



Ratepayers Association
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2020 has been a year like no other and KOSRA as an organisation has been busier than ever. There are an ever-increasing number of important aspects affecting life in the Kenton on Sea area that require input and attention in the interests of the broader community. The various portfolio members, each of whom serve without reward, find that the time commitment required of them is considerable.

The need for the role of KOSRA as a benevolent and approachable community organisation which presents itself as an entity that can contribute meaningfully to the improvement of life in Kenton has never been more apparent.

In this vein, one of the highlights of the year has been the Food Aid Scheme that KOSRA initiated with considerable success.

Two particular issues facing Kenton in 2021 will be finding a proper and workable solution to the sand dune issue controversy at Dry Bones Valley and the question of the intended development of a service station with a retail commercial centre at the entrance to Kenton.

KOSRA intends to renew its efforts to foster and improve constructive interaction with the various officials of Ndlambe Municipality and all residents in the area.

In order to be effective and representative, KOSRA depends upon and appreciates the constructive input and donations of all residents and the promotion of a broad base of active members.

Our doors and our minds are open.

Kevin van Huyssteen
CHAIRMAN

TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING REPORT

December 2020

The year 2020 started off with a bang in the Town Planning and Building arena!!
Then Covid happened...

Subsequent to our industry opening up again - 'we have never been busier' was observed from most of our local Building contractors and Architects!

THE NDLAMBE MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SDF)

KOSRA has requested an update of the current 'review' process and Ms Ntombi Ngxwashula, Manager Land Use Management & Spatial Planning at Ndlambe responded as follows:

'As the residents of Ndlambe Municipality would know, Ndlambe Local Municipality has appointed Tshani Consulting CC to assist with the review/amendment of the Ndlambe Municipality Spatial Development Framework (NMSDF) in conjunction with the IDP process to ensure alignment between the IDP agenda and legislative requirements of applicable planning law.

The Municipality intends on compiling a broad spatial development framework that will guide future development within the municipal area. The SDF, which has a set of objectives, strategies and policy guidelines, directs development and development options to ensure that the envisaged long-term urban and rural structure and target deliverables are realised.

The project is a seven (7) phased approach. The phases are as follows: Phase 1: Start Up Phase 2: Review Issues and Vision Phase 3: Review Spatial Analysis and Synthesis Phase 4: The Draft SDF: Review Desired Conceptual Spatial Goal and Development Pattern Phase 5: Achieving Support for the Draft SDF: Public Participation Phase 6: Finalisation and Approval Phase 7: Consolidation and Approval Retention and Adoption. At this stage the consultant together with the Municipality are tackling both stage 2 and 3 of the project which is Reviewing of Vision and Spatial Analysis. Public participation where we will involve the affected and interested parties that have registered, and the general public will be during Phase 5 to 6 of the project as stated above.'

KOSRA enjoys a great liaison with Ms Ntombi Ngxwashula's office.

BEAUFORT STREET

In terms of the current SDF (Spatial Development Framework), the properties north of Beaufort Street are earmarked for 'business mixed use' purposes. However, application for rezoning must still be submitted and evaluated by

Ndlambe Municipality. KOSRA have been made aware of two of such applications.

R72 / KENTON ENTRANCE PROPOSED SERVICE STATION DEVELOPMENT

Ndlambe approved the subdivision and consolidation of the erven relating to the proposed development to enable the exit of the proposed service station to be aligned with Oettle Street. The approval was made subject to a revised traffic impact assessment to be approved by Sanral.

KOSRA appealed against the approval. The appeal is based on numerous grounds, including the potential traffic dangers that the proposed development will pose to the entrance to Kenton. The appeal is pending. Ndlambe have written to apologise for the delay in processing the appeal which they attribute to Covid.

Ndlambe have further indicated that they are seeking the services of one or more experts to advise regarding the appeal. KOSRA has informed Ndlambe that it requires to be given an opportunity to provide input concerning the views of such experts before the appeal is determined.

