



1. Inleiding / Introduction

Geagte Stilbaai inwoner/huis eienaar,

Welkom by die eerste nuusbrieff wat deur die Stilbaai Gemeenskapsforum (SGF) uitgereik word.

Die samesmelting van die Inwoners Vereniging Stilbaai-Oos (IVSO) met die Stilbaai Belangeforum (SBF) het tot gevolg gehad dat ons 'n nuwe naam vir die nuwe entiteit moes kry. Daar is besluit op die naam Stilbaai Gemeenskapsforum (SGF) / Stilbaai Community Forum (SCF). Ons het ook besluit om in pas te bly met tegnologie en alle administrasie sal voortaan in digitale formaat wees.

This newsletter aims to provide members of the Stilbaai Community Forum with an update on the Forum's activities over the past three months.

This year, we have a new chairperson, Martin Groenewald. He has taken over from Gustav Radloff, who has served the forum unselfishly for the past 12 years. Although he is still a valued member of the committee, we thanked him for his service as chairperson with a committee (with partners) dinner. He plays a valuable role by making sure that we stay within the legal confines of the actions we take.

Sadly, we lost Dr Pieter van Rooyen, who passed away in April. We will miss his input and contributions.

For most of last year the forum, under the guidance of Rachel Wall, spent time aligning its actions with our mission of serving the community. This was finalized into four themes:

- Marketing and Communication – Marketing the forum and improving our communication of what we do to members and the general community
- Empowerment – Input into future development and direction of the municipality and specific regarding Stilbaai and the greater Stilbaai area
- Oversight – Monitoring compliance of annual budgets, Spatial Development Plan etc
- Collaboration – Contacting other organizations within Stilbaai, Hessequa Municipality, Garden Route District Municipality and other community-based organizations.

Within these four themes we have settled on the following portfolios to achieve our vision

- Marketing and Communication
- Waste Management
- Environment
- Finance
- Roads and Traffic
- Electricity
- Water
- Land Use

Daar was 'n paar bedankings uit die forum, maar ons het nuwe lede gekoöpteer wat die visie van die Forum ondersteun en wat ook kundiges in sommige van die portefeuljes is. [Klik hier om die Forumkomiteelede te sien](#). Die volgende is areas waarby ons betrokke was en waarmee ons steeds besig is:



2. Rivieroewer erosie en herstelwerk aan paadjies.



Sedert einde verlede jaar werk ons saam met die munisipaliteit aan moontlike maniere om verdere erosie van die rivieroewers te voorkom. Ons het begin met die herstel van die paadjie naby Hulle-restaurant. Sommige van die erosie van die rivieroewer spruit uit die gemeenskap wat by nie-aangewese plekke in die wal afaan en sodoende die plantegroei vernietig en onbeskernde gebiede agterlaat wat maklik weggespoel word en die wal laat ineenstort.



3. Fonteintjie Pathway and Staircase

A request was made to Hessequa Municipality via the Forum to repair and upgrade the damage to the Fonteintjie Pathway that was damaged by high seas and tides a while back.

With the assistance of a local expert in harbours and marine coastal matters, Dr Andre Van Tonder, who advised HESSEQUA MUNICIPALITY, the damaged gabions have been replaced and the pathway repaired.



4. Melkhoutfontein Stortingsterrein

Ons werk koorsagtig aan die afvalbestuur van die Melkhoutfontein-stortingsterrein. Hierdie terrein het 'n beperkte lewensduur en daarom moet ons as die gemeenskap maniere vind om die lewensduur daarvan te verleng.

Opsies word met die Hessequa-munisipaliteit bespreek en hoewel vordering stadig is, is die kommunikasielyne oop. Een belangrike aspek is dat ons as gemeenskap, insluitend ook die groot aantal besighede, daarop moet fokus om volumes afval deur herwinning te verminder, en ons is gelukkig dat Hessequa Munisipaliteit met Henque Waste gekontrakteer het om so 'n diens te lewer.



