

MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st January, 2009
At 17h30 at MIDS Office, Main Road, Muizenberg

1. **Present:**

John Cartwright - Chairman
 Nicolas Edwards
 Truida Prekel
 Melany Bendix
 Arno Erasmus
 Dave D'alton - Manager
 Demetri Qually - Councillor

Contractors and/or Visitors

Adrian Theron - Mountain Men, Emil Rorke
 Mesdames K Sinclair; H Ford; E Milne; M van Lennup; J Hitchins; and
 A Hendricks;
 Messrs P Wright; D Keogh and M Jennings

2. **Apologies:**

Sandy Crossley and Mike Romyn – Board Members
 Mr and Mrs Dugmore – Visitors

Item		ACTION
3	<i>Welcome</i>	
	John Cartwright welcomed Board Members and Visitors – he explained the first half hour of meeting was open to all Members thereafter members could remain by merely as observers. He explained that the next meeting would be only for Board Members as it would be the task of these members to go through CV's.	
	<i>Input from MID Community Members</i>	
(a)	A Hendricks started by thanking the Board for what they do and for the opportunity of the open session. However, she was concerned that member's money was being spent by appointing 2 people for work, which should be undertaken by the Manager. Re Security, Cleansing and Public Relations. She felt that these positions were unnecessary.	
(b)	Further, A Hendricks was concerned that the street children were also feeling "pinch" and were stalking people; she requested that a shelter venue be found closer to the one that is at present in use. She offered her services in this task and JC accepted her services. D Qually is supportive of finding better venue. JC expressed concern over center itself and undertook, together with DD, to have meeting with Homestead. It was suggested Homestead should be	JC/DD/AH

	open all day instead of half-day.	
(c)	<p>As far as advertised posts are concerned, JC advised that the Board had to evolve and one of the best ways of doing this is to employ a PR for communication purposes between community and the Board. He felt that people in the community were unaware of what is being done. He advised that the cost of running the MIDS office was 29% of the budget. NE advised that the incumbent would have to be computer literate; liaise with media to bolster Muizenberg and would be offered 3 x 3 month contract.</p> <p>AH requested that the above be put in writing to the community and was still unconvinced that Muizenberg needed a PR.</p>	DD
(d)	<p>A visitor from overseas who visits Muizenberg for 4 months of the year attended meeting. She congratulated the Board on a job well done, since last she was here, there is a marked improvement. However, when walking around the village (Palmer Road), she is amazed at the new “arts” ventures that have sprung up. Her request is for a “La Muse”, related to the Arts. She mentioned The Melting Pot, which provided a platform for excellent artists (music). If a Foundation were set up there would be funds available for non-profit organizations. Needs to have a volunteer to lead such a project.</p> <p>At this stage D Keogh thanked the Board for the progress that has been made in keeping streets clean and the work they are doing behind the scenes.</p> <p>K Sinclair, who was one of those who started the renaissance of Muizenberg, was happy with the way things are going and reiterated the fact that it was difficult to get people who are enthusiastic to volunteer their services. She did however request that the Board consider expanding the Improvement District. There are pros and cons to this and needs to be investigated.</p> <p>E Milne advised that the Neighbourhood Watch was doing well.</p>	
(e)	<p>M van Lennup at this stage, advised the meeting that she felt uncomfortable about Mr Dugmore sending out a petition, unsigned to members of the community, she takes umbrage to this and felt that if there is a complaint, he should attend the meeting and complain and not go behind the Boards back. She did however request dates of Board Meetings so community is aware of dates.</p>	
4	<i>Minutes and Matters Arising</i>	
	<p>JC advised that Minutes of meeting held on 10th December were correct. He thanked M Montgomery for taking minutes.</p> <p>D Qually queried whether the new Management Committee of JC</p>	JC/NE/MB

