Lake Brenton Residents Association (LBRA)

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 24 February 2026
Time: 16h30
Venue: 8 Ridgewood Close, Brenton on Lake

Present: Deon Joubert (Chair), Tony Geldenhuys, Corinne Geldenhuys, Colin Burns, Cameron Klement, Picca de Bruin, Sharon Pyle
Apologies: Lawrence Coates

Deon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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1. Communications

1.1 Welcome Pack

- Positive feedback received on the 1-pager and Welcome Pack.
- Welcome Pack to be sent to all new residents. **(All)**

1.2 Newsletter

- To be distributed by **7 March**.
- Picca to provide content from her report.
- Corinne to compile and distribute.

1.3 Database

- Lydia updating Lake Brenton Estate information and will forward to Colin.
- Colin to share the database link with the committee.

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2. Suburb Team Leaders

Committee members to approach the following residents regarding co-option as Team Leaders:

- **Lake Brenton Estate & Ridgewood:** Colin
- **Brenton Park:** (Tony/Colin)
- **The Woods:** (Corinne/Deon)
- **The Village:** (Deon)

Purpose of Team Leaders

- Maintain updated household information for disaster/emergency management (elderly, disabled, assistance required).
- Identify residents able to assist during emergencies (medical, electricians, plumbers, engineers, pilots, etc.).
- Encourage households to join LBRA.
- Provide Welcome Pack once confirmed.

3. Projects

3.1 Community Bring & Braai

- **Date:** Friday, 13 March
- **Time:** 17h00 (fires lit from 16h30)
- **Venue:** The Shed
- Corinne to advertise on social media and blackboard.
- Fundraiser for Community Wildlife & Conservation Boards:
    - Pancakes at R10 (Deon's wife).
    - Donations to be encouraged. (All)

3.2 Project Suggestions (Lawrence)

- Water tanks at the Shed - Glenn Polly – Proposal: (Deon to assess feasibility).
- Road Signs Clean Up - Picca de Bruin
- Jetty Upgrade - Arno vd Merwe (Tony).
- Brenton Boulle Pitch – Jan Labuschagne
- Yellow Tree Initiative – Hil Aubert
- Shed Flood Lights – Colin Burns
- Tyre Path from Dolly Raats to Dolphin – Colin Burns
- Completed projects to display LBRA signage.
- Lawrence to create a formal project tracking list (Project / Responsibility / Budget / Deadline).

3.3 Part-Time Maintenance

- Maintenance person to be employed as needed.
- Brush cutter and blower purchased (stored at Shed).
- Worker identifiable by LBRA T-shirt.
- Vegetation to be cleared around all signage in Brenton on Lake.

3.4 Talks (Proposed)

- Dirk (SC Fire Association) – Fire protocols & flooding.
- Western Conservancy.
- Evacuation planning.

3.5 Infrastructure & Signage

- Slipway light adjustment – Lawrence.
- Solar light at end of jetty – Lawrence.
- Conservation area sign – Quote obtained (Deon). Funded via Bring & Braai.
- Snake Board – In printing; Lawrence to erect.
- Loerie signs – Alternative quote (Deon).

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4. Disaster Management & Emergency Planning

- Website review by **6 March** (Tony, Deon).
- Updated emergency information to be posted on social media (Corinne).
- Evacuation Plan to be reviewed every 6 months (Full Committee).
- Shed emergency equipment maintenance – 6 March (Deon).
- Emergency exits (Belvidere & Brentons): Discussions ongoing; residents to be informed once finalized (Deon).

Fire Planning (pending Team Leader appointments)

- LBRA Fire Teams (Tony – carry forward).
- Suburb Fire Teams (Tony – carry forward).
- Fire Team responsibilities (Tony – carry forward).

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5. Parks & Roads

- Municipality brush-cutting occurs every 2 months (subject to delays).
- Schedule provided to committee; Corinne to upload to website.
- Tony engaging EPWP to clean village verges and Dolly Raats.
- Photo of parks employees required for newsletter (Corinne).
- LBRA contributes R200/month for maintenance of lookouts along Western Conservancy (arranged by Brenton on Sea).

Speed Bumps

- Tony has approached multiple officials (Hilton, Local Infrastructure, Municipal Manager, Mayor, Anton Bredell) without success; pursuing alternative approach.

Potholes

- Deon investigating "Adopt-a-Pothole" initiative.

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6. Shed

- Deon & Cameron to conduct stock take and assess equipment condition.
- Deon to liaise with Ken regarding handover or continued support.

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7. Associations

7.1 Southern Cape Fire Protection Association

- Approved annual donation of R1,000 (for firebreak maintenance).
- Larger fires funded by major landowners (Investec, PG Bison, SAPPI).
- Suggestion: LBRA assists with evacuation of people/animals; firefighters focus on containment.

7.2 Western Heads Association

- Requesting monthly contribution.
- Tony & Deon to arrange meeting.

7.3 Owls (Community Patrol)

- Cameron to confirm WhatsApp group updated.
- Two additional patrollers required – Corinne to advertise.

7.4 Cape Nature

- Picca attended meeting.
- Concerns: (hunting dogs and snares in Buffels, Sedgefield & Brenton on Sea.) Reports of Sight breed hunting dogs depleting Salt River & Knysna Heights of wildlife.
- Residents to report suspicious activity.

7.5 Infrastructure – Western Heads

- Deon met with Belvidere & Brenton on Sea Chairpersons regarding infrastructure and water shortages.
- Deon attended municipal meeting (JHOC coordinator presenting).
- Current municipal strategy: boreholes (no budget for dam investment).
- Three Western Heads chairpersons to attend council meetings jointly.
- Next council meeting: 2 March.

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8. Finance

- Bank balance: R138,931
- Levies:
    - 101 homes paid.
    - 56 additional payments from Brenton Lake Estate.
- Committee members to submit proposed budgets to Colin.
- Tony to meet with Colin regarding current budgets.

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9. Wildlife

- Builders to maintain clean sites and remove hazardous materials (wires, etc.).
- Picca indicated intention to step down after 8 years once replacement is found.
    - Role includes liaison with vets.
    - Management of deceased wildlife removal.

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10. General

- Speeding/Aggravated Disturbances: Protocol to be drafted and distributed (Cameron).
- Objection paper for Mr Naidoo facility – submissions due by **16 March** (Deon).
- Appreciation to Lawrence & Elaine for cleaning Lake Brenton signage.

- Cameron to obtain camera location list from John Hoffman.
- IDP submission due Wednesday (Deon):
    - Priorities: Sewerage (1), Stormwater, Roads, Boreholes, Water.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 31 March 2026 at 16h30**