

## **WARD COMMITTEE FEEDBACK: April 2014**

### **De Bruyn Street dust problem**

Speed traffic monitoring will only be done in May due the fact that no camera has been available. A traffic count determined that approximately 14 vehicles use the street per hour, and that the heaviest traffic is from 7 – 8 am.

### **Irrigation of market square:**

The tender has been awarded and the equipment (water cannon and draglines) will be bought before end June 2015.

### **Illegal infilling of Willem Appel Wetland**

By enlarging the sport field area, the municipality unfortunately filled in some of the wetland area between Bezuidenhout Street and the R43 with building rubble and rubble dumped by the Roads Department. The municipality was instructed by the Department of Environmental Affairs to immediately stop all activities, fence off the area to prevent any further dumping, and to appoint an independent environmental consultant to draw up a management plan for the rehabilitation of the area. In the mean time the Roads Department has already trucked away 54 loads of rubble, and the areas around the smothered milkwoods, wild olives and other indigenous vegetation have been opened up.

### **Stanford parking bay issue to be addressed**

A Local Economic Development and Tourism Report discussed at the meeting stated that *“Tourism is the backbone of our local economy... support aimed at making the destination attractive and a place to visit is of utmost importance”*. The meeting discussed the prohibitive nature of the present town planning parking bay regulations on tourism and business development in a historical village such as Stanford. It was recommended that the various civil organisations concerned (tourism, ratepayers, heritage and conservation) meet with the mayor to discuss this issue.

### **Environmental Health Officer**

Environmental health issues (not to be confused with conservation issues) are the responsibility the Overberg District Municipality. Me Chantal Adams has been appointed and a request has been for her to work from our Gansbaai municipal office.

### **Working for the Coast funds for Stanford**

Stanford falls under Gansbaai for budgetary purposes. The following is allocated to Stanford (in addition to staff and equipment):

- Clean-up of 1 km hiking trail (= wandelpad)
- 25m<sup>2</sup> boardwalk (includes maintenance)
- 20 hectare clearing of invasive alien vegetation
- 10 benches
- 10 refuse bins

Applications for access to these benefits have to go via Petronella Ferreira and/copied to Benjamin Kondokter (environmental officer).

### **Reed clearing:**

See separate document sent to Wandelpad committee.