	and 2 Directors have met. JC advised that 2 Directors need to be elected and N Edwards and M Bendix with Mike Romyn acting as Alternative was elected. A meeting will be set up for the middle of February. Confirmed that budget of R2 000 per month was approved for new Management Committee.	
5	<i>Security Report</i>	
	<p>DQ requested that a written Security Report be made available to Board Members a day before the Meetings. AT agreed to this.</p> <p>AT has confirmed that the problems are still Church and Alexander Road. He notified meeting that the reason he was late was due to the fact that the Mountain Men had arrested a Congolese man dealing in drugs on Boyes Drive – selling to a white man. He advised that he and Emil have a plan for Alexander and Church Roads. The purchase of CCTV cameras was once again raised. AT feels that the cameras should be monitored in their control room which would mean additional staff to monitor the cameras as this job would not be undertaken by the MM. M Romyn put in request for CCTV ER to follow up. Fish Hoek have been running CCTV very successfully and DQ requested that DD examine Fish Hoek procedure. DQ also felt that it should be linked to the City Network Task Force.</p> <p>The point was made that foreigners are not being targeted but rather criminals. Task team consisting of DD, ER, MR and NE to co-ordinate meeting when all information is available.</p> <p>AE asked that JC speak to the Mountain Men about their attitude towards community. JC and DD would speak to AT.</p>	<p>ER</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD/ER.MR/NE</p> <p>JC/DD</p>
	<p>ER advised that he is not prepared to issue reports on security/crime issues as they are highly confidential and even e-mails need to be monitored.</p> <p>Sacks Building – owner is Mr Flax – he is not prepared to meet with anyone and ER requested a letter be sent to him or his Attorney, signed by JC – ER to provide JC with details.</p> <p>16-18 Church Road has been fenced – owner willing to do anything to improve the property. ER to obtain keys from Agent.</p> <p>Don Pepe – Owner Achmed has been contacted, has 2 months to respond.</p> <p>29 Church Street – Mr Chou has been handed letter.</p> <p>Coastal Lodge – ER has meeting with Arnie Miller, owner.</p>	<p>ER/JC</p>

	<p>Bonray Court – Mr Chou – building should be vacant but is not – and residents who have been approached say they are not trespassing as they have been given permission to be on premises.</p> <p>ER advised that Metro Police are not attending weekly Wednesday meetings being held at Muizenberg SAP. He advised that the meetings are very productive.</p> <p>The question of Ben and Annie was raised and DQ advised that they have been given a room to stay but they need to be in rehabilitation centre.</p>	
6	Financial Reports	
	DD advised that an amount of R11 000 for petty cash was due to the fact that bonuses were paid in December.	
7	Review of 2009/2010 Budget	
	<p>MB requested the MID increase levies by 2% from 8% to 10%. This was turned down. DQ advised that MIDS were in one-third of 3 year cycle and they should renew the Mandate with Council to continue. He confirmed that the budget was not realistic – salaries were inadequate, repairs and maintenance should have a figure and the Audit Fees have gone up to R24 000. AE said that he would see if this figure can be reduced. Insurance and Alarm System fees to be included and marketing was far too little to promote village.</p> <p>MB excused herself at this stage. DD is to confirm budgeting strategy with Council. AE and DD to re-look at budget to try to rebalance budget.</p>	<p>AE</p> <p>DD/AE</p>
8	Appointments	
	Meeting to meet 1 st week in February. Sub-Committee to meet on Friday, 30 th January at 13.00 to make up short list. DD to provide light lunch.	DD
	Short list to com for interviews on Thursday, 5 th February at 16.30 – all members of Board to be present.	All
9	Other Business	
	DD advised that he had received a call from Gary Wentworth advising him of the forthcoming Muizenberg Festival to be held on 28 th February and also requested some funding. DD advised him that there is a film shoot on the same day that cannot be cancelled. DD is to take the matter further.	DD
10	Date of Next Meeting: To be advised	

The meeting closed at 20h15.

SIGNED: **DATE:**.....

