the drive to attract big spenders, foreign tourists especially.

Boardwalks.

Boardwalk proposal (a system of boardwalks linked to the footpath network to further increase the range of hiking experiences already provided by the seafront paths): - access at the approach to the Grotto parking bay area, the system branching off the existing concrete footpath, passing over the tarred road by means of a footbridge with viewing platform, then dividing on reaching the forest, an elevated walkway forming the aerial forest boardwalk which would follow the contour of the forested area above the picnic site, and the lower divide forming the ground level boardwalk that would pass along the front of the grottos and cliff faces, and ultimately linking up with the existing boardwalk at the entrance to Piet se Bos; the boardwalk system extending through Piet se Bos, possibly also being elevated in sections, and exiting from the east corner, bridging the tarred road,

crossing the wetland area and meeting the lagoon shoreline, then bridging the lagoon road, and finally linking up with the Fernkloof mountain trail near Vogelgat.

Funding.

Funding appears to be forthcoming from companies such as SAPPI, which financed the Dhlinsi boardwalks; to find partners in the private sector willing to tackle a project of this type, and ensure the sites are properly maintained once the project has been completed, seems to be a possibility based on the results of the KwaZulu-Natal partnership that was established.

Yours sincerely,

Rowland Hill

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Navrae:
Enquiries: H van der Stoep (Senior Town Planner)

Lêerverwysing:
File Reference: Grotto

Datum:
Date: 5 May 2014

TOWN PLANNING / STADSBEPLANNING
HERMANUS

Sarel Bruwer (Snr)

By Hand

Dear Sir

RE: AMENDMENT OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The following information is relevant in the amendment of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR):

- The proposed Amphitheatre is not a viable proposition and is therefore removed from the proposed development.
- The rehabilitation of the wetland and creation of a boardwalk is still part of the application.
- The braai and picnic area is still part of the application
- The restaurant has been scaled down to the following development parameters:

Height: Single storey (6,170m)

Seating: 108 people

The building is elevated to accommodate global warming.

The Driftwood Den as per building plan: 1986

Height: Single storey

Seating: 101 people

Nautilus as per approved building plan: 1997

Height: 7,4m (2 storeys)

Seating 198 people

The first approved building plan was in 1981 for minor amendment to an existing tea room. Aerial Photographs indicate the restaurant in existence since 1987. The proposed restaurant will have less of an impact than previous buildings and is located on the area where previous restaurants were built.

The present Dutchies (restaurant) was never designed as a restaurant and does not have proper facilities associated with a restaurant. The building was designed as a shop and would revert back to its original design and land use or be used as storage or for an area where Law Enforcement officials can be accommodated.

The upgrading of the Grotto Beach area is essential to enhance and ensure continued Blue Flag status and to preserve the wetland area within an urbanized setting.

Yours faithfully

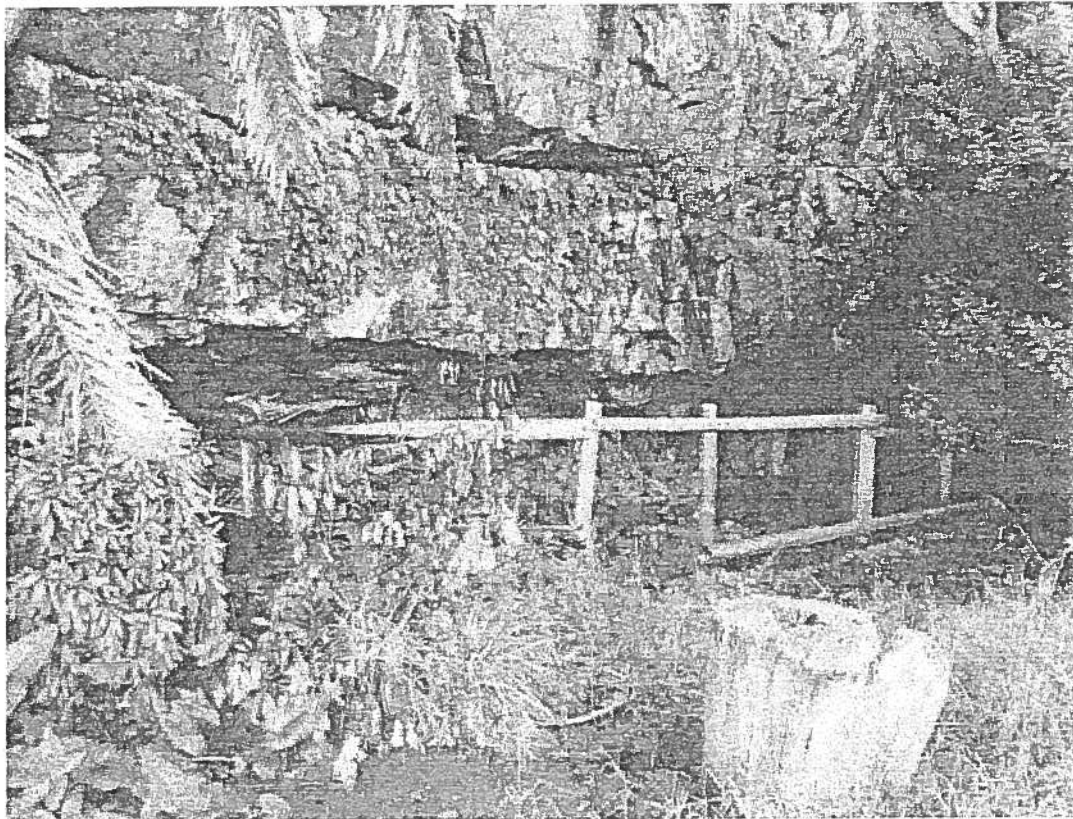
Haneen van der Stoep
SNR TOWN PLANNER

APPENDIX G

SPECIALIST REPORTS

FRESHWATER IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE
PIET SE BOS WETLAND, GROTTTO BEACH, HERMANUS

MAY 2013



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Project number: P058-Apr13 (BlueScience)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Overstrand Local Municipality is considering the potential to re-develop the Piet se Bos (Grotto Beach) area. It is their intention to upgrade and develop Piet se Bos (Grotto) area by means of establishing a restaurant, open air theatre and the partial rehabilitation of the degraded wetland system. The proposal has triggered various environmental requirements that need to be addressed in order to ensure sustainable development.

A landscape plan is proposed for the development of the site. The proposed re-development of the Piet se Bos area provides an ideal opportunity to restore some of the lost functionality of the original wetland and to formalise the protection of remnants of the wetland areas. It is however unrealistic to expect that the full functionality of the original wetland area would be restored to its original condition prior to the infilling of the current picnic area. The objective should be to create a diversity of wetland habitats that would allow for improved wetland ecosystem functionality while being aesthetically pleasing and being aligned to the Municipality's development plan.

The existing remnant wetland area has been assessed and its habitat integrity and functionality determined. In this context, specific conditions have been provided to ensure that the implementation of the proposed development plan is done in such a way as to ensure that the restoration and rehabilitation of a portion of the original wetland area is optimised in a sustainable way. It should also be recognised that this rehabilitation work will need to be undertaken in a phased and progressive manner that is responsive to the wetland's recovery.

The final 'on-site' design will be informed by the opportunities that are exposed once clearing and excavation commences, additionally following the flooding of the re-established wetland area. This, together with exposure of the soil-substrates, will inform the planting and features plan for the wetland.

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