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**NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK AND ORIGIN OF TRAILS MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT
19 NOVEMBER 2019
10:00 – 11:30
CS BOARDROOM**

Attendees: Albert van der Merwe
Tammy Leibrandt
Schalk van der Merwe
Yvonne Mndabani
Danul Roman
Prof H.C Eggers
Corrie Muller
Richard De Villers

Apologies: Councillor Badenhorst, Mr Langenhoven

Opening

- Mr Van der Merwe welcomed and introduced everyone and explained the background.

Mountain Bike Trails

- An illegal bike trail was constructed in Paradyskloof by Mr Corrie Muller. He also indicated on a map that there are two trails running parallel to another which was mapped by Mr Corrie Muller.
- Stellenbosch Trail Fund (STF) policy states the following:
 - Only to maintain existing trails that has been approved by the Stellenbosch Municipality according to the Paradyskloof Management Plan.
 - Any proposed construction / scrapping of new trails must be discussed with Environmental Management Section of Stellenbosch Municipality in order to ensure compliance. This also address the safety and security aspects of the trail routes in terms of the managed as per the Paradyskloof Management Plan.
- Existing Trails are not mapped according to the Paradyskloof Management Plan, this should be rectified in must be aligned with the Paradyskloof Management Plan.
- New Trails cannot be identified as a trail route based on cyclists using the “unauthorized trails”.
- All Mountain Bike Trails must be identified and demarcated by signage with the municipal logo.
- Mountain Bike Trails causing erosion must be closed for maintenance according to a rehabilitation programme.



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- Mr Muller has tried to establish a forum to ensure that mountain bike cyclists adhere to the rules of using the trails, but has not been successful. However, Mr van der Merwe stated interested and affected parties such as the cyclists should participate actively as a member of Friends Group for the Paradyskloof Nature Reserve platform will ensure communication between Stellenbosch Municipality and community members.

Way Forward

- Ensure that all relevant role players such as STF and mountain bike cyclists are aware of the Paradyskloof Management plan for compliance.
- STF must create sustainable awareness for the use of Mountain Bike Trails this can be done formally and informally.
- It is imperative that the STF liaises with the land owner (Municipality) regarding the utilization of trails on a regular basis.
- Annual inspections of the Mountain Bike Trails according to the Paradyskloof Management Plan will be conducted on a monthly basis.
- The newly scrapped Mountain Bike Trail must be closed and immediately a signage board according to (4.2.4) in Paradyskloof Management Plan must be put up at the top and bottom of the Trail by the STF to notify the cyclists and the public about the illegal trail that is no longer in use. Please note that the signage must include the Stellenbosch Municipal Logo.
- Only use recognised Trails according to the Management Plan.
- STF must update Mountain Bike Trails maps according to recognised trails as stipulated in Paradyskloof Management Plan. These maps must be sent to Environmental Management section for verification and approval and then distributed to the relevant role players.
- It was decided that by the Municipality that newly scrapped Mountain Bike Trail must be excluded from the Origin of trail event. The event organiser of the Origin of Trails must be informed that only approved routes are permitted.
- Rangers to patrol and conduct monitoring once a week (Verification of Closure).


Albert van der Merwe
Senior Manager: Community Services

25/11/19.
Date