



Garden Route Rebuild Initiative

Workstream 2: Reconstruction

Time: 09:00-12:00

Date: 17 July 2017

Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street, Knysna

Chairperson: Gerhard Otto

1. Opening & Welcome

The Chairperson Gerhard Otto welcomed everyone and Ms Jacqui Pandaram opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

2. Overview of Workstream 2 (Reconstruction)

Dr Hildegard Fast provided the following overview of Workstream 2 :

- Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past but “build back better”
- Let us create an example for the rest of South Africa
- We should have access to additional resources given donations received so let’s think “outside of the box”
- This Workstream will affect other workstreams and vis versa (this is to be coordinated by the Chairperson – Mr Gerhard Otto)
- We should ensure that all new buildings are more resilient to disasters and provide suggestions to temporary shelter solutions that meets beneficiary needs

Mr Eduard Lotz confirmed that a new website: www.gardenrouterebuild.co.za was created in order to share information & documents with Workstream members and other stakeholders.

3. Work Groups

Ms Sonja Neethling indicated that surveys in Knysna LM have indicated approximately 900 houses were damaged/destroyed in Knysna Municipal area and Ms Adél Stander indicated that surveys in Bitou LM have indicated to date that in ±97 properties were damaged/destroyed in Bitou Municipal area. Survey information still needs to be updated, verified and mapped.

Workgroups were discussed and the following members were allocated to these workgroups:

Workgroup 2.1: Beneficiary Database

- Ms Sonja Neethling (leader)
- Mr Vaughan Harris (Secretariat)
- Mr Marcel Minne
- Ms Adel Stander
- Mr Gustaf Conradie
- And any other team members that the Chairperson deem relevant

* George Municipality must still be incorporated into this workgroup.

It was agreed that the most urgent issues to be resolved is to consolidate all existing databases and to verify information on the consolidated database.

Workgroup 2.2: Planning (Land, Service and Building Plans)

- Mr Hennie Smit (leader)
- Mr Stiaan Carstens (Secretariat)
- Ms Marlene Boyce
- Mr Esais Pieterse
- Mr Marcel Minne
- Mr Chresswell Basson
- And any other team members that the Chairperson deem relevant

It was agreed that in order to “build back better” this work group will identify & compare alternative land & service options for required developments and to review relevant building plan requirements to ensure more resilient buildings is developed going forward.

Workgroup 2.3: Approval Processes

- Mr Gavin Benjamin (leader)
- Mr Stiaan Carstens (Secretariat)
- Ms Nina Viljoen
- Ms Pam Booth
- Mr Chris Schliemann
- And any other team members that the Chairperson deems relevant

DEA&DP agreed to take the lead in defining how relevant approval processes can be fast-tracked and red-tape reduced.

Workgroup 2.4: Innovative Design

- Vaughan Harris (leader)
- Julien Rumbelow
- And any other team members that the Chairperson deems relevant

It was agreed that this Work Group will need to engage with a variety of stakeholders to identify best practice innovative design options. The intention is for this Work Group to work towards hosting a “Innovative Expo” in Knysna to showcase relevant innovative options.

Workgroup 2.5: Temporary Housing Innovation and Uninsured

- Kam Chetty
- Dr Hildegard Fast
- Jenni McCann
- Adel Stander
- Marlene Boyce
- And any other team members that the Chairperson deem relevant

Dr Fast will set up “brainstorming” workshops to quantify temporary housing solutions, including for the uninsured / underinsured (in collaboration with NGO’s Banks & Insurance Companies)

A proper platform for consultation with the Community to define needs will be established by the MM of Knysna LM.

The workgroups are requested to meet within the next two days and provide information regarding the group structure, activities and way forward to Gerhard Otto by Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 12:00 latest.

The next workstream 2 reconstruction meeting must be attended by the leader and assigned Programme Manager of each workgroup on Monday, 24 July 2017, 13:30 – 16:00 (*this meeting was later moved to 10:00 till 13:00 on Tuesday 25 July 2017*).

6. Way Forward, Action Plans & meeting schedule for next 2 months

The Chairperson (Mr Gerhard Otto) confirmed the following :

- Work Group Team leaders must engage with their assigned team members & relevant stakeholders and subsequently submit their Inception Reports to the Chairperson (Mr Gerhard Otto – GOtto@edendm.co.za) before 12:00 on Wednesday 19 July 2017, to allow Gerhard to consolidate such inputs into an overall Workstream 2 report to be tabled to Dr Fast for her to present such report at the political Oversight Steering Committee meeting on Thursday 20 July 2017
- Garden Route Rebuild Committee meetings (to be chaired by Dr Hildegard Fast) will be held from 10:00 till 15:30 every Monday (Knysna Council Chambers)
- Workstream 2 (Rebuild) Team meetings (to be Chaired by Mr Gerhard Otto and attended by Dr Fast, Mr Gerhard Otto, Mr Eduard Lotz, Ms Marlene Boyse, Ms Adel Stander, the Team Leaders & Secretariat of all Work Groups and relevant Workstream leaders of other Workstreams & key stakeholders to be invited by the Chairperson – Mr Gerhard Otto) will be held on a weekly basis - every Monday from 10:00 till 13:00 in the Council Chambers

7. Closure & date of next meeting

Mr Gerhard Otto closed the meeting and confirmed that the next Workstream 2 (Rebuild) Team meeting will be held from 13:30 till 16:00 on Monday 24 Jul 2017 @ Knysna Council Chambers (*this meeting was later moved to 10:00 till 13:00 on Tuesday 25 July 2017*)

Approved at meeting held on 25 July 2017