Dedeat approved an application for a time extension of the EIA approval for the site. KOSRA appealed against the extension. The appeal has been dismissed on technical grounds. A review application is being considered.

KOSRA remains of the view that the proposed service station and commercial development will be prejudicial to the interests of Kenton on Sea.

KENTON SAND DUNE

KOSRA, like Estuary Care, does not believe that the interests of Kenton on Sea will be best served by the implementation of the proposal by the Kenton Sand Dune Association.

It is important to note that the consultants who have advised the Kenton Sand Dune Association currently suggesting major dune excavation, both now (at the expense of the association) and extending indefinitely into the future, (at the cost of the residents of Kenton on Sea), themselves produced an opposite report in 2015 suggesting the re-establishment of the sand by-pass through dry bones valley. It is obvious that there is substantial uncertainty even in the minds of the consultants employed by the Kenton Sand Dune Association, about what steps are appropriate.

KOSRA is evaluating all possible solutions for the sand dune which are feasible, sustainable and not unduly burdensome for the Kenton community.

KOSRA will in due course make a more comprehensive statement in this regard once further expert views have been canvassed.

PIZZARELLA

Dale Paul has advised KOSRA that an application for a formal Liquor Licence has been made having obtained informal Licences for the last three years under the Events banner and intend to “follow the rules to the book”. Dale informs us that they have not applied for rezoning, are not building a Hotel, are not removing any bush, are not planning on running a Night Club, are not planning a late night Bar with loud music and will still close at 22:00.

Finally, please note, I am awaiting the amount and value of Building Plans approved for 2020 from Ndlambe Communication’s officer.

Kind Regards.

Pollos

FOOD AID REPORT 2020

By now we are all well aware of the amazing job done, there is no need to remind. We would just like to extend our gratitude to the Local Spar owner Leslie and Craig for the unrelenting fantastic support and to all of our members who so very generously donated funds to make our scheme the success that it was. The total funds donated amounted to R 618 785 of which an amount of R 497 929 has been disbursed for food purchased and distributed to needy households, leaving a balance of R 120 856 still held by KOSRA and ear-marked for future food aid distributions. KOSRA resolved on 1 December 2020 to pay an amount of R 5000 to Coastal Kindness to assist in their on-going efforts relating to food distribution.

SECURITY REPORT 2020

Let’s start but saying that with the lock down we have had a relatively easy ride this year. To date using the Hitec crime statistics until September we have had 75 incidents, that is 8,3 incidents per month, which equates to 0,277 incidents per day. Now I know you can read as much into stats as you want and if any of the incidents affect you directly, you have every right to be

aggrieved, and although it may be tempting to some to adopt a relaxed attitude, it is necessary to emphasise that the fight against crime in the area is a major concern and at no point should we drop our guard.

KOSRA continues with its efforts to work closely with Hitec and the SAPS to endeavour to continue to improve security where ever possible so as to maximise the levels of effective protection for all residents and visitors.

The costs of the security efforts by KOSRA are considerable. We would like to earnestly encourage all members to continue to contribute to the security fund as generously as possible. We assure you that all contributions will continue to be applied in the most cost effective manner in consultation with security experts.

Bearing this in mind, we have at KOSRA decided this December to take a new tack. This is to NOT use the security guards that were costing in the region of R 300 000-00 for the month and instead have considerably upgraded the camera network along the R72 boundary. Evidence of the improvement to the camera network was seen the night the telephone pole thieves were recently apprehended.

On the subject of the camera network let me inform you that since our migration onto the fibre net work run by GEENET we are achieving amazing results.

We have further plans in mind and can only expand the network and improve security with your contributions. Donations are much needed and most welcome. We also invite all members of the community to contribute by way of a monthly subscription.

Judging by trying to rent a house for this December and having very little success Kenton will be a very busy place. If you are renting your house or are a B & B owner, please remind your guests of the spike in petty crime that arrives with the holidays and to be vigilant which is the last thing anybody has time for especially after such a year.

I know we always harp on but please remember "SECURITY STARTS WITH YOU" and please report all incidents. We need that info.

