

Annexure C



MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HERMANUS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION held at the Fernkloof Hall on Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 17h30

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chairperson, Mr Brian Wridgway, welcomed all members and guests. Condolences were offered to the families of David Beattie and Pam Golding.

In terms of the Constitution, the notice of the meeting and supporting documents had been e-mailed out to members in advance of the meeting. As the meeting had a quorum of 25 members present the Chairman declared the meeting open. Paper copies of all documentation were also available at the meeting.

PRESENT

Members & Invited Guests – as per the attached attendance register.

Executive Committee Members – as per attendance register: Mr Brian Wridgway – *Chairperson*, Mr Bob Stanway, Mrs Pam Herd, Mrs Arlene Ferreira, Mr Dave Shreeve, Mr Hedley Tarlton, Mr Dave Worrall, Mr Michael Farr, Mrs Fran Hanekom - Secretary

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from the following HRA EXCO Members, HRA members and invited guests, as follows: Mr Jamie Hart, Mr Tom Bramwell-Jones, Mrs Jill Smith, Mr and Mrs Chris and Jim Tyley, Mr Gabriel du Toit, Mrs Norma Ratcliffe, Mr Mark Lane-Jones, Mr and Mrs Guy and Pat Redford, Mrs Linda Griffiths, Mr Neil van der Spuy, Mr Anthony van Hoogstraten, Mr and Mrs Paul and Kathie Buley

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AGM ON 18 December 2017

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were posted or emailed out to all members in advance of the meeting. They were adopted as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were approved, and proposed by Carl? and seconded by Bob Stanway.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There was no matters arising from previous minutes

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The Chairman invited members to add items to the agenda. Item no. 5 was changed from Membership report to Financial Report. Requests to add the following for discussion: Lagoon, Cliff Path Action Group, Parking at Grotto, and under issues of concern the CBD revitalisation project.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2018 Financial report in both English and Afrikaans was also posted or e-mailed out to members in advance. See attached. The Chairman reported that the financial state of the HRA was robust. However subscriptions were down by R3 300. A number of projects were being considered for 2019 and with the mandate of the members some of the funds would be spent on these. Closing balance: R133 620.00. Financials were approved, and proposed by Bob Stanway and seconded by Jan Cilliers.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mr Brian Wridgway

The 2018 Chairman's report in both English and Afrikaans was also posted or e-mailed out to members in advance. See attached.

Issues attended to in the past year included; restructuring of the HRA EXCO, the CBD Revitalisation, Baboons, Doggy doo dispensers, Fernkloof Nature Reserve Integrated Management Plan, mowing of parks, Ratepayers Survey, participation in process of mediation after unrest.

- **Fernkloof Integrated Management Plan:** Latest plan not available to public as yet. The Chairman thanked Peter Hodgkin and Anthony van Hoogstraten for their efforts in this regard.
- **CBD revitalisation:** this was progressing well with plans to implement stage by stage pedestrianisation of High Street at the same time as the overhaul of the storm water drainage system. Efforts were being made to keep disruption to a minimum.
- **Bypass Road:** off the table for the moment with priorities for the Ovestrand being the lead into Hermanus from the Onrus side and the lead out of Hermanus to Stanford.
- **Membership:** membership needed to increase in order to strengthen the voice of the HRA
- **Baboons:** no progress on this. Cape Nature and Province had still not signed an agreement. A summary of the baboon management proposals had been drawn up by Pat Redford and is available from the HRA.

- **Doggy doo dispensers:** ongoing with efforts being made to solve problem of use of plastic bags. Pam Herd was thanked for driving the project which will now be taken over by Arlene Ross-Smith.

- **Survey:** The HRA had undertaken to circulate a 2018 survey amongst members and this would be emailed out within the next few days.

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Dave Shreeve, Hedley Tarlton, Bob Stanway, Michael Farr and David Worrall were proposed, and seconded, accepted nominations and were duly elected as members of the EXCO.

8. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF INTEREST & CONCERN TO RATEPAYERS

- **Fernkloof :** the question was asked as to what could be done to prevent potential development in the reserve ever being raised again. It was suggested that the public should wait for the publication of the revised document and then engage with those who have influence over the process, submit comments and support the Botanical Society and Whale Coast Conservation by becoming members.
- **Baboon management:** request from a resident that refuse collection in Voelklip start from 1st Street downwards instead of from 10th Street upwards as at present. Refuse in the streets closest to the mountain was only collected very late by which time the baboons had had a feast. Baboons were knocking bins over and so bursting open the locks. Another problem was residents and holidaymakers not using bins and leaving bags out which the baboons rip open. The HRA had distributed an educational flyer regarding baboons and copies of this would also be available in the mini OK, Eastcliff Spar and Delish shop.
- **Stanford upgrade:** concern expressed over the temporary road giving access to areas of Fernkloof. However, the plans for this upgrade had been through an EIA process, which the HRA had been involved in, and were publicly available.
- **HPP:** HRA now had an EXCO member nominated as a director on the board of HPP, and he would represent the interests of the HRA.
- **Lagoon:** question as to when the lagoon would breach and if the water was safe for recreational purposes. Member was advised that there was a policy in place for natural breaching, which would only occur when sufficient rainfall was experienced. Regarding water quality statistical analysis was available from Rob Fryer of WCC. There had been some insignificant spikes in readings.
- **Survey:** suggestion from the floor that in order to strengthen the voice of the larger community the HRA contact all 18 ratepayers' associations and suggest that they circulate the survey to their members. This was agreed and noted.
- **Cliff Path Action Group:** Jobre Stassen commented that the detour off the Cliff Path onto Main Rd did not make sense and that the CPAG was following a process to

connect the cliff path. The screening report had just been received and Ecosense had concluded that there was no factor that could jeopardise the process of connecting the Cliff Path via Pooles Bay. Process will continue in 2019 involving all stakeholders.

- **Social cohesion and unrest:** The Chair reported on his and Bob Stanway's involvement in a group which was attempting to get discussions going amongst Chairs of various organisations. The aim was to discuss the future of the greater Hermanus area and to achieve consensus on how to approach social cohesion and accommodate the aspirations of both the jobless/homeless and the insecurities of the affluent. Progress was being made and efforts were being made to be inclusive and involve OU and as many civil associations as possible, with the aim of getting a meaningful mediation process going. It was important to understand the aspirations and fears of the community without killing business and experiencing land invasions. Drawing on the wealth of experience and skills amongst the retirees in Hermanus would be of benefit when these skills could be used to mentor various processes.
- **HRA Website and email:** members were encouraged to make use of the HRA website and email any questions to the EXCO.
- **Thanks:** The Chairman thanked all members of the EXCO for their support and help, and extended a special thanks and farewell to Pam Herd and Jamie Hart who will be leaving the EXCO.

5. CLOSURE

- There being no further formal matters to discuss, the Chairman closed the proceedings at 19h00.

Minutes accepted

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Chairperson

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Date

HRA AGM ATTENDANCE 18 December 2018		
Member No	Name	Surname
17011	BRIAN LINDY	WRIDGWAY

X	GAYE JONATHAN	TACON
X	JENNY	HOWARD
10834	HEDLEY MING	TARLTON
11035	BOB MARGARET	STANWAY
10796	C	VAN HOOGSTRATEN
10961	M	WHITFIELD
16004	KARI	BRICE
X	MALCOLM	WILSON
11039	GRAHAM	EDKINS
10096	T	BUCKLAND
20012	PAM	HERD
10348	FRAN	HANEKOM
10758	GRANT	MCLAGHLAN
10220	DAVE	SHREEVE
10634	M	FYNN
10220	DAVE	SHREEVE
10226	J	WEBB
16014	ARLENE JOHN	ROSS SMITH
10348	F	HANEKOM
	KATE ERIC	PHILLIPSON
	JAN	CILLIERS
10715	D	RICHARDS
10193	G	PALMER
10510	H	LERM
10342	J	HALLETT
10715	D AND R	RICHARDS
	GIDEON	SERFONTEIN
10226	JENNY	WEBB
10108	ELVIA	BURY
18007	JOBRE	STASSEN

10034	JONATHAN	DRAKE
18010	MICHAEL	FARR
18011	DAVE	WORRALL
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