

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Theresa Els,

Concern for the Welfare of the Pringle Bay Troop of Baboons and Further Division of Pringle Bay Village – Adaptive Management Plan 2024

A special Ward 10 Committee Meeting was convened on Monday the 29th April 2024 where the *Adaptive Management Plan* to move the Pringle Bay troop of baboons out of the urban in accordance with the *Overstrand Municipality Strategic Baboon Management Plan 2019 – 2024* was introduced by Gary Beukman.

It was requested that our concerns and questions about this proposed plan were submitted to you by Friday 3rd May 2024.

Questions for the Record:

1. If you would be as kind as to forward us a copy of the Public Participation Process with regard to the implementation of the aforementioned plan. This would include a notice of when and where the public meetings will held and which media will advertise the proposed plan and the proposed meetings. The public must be afforded reasonable amount of time to comment on the proposed plans. Please confirm the entire time frame for commentary.
2. If in the meanwhile you could also kindly furnish us with the study by the primatologist(s) who carried out the necessary impact study that this plan will have on the Pringle Bay troop, the impact study would of course be supported by a behavioural study.
3. We would also be most interested in reading the ecological study of area that will support the baboons where you are intending to push them to. This study obviously would have been carried out after the recent fires.
4. Furthermore, this proposed plan will impact the other troops in the area to include the Hangklip troop of baboons as well as the RooiEls troop of baboons and the Betty's Bay troops of baboons. Please will you be as kind as to provide the impact and behavioural studies of these troops of baboons.

5. At the meeting it was mentioned that Eco Rangers will be trained by the NCC, if you could kindly supply us with a copy of this training schedule and the nature of the contract that you have entered into with NCC. Specifically can you please send us the training certification for the use of paintball guns and other weapons that were discussed at the meeting.
6. Similarly it was mentioned that the NSPCA or the SPCA would be involved with this plan. Can you provide more details of this formalised involvement.
7. Whilst the Pringle Bay Rate Payers Association may have publicly declared their support for this plan, we would need to know the amount of members, that means the number of erf numbers that are represented by the PBRA. If you could kindly furnish us with this information.
8. We must point out a correction to the presentation, there has been no improvement carried out at the Pringle Bay Waste Dump site. The dump site is not baboon proof.

Comments for the record:

1. KVET is not in support of using paintball guns on baboons as a means to manage them. This method has failed in Pringle Bay before and will fail again.
2. Using adverse tactics to move the troop away from their natural range has failed before with adverse consequences. This will fail again.
3. By refusing to engage with all the residents in Pringle Bay in a democratic, transparent manner you are continuing to divide the village of Pringle Bay.

Kind Regards,
Kogelberg Villages Environmental Trustees