Kind regards
Mark Moses
KOSRA Security & Food Aid Schemes

MEMBERSHIP

KOSRA had 270 paid-up members for the 2019-2020 financial year.

As stated on the website (www.kentonratepayers.co.za), the aim of KOSRA is to *“watch over the interests of its members regarding the activities of local government, and to protect, maintain and improve the amenities and its environs for the benefit of all”*.

The Kenton-on-Sea community traditionally looks to KOSRA as its accepted community representative body in respect of a wide range of important issues that affect residents.

As of 4th December 2020, 110 members had already renewed their membership for 2020 - 2021. We have no doubt that the member base will grow in the forthcoming year.

The Committee appeals to our current members to assist us in widening our membership by encouraging Kenton ratepayer colleagues, friends and neighbours to become members and to be an active part of KOSRA and help us achieve more. Together, we will be stronger.

Regards
Jock Harmer

WATER REPORT

The new RO Plant has been operational for the past 6 months. Amatola now rely on RO 1, RO 3, RO12 and the Diaz boreholes to supply the whole of ward 3 and 4. A general upgrade has also been completed. This has resulted in the plant producing an average of 3Meg a day for most of November. This is a great improvement on the previous average of 1.8Meg.

However the goal is to achieve 3.5Meg per day during the peak holiday season. The demand during peak season spikes to between 3.5 - 4Meg per day so all residents are encouraged to use water sparingly and discourage any washing of cars, boats and watering of lawns. With the recent good rains all rain water tanks should be full and residents are requested to supplement their water usage by using there rain water.

Port Alfred has completely run out of water and will only have minimal access every second day. Due to the Port Alfred crisis we are expecting water tankers to be filling up from Kenton to supplement demand in the worst affected areas of Port Alfred. This will put a lot of pressure on Kenton supply. Water is life and we need to share.

Please use water sparingly and report any water leaks as soon as you see them

Regards

Adrian Purdon

NEWS & MARKETING REPORT

NEW KOSRA LOGO & WEBSITE MAKEOVER

This year we modernised the KOSRA brand, where we designed an entirely new logo and revamped the website. Thanks go to Caria Steyn (My Drawing Room) for her contemporary logo design and Tessa MacTaggart (Little Fish Agency) for doing such a superb job in format, publishing and design. Your time, patience and professionalism is greatly appreciated and yet again, your customer service excellence excelled over and above our expectations. Thanks also need to go to photographer David Stott for supplying the wonderful images used on our website which highlight the beauty of our beloved coastal town; placing emphasis on the unspoiled beaches, our estuaries and surrounds which KOSRA works hard to protect and preserve.

PORTFOLIO NEWS & UPDATES

KOSRA's committee members managing the following portfolio's - Building & Town Planning; Security; Water, Infrastructure & Maintenance; Recycling & Waste; News & Marketing - have been actively involved in the various processes that come with each portfolio, making a concerted effort to be transparent and current with our subscribers and fellow ratepayer members as to the comings and goings of the various happenings in the Ndlambe area.

In addition to the above mentioned Portfolio's, KOSRA liaises with Estuary Care, Chamber of Business, Wildlife Watch and Merryhill Resident's Association continuously to ensure we collectively monitor and watch over the interests of residents and property owners in Kenton on Sea and Ekuphumleni.

COVID-19 has proven to have been a difficult time for many this year. Given the circumstances, we are privileged to have been in the position to offer the support and aid to those who have had to endure unexpected hardships. We wish acknowledge the unconditional compassion Coastal Kindness has given to our community (see website for details: <https://coastalkindness.org.za/>), as well as the other charitable organisations like the Kariega Foundation (<https://www.kariega.co.za/about/kariega-foundation>) and St Matthews Siyakhathala's Soup Distribution and Recycling Project who have made such an impact with their support and assistance to those in need in the last few months. Such initiatives would not have been done without you and your donations and together, we thank you for your contributions.

