



## SUIDERSTRAND ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the committee meeting of 15 August 2025  
at 11 Vleilaan, Suiderstrand

### 1. Opening

The chairperson welcomed everyone present.

#### Attendance

Present:

Danie Schutte (Chairperson)  
Tina du Plessis (Fire Prevention Officer)  
Matilda Bester (Marketing and Communication; Assistant Secretary)  
Gawie du Toit (Vice Chairperson)  
Willem Nel (Treasurer)

Apologies:

Gerrit Posthumus (Firefighting Officer)  
Geoff Nichols (Conservation)  
Johan Pienaar (Former Secretary)

### 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2025

Unanimously approved.

### 3. Finances

The association's financial year ends on 31 August, and the annual financial statements must be prepared thereafter. Carin Nel and Louis Lourens will work together on this after the year-end.

### 4. Information boards at the parking area

Matilda had the boards printed and they are ready to be installed. Gerrit kindly offered to erect these boards too.

### 5. Street-name boards and entrance board

Donations totaling R7 200 had already been received for this project prior to this meeting. Approximately 20 boards are required, which will cost around R10 000 to manufacture and install. Matilda will post another request for donations on *Praat Saam*.

It was previously decided that if the full amount cannot be raised through donations, a maximum of 20% of the cost may be covered from the association's reserves. Therefore, if a further R800 can be raised, the budget will balance: R8 000 from donations and R2 000 from reserves. Hopefully, the full R10 000 will be raised through donations.

The welcome sign at the entrance, which still includes the contentious 'welcome in', will also be corrected when the new street name boards are made.

## **6. Pierre's signboard**

Pierre objected to the removal of the signboard that was previously at the entrance to the town. The board was not discarded, and Pierre could retrieve it. Matilda noted that the sign contained outdated information (e.g. phone numbers) and no longer served its purpose.

It was decided that a few new signs will be made asking motorists to drive slowly and carefully, and to watch out for animals. The decision regarding the signs, their design, and the information they will display will be based on a poll conducted via *Praat Saam* and email.

## **7. Park Forum**

It was decided that the association should be represented on the Park Forum. Application forms were not available at the Park's introductory meeting, but we will apply as soon as possible. The forum's chairperson will be elected at the first meeting, and it is important that we have a say in this.

## **8. Suiderstrand Guidebook**

The issue of bright outdoor lights was raised once more. It was suggested that guidelines on this and other matters be compiled into a booklet that also includes other useful information, such as a list of local service providers, tide tables, etc.

## **9. Other matters**

*Membership.* Klaas and Schalk previously pointed out that the issue of membership and voting rights is not fully and clearly outlined in the association's constitution. It was decided that a meeting will be arranged with Klaas and Schalk present to explore the matter. A decision can then be made as to whether changes to the constitution are required. Any proposed changes can be put to the annual general meeting later this year.

*Fire cart.* There has been no progress in finding a home for the fire cart. It was decided to submit a request and proposals to the municipality to establish such a home on municipal land, with financial contributions from the association if necessary. Possible locations include next to the water purification plant at the town entrance, at the Rasper substation, at the parking area, etc.

*Fire hoses.* Two fire hoses were gratefully received from the Overberg Air Force Base, kindly facilitated by Theo Fourie and Wessel Steyn.

*Budget for fire cart.* The fire cart team will meet on 27 August to prepare a budget for the new financial year. No major capital expenditures are anticipated.

*Welcome letters.* The letters have been printed and are available to be given to new owners and residents.

*Name for R319.* It was decided that the section of the R319 from the entrance to Suiderstrand up to the T-junction with Kamp Street should be given a name. Danie has since raised this in an email to our ward councilor Dr Eksteen.