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MINUTES OF KOSRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : 17 Dec 2025, 17h00

Venue : Kenton Bowling Club, Kenton-on-Sea

Present : As per Attendance Register

1. Welcome & Introduction

The Chairperson, Kevin van Huyssteen, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees to the 2025 KOSRA Annual General Meeting. He expressed appreciation for the strong turnout and noted the encouraging level of community engagement.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

The Chairperson confirmed that the minutes of the AGM held on 19 December 2024 had been circulated in advance. They were taken as read and proposed, seconded and adopted.

3. Chairperson's Report and Portfolio Reports

The Chairperson noted that the Annual Report and portfolio updates had been circulated prior to the meeting. He reflected on a challenging year marked by difficulties in service delivery from Ndlambe Municipality, particularly relating to water provision. Despite repeated engagements and agreed timetables, progress had been poor. However, a significant development occurred at year-end with the appointment of Sizwe Amanzi to operate the water treatment plant, with their scope extending to replacement of the aging pipelines beneath the Bushman's Bridge.

The Chairperson commented that while the timing of the work was unfortunate, the intervention was necessary and should bring improvement within days. He highlighted that persistent non-cooperation and mismanagement by Ndlambe had brought the community to the end of its patience.

He further reported on Ndlambe's unilateral decision to allocate R2.8 million in disaster relief funds solely to the paving of Van der Stel Street, rejecting a broader proposal by KOSRA, led by Arthur Taute, to use the funds for the repair of approximately 20 roads across Kenton. The resulting project had been poorly executed and served as another example of Ndlambe's unwillingness to collaborate.

The Chairperson moved for adoption of the annual report, which was proposed and seconded.

4. Annual Financial Statements

The Annual Financial Statements were distributed prior to the meeting. The Chairperson reported that finances remained stable, with income levels very similar to the previous year. Although donations for specific road repair projects were somewhat lower, general subscriptions were consistent.

KOSRA continues to operate a dual funding system — road-specific contributions as well as general infrastructure funds. Funds were being allocated prudently, and road maintenance work would resume in early 2026. The financial statements were proposed and seconded for adoption.

5. Appointment of Office Bearers

The Chairperson proposed, as in previous years, that the existing committee and office bearers be reappointed as a group for the 2026 term. The motion was proposed and seconded, and the reappointment was confirmed unanimously.

6. Section 18A Application

The Chairperson reported on ongoing efforts to finalise KOSRA's Section 18A Tax Exemption Application, which will enable members to receive tax-deductible certificates for donations. Progress had been delayed due to several rounds of amendments to the KOSRA Constitution to meet SARS' extensive requirements. The committee had formally adopted and signed the revised version, but final member ratification would occur once SARS feedback was received.

He expressed optimism that the 18A approval would be achieved early in the coming year.

7. Section 139 Application

The chairperson outlined KOSRA's draft Section 139 application, which seeks provincial intervention in Ndlambe Municipality due to its service delivery failures and severe financial mismanagement. The draft application, circulated prior to the meeting, was developed following Ndlambe's repeated failure to engage meaningfully on budget planning and its staggering R1.77 billion in unauthorised, irregular, and wasteful expenditure since 2019. He reported that the Auditor-General's Office had expressed strong interest in the matter and would receive a copy of this submission once finalised.

8. Roads and Infrastructure

Arthur Taute provided a detailed report on roads. He confirmed that recent funding had enabled some repairs in 2024–25, but the unilateral actions of Ndlambe had undone remedial work on Van der Stel Street. Approximately R300,000 in community contributions had been received for upcoming road maintenance, with work scheduled for early 2026. Residents were urged to appoint block captains per street to coordinate fundraising and prioritise road repairs & maintenance.

Maintenance costs typically range from R10,000–R15,000 per property, while full brick paving can cost up to R60,000 per erf. Some of the roads prioritised for attention include Cornwall, Donkin, Elliott, Fowler, Lyon, Northwood, Oxford, River, Somerset, Westbourne, and Paisley Roads plus roads in Merryhill.

9. Water Supply and Management

Arthur Taute presented a comprehensive update on the ongoing water challenges facing Kenton-on-Sea. He confirmed that Sizwe Amanzi had been appointed to take over operations at the RO plant — a critical development expected to bring improved technical oversight and maintenance capability.