BLOG POSTS

Blog posts (short articles) about what's happening in and around Kenton have been written on a regular basis. Notifications of such posts have been sent via

email drops with a link to the article, as well as shared on our Facebook page to spread further awareness and further fulfil our role of informing the community of the news. The website and blog posts are interactive as we invite readers to comment and engage in online conversation with others who might oppose or otherwise agree to the varying subject matters.

Plenty of work goes on behind the scenes to draft and publish each of these blog posts/articles making it an especially important platform for informing our constituents of the work being done by the KOSRA committee.

For obvious reasons, we continue to motivate reason for people to subscribe to our newsletters and again, we urge you to please join us! The more 'in the know' the community, the better equipped we are to deal with the situations at hand and the stronger we are to tackle those we object to! Sign up to our newsletter, today: <https://bit.ly/2JGXOhs>

FACEBOOK

For the more digi-tech savvy members, our Facebook has proven to be a great platform for communication and engagement. Our following has grown and we encourage you to follow us for regular updates: <https://www.facebook.com/KentonRatePayers>.

LETTERHEAD

In order to be consistent and professional in all our communications we also have a new branded letterhead and email signature for official use.

Report prepared by Candice Kennedy, News & Marketing Portfolio.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2020

	<i>(Rands)</i>
INCOME	
Security donations	201 073
Membership fees and donations	110 000
COVID 19 donations	618 785
Interest received	13 449
Deficit for the year	9 780
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EXPENDITURE	
COVID 19: Food costs	465 300
Distribution costs	32 629
Security	276 244

Recycling	53 762
Invasive vegetation clearing	32 000
Gardens & maintenance	15 169
Middle Beach braais	20 000
Legal Expenses: filling station	6 897
Webpage & facebook maintenance	35 938
Water testing for impurities	3 599
Road repairs	5 043
Zoom fee	2 772
Sundry expenses	3 734
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KOSRA FUNDS:

COVID 19:	
Unspent	120 856
KOSRA General Fund	76 385
KOSRA Security Fund	162 364
Legal Support Fund	100 000
Unallocated	25 230
Total	<hr/>
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REPRESENTED BY:

Standard Bank	109 606
Stanlib	375 229
Total	<hr/>
	484 835
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Notes

1. This report has been prepared on a Cash Flow basis.
2. Sunshine Coast Spar holds a credit note of R7561 for a COVID food donation.

Prepared by : Doug Walters

Date: 6 November 2020

**COMMENTS ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2020**

INCOME

Subscriptions from members were well short of expectations for the year. A concerted effort has been initiated to rectify this situation with the help of the complete ratepayers' email addresses having been sourced. Approximately 800 e-mail invoices will be sent out shortly. The target for the new year is a minimum of 400 members.

COVID 19 donations totalling R618 785 in support of KOSRA's emergency feeding initiative exceeded all expectations. Distribution expenses amounted to R32 629. Food parcels were distributed to the needy in Ekhupumleni and the project was expanded to include adjoining townships. This highly successful project was due to the significant generosity of donors and the massive effort undertaken by Committee Member Mark Moses and his helpers. Unspent COVID funds amount to R120 856.

EXPENDITURE

Security costs amounted to R276 244 relating to the 2019/2020 holiday period. Due to a shortfall in collections for security during the year, the Committee decided to allocate R100 000 from unallocated funds toward security costs for the 2020/21 holiday period.

An amount of R53 762 was expended on recycling during the year. These costs were mainly salaries and vehicle running and repair costs. This project represents a challenge for the new year.

Invasive vegetation was cleared in the Joan Muirhead Reserve representing a major clean-up of inkberry and other alien vegetation.

The vandalised braais at the Middle Beach car park were repaired at a cost of R20 000.

Much attention was directed at upgrading the KOSRA website and Facebook communication. This initiative has been well received by ratepayers and the general public.

FUNDS

Total available funds total R484 835 which are allocated as shown on the Financial Report. The Legal Support Fund is a provision for anticipated legal action which are certain to occur in the New Year.

Doug Walters

6 November 2020.