

**FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**19h30 ON THURSDAY 28 February 2019**  
**AT CIVIC CENTRE HALL, FISH HOEK**

**1 Present and Apologies:**

As per attendance register

**2 Welcome**

FHVRRA chairman, Brian Youngblood (BY), welcomed the participants and introduced the topics to be addressed, namely, “The Neighbourhood Farms” by Justin Bonello, Councillor’s Report and Chairman’s Report

**3 Neighbourhood Farms**

Justin Bonello made an impassioned presentation of the phenomenal success of the “Neighbourhood Farms” that he had established at several locations throughout the “Far South”. The presentation was interspersed with several short videos depicting the design and layout of the various farms and their crops as well as the happiness of the workers and customers. He stressed the benefits of local community based organic farming as compared to remote commercial farming:-

- Organic rather than inorganic fertiliser
- Harvesting rain water
- Natural rather than synthetic pest control
- Short transport distances
- Low carbon footprint
- Employment for the local community
- Health benefits of organic foods
- Seasonal crops
- Taste

He argued that our increasingly urban society needs to rethink the whole concept of food supply by adopting the sort of approach he was pioneering, thanked the “Far South”, councillors and the community for the support “Neighbourhood Farms” had received, but called for more support.

**4 QGM Minutes**

Proposal that the QGM minutes of 22 November 2018 be approved – proposed by Helen O’Regan and seconded by Derius Norris. BY requested that the minutes be taken as read; asked whether there were any corrections? None were offered

**5 Election of Executive Committee (Exco)**

Alderman Felicity Purchase (FP) presided as electoral officer. The following executive committee (Exco) members were elected:-

Brian Youngblood - Chairman  
Matthew Gray - Vice Chairman  
Allen Rose-Innes - Treasurer  
Peter Scott - Secretary  
John James  
Derius Norris  
John Shaw

FP bemoaned the fact that there were few young people and no women members of Exco and encouraged Exco to co-opt both young people and women. In particular, the meeting recorded that Helen O’Regan who had given so many years of exceptional service to FHVRRA as an Exco member was no longer available for election. Councillor Aimee Kuhl (AK) paid tribute to Helen whom she described as a “dura-

cell bunny” on her ward committee always abreast of community affairs. BY also thanked Helen for her contribution and hoped to see her back on Exco in the future

## **6 Treasurer’s Report**

Allen Rose-Innes (ARI) presented a summary of the financial report for FHVRRA for the 2018/19 year

Subscriptions	R 12 200
Donations	R 1 600
Interest	<u>R 162</u>
Income	R 13 962
Expenditure	R 12 400
Major items	
- Donation to Riverine Rovers	
- Replacement of FHVRRA banner	
- Website	
Surplus	R 1 562
Reserves	R 36 000

ARI stated that the financials had been reviewed and requested that Lorna Fulford be re-appointed as the reviewer. Approved

The FHVRRA financials were accepted. Proposed by Exco seconded by Terry Rothwell.

## **7 Councillor’s Report**

FP suggested that rather than present a formal report both she and AK would respond to questions.

## **8 Questions & Comments**

### **a. Attendance**

The limited and predominantly grey haired support at the meeting was raised. BY responded that younger people seldom attended meetings; they were inclined to communicate via social media. FHVRRA was in the process of establishing better communication channels on social media. AK was particularly concerned about lack of representation by women and offered to assist with communication.

### **b. FHVRRA Activities**

FP described FHVRRA as a civic association that represented the interests of the ratepayers and residents of Fish Hoek valley to local, provincial and even central government and cooperate with the authorities to further those interests.

### **c. Fibre Installation**

FP confirmed that Frogfoot fibre installation activities had been suspended because of the damage to pipes, cables and driveways et al caused by their construction crews. All damage would be repaired at the expense of Frogfoot. Due to the nature of the contract the City could not prescribe coordination, only oversee wayleaves.

### **d. Property Valuations**

The general valuation role as at July 2018 had been published on 21 February 2019. Property values in Fish Hoek had increased by 35% on average, although the price rise were skewed to the lower price range. The increase in property values did not necessarily imply a concomitant increase in rates because the rate (cents in the Rand) could be adjusted.

### **e. Galley Lease**

FP stated that the procedure of advertising the Galley Restaurant Lease was administrative and fell under the aegis of the City officials. No elected representative could become involved

**f. Communication**

AK was requested to update her activities on behalf of her constituency

**9 Chairman's Report (Brian Youngblood (BY))**

**a. Beach**

The City will be placing 20 benches on our beach promenade (when?)

Beach umbrellas next to the Galley will be repaired with shade cloth

Painting: two rooves between Law Enforcement and the Surf & Ski Club

Signage: requested "No Parking" area in front of Lighthouse ramp, "No cycling" and "No skateboarding" on Jager's Walk

Fishing net requested for Lighthouse culvert to prevent litter reaching the beach

Disabled access to toilets requested

Galley subway is to be monitored for a better solution

Entrance kiosk – City agreed that this should be scrapped

**b. Solar PV system registration deadline moved to 31 May 2019**

There is no charge for the registration of solar PV systems. A fee will only be applied for failure to register the system by 31 May 2019.