Their scope of work includes both plant operations and the replacement of the aging water pipelines beneath the Bushman's Bridge, which are essential to the functioning of the entire system.

Arthur explained that the capacity of the current plant cannot realistically be increased to meet peak holiday-season demand, as the infrastructure was designed for average annual consumption. He therefore encouraged residents to take greater responsibility for water storage at household level by installing a minimum of 40,000 litres of rainwater or municipal storage capacity per property, where possible. Such storage, combined with the use of pressure pumps, would significantly reduce strain on the reticulation network during peak periods and improve water security throughout the year.

He also proposed the introduction of smart water meters that automatically limit excessive daily consumption — similar to the system implemented in Cape Town during the "Day Zero" crisis. These meters can be programmed to supply a set daily allowance (e.g. 500 litres per household), after which the flow is temporarily restricted. This would ensure equitable distribution, reduce waste, and maintain system pressure, while still allowing larger users to purchase additional water at cost if required.

Arthur noted that KOSRA intends to engage with Sizwe Amanzi and Ndlambe to advocate for a phased rollout of this system, beginning with high-usage households and properties with known leaks.

Members discussed the matter in detail and expressed strong support for both the local storage initiative and the installation of smart meters, recognising that community participation will be key to maintaining sustainable water supply. The Chairperson reiterated that all ratepayers must take proactive steps to reduce dependency on the municipal system and plan for long-term water resilience.

10. Dune Management

The Chairperson updated members on the Bushman's River Dune issue. Following conflicting proposals over dune stabilisation and sand bypass options, discussions with Ndlambe had reached a stalemate. The Dune Action Group now anticipates that a court ruling may be required to determine the legality of the municipal maintenance plan. KOSRA will continue to monitor the situation and take urgent legal action if necessary.

11. Town Planning

Pollos Purdon addressed the meeting on the Town Planning portfolio, noting that the past year had been exceptionally busy, with environmental approval processes causing significant delays to many projects. She referred to recent correspondence from Stuart Boucher regarding a court ruling relating to the Port Alfred Marina, where it was determined that Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) are no longer required for developments within that area where approved townships had previously been established and promulgated. Stuart Boucher is proposing to extend this principle to the broader Ndlambe area and has requested in-principle support from KOSRA to pursue this through further legal processes. It was noted that this would not require financial support, but rather endorsement of the principle.

Pollos highlighted the financial and time burden that EIAs are placing on ratepayers, particularly for developments on already promulgated erven where building remains within the existing footprint or

involves minor extensions. She expressed concern that, in practice, EIAs are often required despite ultimately being approved, resulting in unnecessary delays and costs. It was further noted that, while EIAs fall under provincial environmental legislation, there is a perception that the local municipality is requiring EIAs as part of its planning approval process, despite not being the competent authority.

Several members raised concerns regarding the potential unintended consequences of removing or limiting EIAs, particularly in sensitive environmental areas such as riverbanks, dunes and estuarine zones. It was emphasised that EIAs serve an important role in environmental protection and that any changes should be carefully considered.

KOSRA strongly emphasises the need for comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in all cases involving estuaries, riverbanks, waterways, and adjacent areas that are not formally promulgated.

Distinctions were made between developments on long-established, promulgated erven and new or environmentally sensitive developments, where stricter controls may remain necessary.

Clarification was also provided regarding other regulatory mechanisms, including municipal bylaws, building line departures and the role of the Department of Forestry in relation to vegetation protection, which remain separate from the EIA process.

In conclusion, the matter was presented for discussion and transparency, with no formal resolution taken at this stage. Members were encouraged to review the available documentation and provide input, with the understanding that further engagement would be required before any formal position is adopted by KOSRA.

12. General

The Chairperson reported that recent water quality testing across both estuaries reflects generally positive results, with the main public-use areas showing extremely low, and in some cases negligible, E. coli levels. A minor concern was identified in the reed-bed area of the Kariega River below the Ekuphumleni sewage works, which is currently receiving attention.

13. Closing

The Chairperson thanked all KOSRA portfolio holders for their dedication throughout the year. He further thanked all attendees for their active participation and continued support & reiterated that KOSRA's effectiveness depends on community involvement and encouraged members to volunteer for subcommittees and initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 18h07.

Minutes confirmed :

Date :