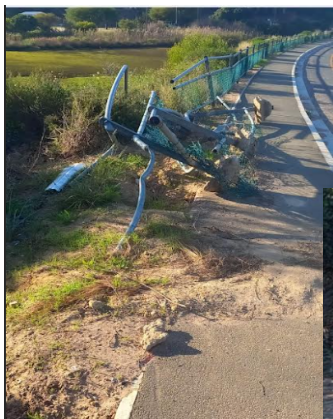
5. Fish waste from fishing harbour

The managing of fish waste from our fishing harbour has been a problem for many years, mainly due to its volume and stench. Interventions by the forum and Hessequa Municipality to try to find solutions have been unsuccessful over many years. However, great progress has now been made by the harbour authorities in that fish offal from fishing boats landing at the harbour is collected by the fisheries office, frozen, and delivered to a company (Afro) in Mossel Bay for processing into fish meal.

6. Hessequa Begrotings

In die verlede het ons insette tot die Hessequa Munisipaliteit se begrotings gemaak. Ons probeer nou deelneem deur meer insette te probeer lewer in die vroeë stadiums van begroting vir die volgende finansiële jaar. Dit is nogal 'n intense aktiwiteit wat baie werk en toewyding verg.

7. Repairs to R305



Serious damage was done to the railings on the R305 (road from N2 to Stilbaai) near the turn off to the kennels. Numerous requests were made to have it repaired but with little response.

As this road is a provincial road the Forum eventually contacted the mayor of the Garden Route District Municipality, Andrew Stroebel (former speaker of the Hessequa Municipality Council). Thanks to his prompt intervention the repairs were done within days.



8. Paaie

Ons het almal verkeersopeenhopings ervaar tydens vakansietye en al hoe meer gereeld gedurende nie-vakansieperiodes. Die forum het met die Hessequa-munisipaliteit vergader om beskikbare opsies te bespreek, en voorgestel dat verkeersirkels, spesifiek op Hoofweg-Wes en Oos, ons voorkeuropsie is.

Die forum is ingelig dat die Hessequa-munisipaliteit die idee van verkeersirkels ondersteun, maar beperkte spasie blyk problematies te wees. Die Hessequa Munisipaliteit het verkeerspesialiste gekontrakteer om 'n Arteriële Bestuursplan op te stel en dit word tans deur Wes-Kaap Provinsie oorweeg. Hessequa Munisipaliteit beplan om teen einde September 'n voorstel met die forum te deel.



9. Erf 657



This is the plot of undisturbed land of approx 62 ha opposite the Stilbaai municipal offices, between the Main Road and the road to Jongensfontein.

Here we have put forward proposals as to how the land should be divided to allow for green areas and endangered plants unique to Stilbaai to be protected, hiking trails for enjoyment by residents, and three areas for mixed use development.

We are working with the Hessequa Municipality regarding structural boundaries, access roads and services.

10. Erf 3150/1

Die Forum het verskeie klagtes van die publiek ontvang oor die voorgestelde vyfverdieping-gebou op die hoek van Orchidstraat en die Hoofweg. Nadat ons die saak ondersoek het, het ons gereageer met ons beswaar aan die Hessequa Munisipaliteit oor die voorgestelde huur en verkoop van aangrensende openbare grond aan die eienaar van erf 3150, gebaseer op die beperkings van die gebou deur wette en beperkings.



11. Building Height Restrictions

Recently we have had applications from owners of business properties to build buildings to within the building height limit of 15m. On occasions the proposed development has raised concerns and objections from the community.

The Forum realised that once the developer of a commercial property has bought the land, there is not much that can be done if the development is within the regulations of the HESSEQUA MUNICIPALITY. However, we felt that rather than being reactive regarding commercial property development, we should be more proactive and find a way the forum and the Hessequa Municipality can work together to keep the culture of Stilbaai that of a holiday town.

A proposal has been made but must be presented to the Hessequa Municipality Board for provisional approval, followed by public input and final approval in Jan 26. All further sales of commercial property will be put on hold until end Jan 26.

Ons vertrou dat u geniet het om die inhoud van hierdie nuusbrief te lees. Ons gaan poog om dit drie-maandeliks te herhaal. Indien u enige kommentaar het sal ons dit waardeer en u kan dit met ons deel op admin@stilbaaigemeenskapsforum.org.za.

Stilbaai groete,

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