

CUTLER COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held at 18:00 on Monday 19 April 2010 at the NG Kerk, Corner Lighthouse and Donegal Roads, Fynnlands

Present (as per attendance register)

Ms Tara Aver (TA)	Resident
Mr Ronnie Chetty (RC)	Metro Water
Mr Carlos Esteves (CE)	eThekwini Transport Authority
Mr Derek Heale (DH)	Resident
Mr John Jones (JJ)	Engen
Mr Fanie Joubert (FJ)	Island View Storage
Ms Maureen King (MK)	Resident
Mr Carl Knauff (CK)	CBCO
Mr Pakade Mchunu (PM)	eThekwini Fire Dept
Ms Carla Manion (CM)	Vopak
Ms Gillian Marnewick (GM)	Island View Storage
Mr Ronnie Muruven (RM)	SAPREF
Mr Zibuse Ngcece (ZN)	eThekwini Fire Dept
Ms Desiree Ogle (DO)	Fynnland Senior Primary
Mr Peter Roberts (PR)	eThekwini Municipality
Ms Margaret Rowe (MR)	SAPREF
Mr Boet Stemmet (BS)	Resident
Ms Namu Thambiran (NT)	Engen

Secretariat

Mr Rod Bulman (RB)	Phelamanga Projects
Ms Carine Jones (CJ)	Phelamanga Projects

ACTION

1. WELCOME

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted:

Ms Lynn Erasmus
Mr Billy Keeves
Ms Lindiwe Khuzwayo
Mr Velephi Manzini
Mr Pegggy Naidoo
Ms Monika Renier
Mr Mark Te Water

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The proposed agenda was accepted as follows.

- ◆ Opening, Welcome and Introductions
- ◆ Apologies
- ◆ Acceptance of Agenda
- ◆ Purpose and Format of meeting
- ◆ Minutes of 25 January 2010 and confirmation thereof
- ◆ Matters arising from the minutes not covered below
- ◆ Odour Complaints
- ◆ Roads & Truck Staging
- ◆ Emergency Response

ACTION

- ◆ Any other business
- ◆ Dates of meetings for 2010

4. PURPOSE AND FORMAT OF MEETING

The scope and format of the meeting were restated as follows.

4.1. Scope of meeting

- To discuss issues, originating from the Cutler Complex, of interest to the immediate community around Island View.
- These issues include odour complaints, transport or traffic matters, health related issues and emergency communication.
- The aim is to pro-actively engage between the Community, Industry and the Municipality on issues affecting the Community.

4.2. Agreed format

- Quarterly
- Public meeting
 - Word of mouth
 - Newspaper advertisements. This time we agreed that we would advertise in the Southlands Sun.
- Meetings to focus on genuine issues
- Timing: from 18h00-20h00
- Venue easily accessible
- Attendees to submit issues prior to the meeting
- Agenda to cover agreed topics

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2010 AND CONFIRMATION THEREOF

The minutes were then duly signed as a true reflection of the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Odour Complaints to SDCEA

CK reported that he was not aware of any.

6.2 Cancer Surveillance

- CK had asked Dr Minders to send him a medical report in this regard. Not received yet. In the absence of Dr Minders it was agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

6.3 Attendance by Residents

- RB apologised for the error in the content of the advert placed in the Southlands Sun. It was noted that the advert had not brought any new participants to this meeting.

7. ODOUR STATISTICS

7.1. Statistics February 2010 – April 2010

The following was submitted by Mr P Roberts of City Health

COMPANY	Feb	Mar	Apr
Vopak	0	0	0
IVS	0	0	0
Engen Island View	0	0	2
Sapref Island View	0	0	0
Unknown	4	4	0

CJ to keep on agenda

ACTION

PR apologised for not attending the previous meeting. With regard to the 2 reports attributed to Engen Island View that on 8 April was due to the ship "Rainbow" and on 11 April the "Wappen Von Bremen". He suspected it was Engen and apologised for not giving the company time to respond.

PR asked the meeting to forgive him with regards to the unknowns. He explained that some unknowns occur but by the time he arrives on site, the smell has already gone.

The question was raised as to whether any instruments were used other than the senses. PR answered that the nose was a very good means of detection and if more than ten people complain then he sends off samples but can only do this if there are sufficient sample canisters available.

The reports of benzene odour problems in Turner Street were now right down, and the company was taking responsibility, realising that environmental issues were very important.