The registration tells the City where a system is connected and confirms the quality of the installation so that staff and contractors are not electrocuted when working on the network

**c. Invasive Beetles**

Report any Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer beetle sightings to [Invasive.Species@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Invasive.Species@capetown.gov.za) or phone the City's toll-free number on 0860 103 089.

**d. Nuisance Tripping**

To avoid, switch off all appliances during load shedding so that when power is restored, it doesn't trip the electrical fault breakers.

**e. General Valuation 2018 open for public inspection from 21 February 2019**

You need your "SPM" property reference number to access the City's <http://web1.capetown.gov.za/web1/gv2018/SearchProperty> as Erf and Site Address don't work.

In-person objections will be accepted at 32 venues across the city until 29 March 2018;

Online objections may be submitted electronically via the City's e-services portal or via email until 30 April 2019

**f. Joint actions pay off: MetroRail, SAPS, City of Cape Town and Western Cape Province**

During the first week of operations, just ensuring everyone had a valid ticket netted PRASA R250,000, which has encouraged PRASA to consider rolling out this programme across the country. Searches have resulted in 52 arrests to date, metal impoundments (scrap yards) and seized substances (liquor, drugs) and weapons.

**g. Roads**

The Kommetjie Road Project is in its final year. Hooray!

Note: Sunnydale Road will NOT be opened up to Kommetjie Road

The following underground services are being replaced or relocated:

- Three water mains;
- One sewer main;
- New stormwater infrastructure to support the existing and new lanes;
- Conduits for fibre optic telecommunication networks;
- High and medium voltage electrical cables; and
- Cabling for new streetlights

at a cost of R194 million over three years or R6.4 million per month.

The site covers 20 hectares with 100 workers on site

Kommetjie Road (M65) was upgraded to a four-lane dual-carriageway between Capri Drive and Corsair Way

Ou Kaapse Weg (M6) was upgraded to a four-lane dual-carriageway between Noordhoek Main Road and Kommetjie Road

The intersection at Ou Kaapse Weg and Silvermine Road was upgraded to improve the sight distance for road users

The four signalised intersections with additional turning lanes were upgraded to improve the capacity and flow of traffic at Kommetjie Road and Capri Drive; Kommetjie Road and Ou Kaapse Weg; Ou Kaapse Weg and Buller Louw Boulevard; and at Ou Kaapse Weg and Noordhoek Main Road

#### h. City Complaint Logging

Please use: [https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq\\_app/index.html#/create](https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html#/create)

Our ward councillors can follow-up on any long standing complaints – quote the C3 number provided from the logging process.

Notification Age Analysis Report- November 2018 - January 2019								
Department	Ward	Suburb	Notification	Notification Group	<20	20 to 49 Days	50 to 90 Days	> 90
Recreation & Parks	64	FISH HOEK	1014196665	Bench replacement at Fish Hoek Beach			1	
		FISH HOEK	various	Branch Removal	1	2	2	
Electricity Generation & Distribution	64	FISH HOEK	various	various		4	4	1
Valuations	64	FISH HOEK	1014279374	USAGE CODE UPDATE		1		
Law Enforcement, Traffic & Coord	64	FISH HOEK	1014338204	Illegal Dumping		1		
		FISH HOEK	various	Noise Nuisance		2		
TRAF.SIG	69	FISH HOEK	various	Congested Traffic at Intersection	9	5	4	1
Unassigned	64	FISH HOEK	various	Illegal Structures/Squatters			2	
Water & Sanitation Management	64	CLOVELLY	various	Water Meter Faulty	1	7	9	1
		CLOVELLY	various	Sewer: Blocked	6	15	1	
		FISH HOEK	various	4B: Quota Increase	1	1		
		FISH HOEK	various	Customer: Rebate Requests	1	3		
		FISH HOEK	various	High consumption investigation		2		
		FISH HOEK	various	Sewer: Manhole Cover: Damaged/Missing		2		
		FISH HOEK	1014349936	Gulley Request		1		
	69	FISH HOEK	various	Internal: Billing / Adjustment Queries			2	
		SUN VALLEY	1014341297	Restrictions: Enquiries		1		

#### i. Level 3 Water Restrictions (Our dams are at 54.6% storage capacity)

- Daily usage of 105 litres per person per day in total (wherever you are in Cape Town)
- Wash vehicles only using a bucket
- No hosepipes or sprinkler irrigation systems to be used for watering on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays before 09:00 or after 18:00 using City water or borehole / well-point water if not within 48 hours of rainfall
- Swimming pools may be topped up with City water if covered

#### 10 Closure

BY thanked the people who had contributed to the success of the meeting, particularly Justin Bonello, the Councillors, the Girl Guides for tea and all those attending