



**Bitou Local Municipality
Bitou Plaaslike Munisipaliteit
Umasipala WeBitou**

**SPECIAL MAYORAL
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Venue: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices,
Sewell Street, Plettenberg Bay

12 December 2012

Time: 9h00

BITOU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

10 December 2012

**Members of the Mayoral Committee
Municipal Manager and Heads of Department**

SPECIAL MAYORAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Mayoral Committee Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Sewell Street, Plettenberg Bay on WEDNESDAY, 12 December 2012, at 9h00, to consider the business set forth in the Agenda.

Yours faithfully



f **M Booyesen**
Executive Mayor

Ward Councillors & PR Councillors

Bitou Local Municipality

Special Mayoral Committee Agenda

12 December 2012

Order of Business

1. OPENING

2. ATTENDANCE

The Attendance Registers of members of the Mayoral Committee, Councillors, officials and public will be circulated for signature.

3. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Application for leave of absence, if necessary, will be considered.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS (OPEN)

4.1 Section 1: Office of the Municipal Manager

No items for consideration

4.2 Section 2: Department of Finance

Schedule of Item attached

4.3 Section 3: Department Corporate Services

No items for consideration

4.4 Section 4: Department Community Services

Schedule of Item attached

Order of Business: Mayoral Committee Meeting of 12 December 2012

4.5 Section 5: Department Municipal Services & Infrastructure Development

No Items for consideration

4.6 Section 6: Department Strategic Services

No items for consideration

5. IN – COMMITTEE ITEMS

No In-committee items for consideration.

6. CLOSURE

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS: (OPEN)

SPECIAL MAYORAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

12 DECEMBER 2012

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	No items for consideration		

SECTION 2: FINANCE

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	No items for consideration		

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	No items for consideration		

Section 2

Department: Finance

Section 2: Finance Department

ITEM C/2/80/12/12

Mayoral Committee Meeting for recommendation to Council

DETERMINATION OF DATE OF VALUATION 2013-2017 GENERAL VALUATION ROLL

Department: Finance **Demarcation:** Ward: All Wards

File Ref: 5/3/2/7

Report from: Chief Financial Officer

Date: 07 December 2012

Purpose of the report

To determine the date of valuation in respect of the 2013-2017 general valuation roll.

Background/Discussion

In terms of the provision of the Municipal Property Rates Act, (Act 6 of 2004) Section 31 with reference to the determination of the date of valuation is reflected hereunder:

31. Date of valuation.—(1) For the purposes of a general valuation, a municipality must determine a date that may not be more than 12 months before the start of the financial year in which the valuation roll is to be first implemented.

(2) The general valuation must reflect the market value of properties determined in accordance with—

- (a) market conditions which applied as at the date of valuation; and
- (b) any other applicable provisions of this Act.

In terms of the relevant section council must determine the date and no record could be found that the date was determined by means of a resolution of council.

In order to ensure that the valuation roll process remains valid, it is of essence that council determine the valuation date and it is proposed that the date be determined as 1 July 2012.

Section 2: Finance Department

It also needs to be pointed out that in terms of the provisions of Section 80(2) of the MPRA, the MEC cannot condone non-compliance with Section 31 being the determination of the date of valuation.

Financial Implication

Should the date of valuation not be determined as required by law, the whole assessment rates revenue of the municipality could be at risk

Relevant Legislation

Section 31 of the MPRA

Comments: Manager Legal Services

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments: Acting Head Corporate Services

The recommendations of the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments: Head Municipal Services and Infrastructure Development

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments: Head Strategic Services

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Recommended by the Municipal Manager

That the date of valuation, for the purpose of compiling the general valuation roll for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017, be determined as 1 July 2012.

Section 4

Department: Community Services

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Mayoral Committee Meeting

BLUE FLAG STATUS: PLETTENBERG BAY BEACHES

Department: Community Services **Demarcation:** All Wards
File Ref: 17/11/3/3
Attachments Safety Guide (Information Pamphlet)
Report from: Manager Housing & Beaches
Date: 05 December 2012

Purpose of the Report

To update the Mayoral Committee on the Status of the Blue Flag Beaches in Plettenberg Bay.

Background/Discussion

The following Beaches have received Blue Flag Status.

1. Robberg (5): (Period November / April) (2010 to 2013)
2. The Waves (Keurboomstrand: (Period Dec/ Jan) (2011 to 2013)
3. Nature Valley: (Period Dec / Jan) (2012 to 2013).

Attached is a Safety Guide (Information Pamphlet) which is being distributed to Hotels, Guest Houses and various other tourist outlets for general information in respect of safety guidelines and criteria for Blue Flag Beaches.

Financial Implications

None

Recommended by the Municipal Manager

1. That cognizance be taken of the following Beaches that have received Blue Flag Status:
 - (a) Robberg (5): (Period November / April) (2010 to 2013)

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- (b) The Waves (Keurboomstrand: (Period Dec/ Jan) (2011 to 2013)
 - (c) Nature Valley: (Period Dec / Jan) (2012 to 2013).
2. That cognizance be taken of the Safety Guide (Information pamphlet) which is being distributed to Hotels, Guest Houses and various other tourist outlets for general information in respect of safety guidelines and criteria for Blue Flag Beaches.



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PLETTENBERG BAY

SAFETY GUIDE

WHEN VISITING THE BEACH

- Never swim alone
- Only swim at recognised bathing beaches
- Always swim between the designated bathing area flags
- Supervise children at all times
- Alcohol is not permitted on the beaches, alcohol and swimming do not mix
- Never panic when in trouble, raise one arm vertically and wave to signal for help
- Read the notice boards and ask lifeguards about the sea conditions
- Do not swim in river mouths or dirty water
- Avoid swimming when blue bottles and jelly fish are present
- If you witness someone in trouble tell the nearest life guard or call one of the following emergency numbers:
Beach Control: 044 501 3125
National Emergency Number: 10177
N.S.R.I: 082 990 5975

 **SWIM BETWEEN** 
THESE SIGNS!



BLUE FLAG



WESSA
PEOPLE CARING FOR THE EARTH

About Blue Flag:

The Blue Flag programme is a voluntary eco-label for beaches, marinas, whale watching boats and yachts in general and has become a symbol of quality around the world. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness and increase sound environmental practices among tourists, local populations and beach management.

The World Tourism Organization regards Blue Flag as the most well known eco-label globally with nearly 4,000 sites in over 38 countries.

Blue Flag criteria covers four aspects of costal management:

- Sound environmental management
- Environmental education
- Safety and security for beach users
- Healthy bathing water quality

Blue Flag status is awarded to beaches that comply with Blue Flag criteria through a rigorous application and selection process both nationally and internationally.

WESSA manages the Blue Flag Programme in South Africa.

Plettenberg Bay is proud to have received Blue Flag Status for three of our beaches:

- Robberg 5 (November - April)
- Keurbooms Strand (December - January)
- Natures Valley (December - January)

We hope you take the time to visit and enjoy these beautiful Blue Flag beaches.

Remember to be safe at the beach