7.2. Odour Complaints

7.2.1 Vapour return facilities at companies

PR stated this had been an idea for discussion, but that no project was envisaged. After discussion it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

CJ to remove from agenda

8. ROADS AND TRUCK STAGING

RB reported that in order to address the problems on the Bluff with heavy vehicles a letter had been written to eThekweni Municipality, and later to the Ministers and MECs responsible for Transport and Public Enterprises. A letter of response had been received from Dr Sutcliffe and copies thereof were available as handouts. RB thanked Mr Sutcliffe for his response. He welcomed Mr Esteves presence at the meeting and asked for him to give feedback where possible.

8.1. Report by C Esteves of ETA

CE reported as follows:

1. A **joint working group** between the Port and the Municipality had been formed.
2. The **staging area off Island View** was on track.
3. There is a dispute on who owns the road, with the Port trying to take ownership of it.
4. **Cato Ridge** was being investigated as a holding area for early arrivals of container lorries. This would require a sophisticated communication methodology between the port and the holding area for lorries. 3 sites are being looked at to deal with the rail traffic between Cato Ridge and Gauteng. One, which would route rail traffic via Richards Bay, was in the North near the new airport. Commuter rail are short of slots on the tracks and are fighting for their space. ETA was setting up a model where all roads in the area had been plotted. Scenario plans had been completed. CE said that he would have brought the Cato Ridge Plan but this was not possible due to confidentiality and setting precedents.
5. CE reported that a **more structured presentation** would be made at the next meeting.
6. **Restrictions.** Apart from logistics, businesses in the Bluff area required trucks. As a local authority, they could put up reasonable restrictions. This would have to not be prejudicial or it could be challenged in court. Enforcement was quite difficult.
7. **Physical restraints** had safety issues. ETA had a legal and technical team evaluating the situation to allow for them to impose physical constraints. All trucks have the same height limitations. A professional team is working through the process with public participation.
8. Looking at possibility of **separating traffic**. Dedicated corridor which would be freight specific which will not interfere with commuter roads. This option had

- financial and land use implications.
9. RB was asked to send copy of letter to CE so that he can highlight the issues that need his response.

ACTION
RB to send copy of Sutcliffe letter to CE

8.2. Specific questions/issues raised

The following questions/issues were raised with a request for a response from the City.

- Heavy trucks entering the Bluff.
- Movement of heavies in Edwin Swales.
- Edwin Swales and Bayhead used as a container depot.
- Opposite the Bayhead link on Edwin Swales is the only link for residents to get off the Bluff. Another container depot had just opened up which was congesting Edwin Swales even further. Bylaws were in place and were being violated. Where were the complaints going to? Did the operator have documentation giving him permission? CE stated that this is known as Lot 401, which had been created by illegally opening and entrance through the palisade fence. Although illegal, CE said he would have to consult as all that land was historically port land. The operators at Lot 401 had agreed to resurface it to reduce dust and a control point had been put in. This was a difficult issue and CE asked the Forum to bear with eThekweni. He would try to bring information and the relevant officials to the next meeting. It was important to note that the land is owned by Transnet who cedes it to various business units. This was a complex issue which CE had been working on for 18 months now. The difficulty is that they are operating within their zoning and within their rights. Costs R7 billion – national asset and needs roleplayers on board.

RB asked that if any members had any thoughts or comments, to please pass them on to Phelamanga Projects who would forward onto CE for his comment.

All to submit questions for ETA to Phelamanga

9. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

9.1. Update on development of emergency response from Metro Fire.

Representatives of the eThekweni Fire Department reported that work would commence on the Plan in July, directly after the World Cup.

It was noted that meeting with SDCEA and MTW had taken place eight months previously and no response to date had been forwarded to this meeting. Representatives of the eThekweni Fire Department undertook to report this to their superiors.

PM, ZN to request progress on Plan

10. ATTENDANCE BY RESIDENTS

The question was raised as to whether it was worth placing another advert in the local newspaper? It was agreed that we would do another placement, however make it larger as the recent advert may have been overlooked due to its placement in the paper.

RB to draft advert and place

It was suggested that an advert be dropped off at the school so that notices could be put into homework books.

CJ to send advert to school

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

For information purposes, Engen reported that they were busy with the EIA process for two projects, both currently in the scooping phase and would be available for comment.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates set for future meetings are as follows:

- Monday 23 August 2010 **Post meeting note: Date for the meeting scheduled for 23 August has now been changed to 16 August 2010.**
25 October 2010

