

MINUTES FOR THE EXCO MEETING
of the
**SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**
held on
WEDNESDAY, 3rd MAY 2017 at 17h30
at
Arthur Seat Hotel, Arthurs Road, Sea Point

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

MvE

Present: Marco van Embden, Suzanne Kempen, Juanita Levetan, Marc Sher, Ori Saban,
Janey Ball, Ari Vayanos, Jacques van Embden, Neil Zive, Jantjie Booysen,
Cllr Shayne Ramsay

Apologies: Paul Berman

Special welcome to new Exco Member Ori Saban

Marco van Embden will chair the meeting until new Chairman selected

2. **Elect Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Office Bearers (Treasurer & Secretary)**

MvE suggests eliminating the secretary position since LL is now full time. JB reminds Exco that we need a secretary for according to our constitution.

Nomination

Chairman – Marco van Embden

Proposer: Suzanne Kempen

Seconder: Janey Ball

Vice-Chair: Janey Ball

Proposer: Ari Vayanos

Seconder: Marco van Embden

Treasurer: Suzanne Kempen

Proposer: Marco van Embden

Seconder: Marc Sher

Secretary: Jacques van Embden

Proposer: Marc Sher

Seconder: Janey Ball

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- 3.1. Approval of minutes for
March 2017
April 2017 (AGM)

4. **PPA Talon Feedback Report**

NZ

4.1. Update

- Improvement, things are getting better
- Meeting held with Colonel Lento & Ms H Tager. PPA will insist that a case will be opened for each relevant incident, i.e public alcohol consumption, urination, defecation. SAPS refuse to open cases.

- PPA Talon trying a new Geo Tag system that the guards place in their pockets. NZ made the suggested 3 units will be good for SFBRA to start off 1 more for spare (while others are charging). Benefits, easy to set up (geo fence), MVE asked if we will be able to pull reports to see when the guard was at what block and when. NZ confirmed this will be the case.
- SFB will try and get an exception on the by-law to have us use our electronic bicycle on the Promenade. Jacques Weber will try to set up a meeting with Alderman Smith. Marco suggests we use it on the pavements and not on the promenade. Permission has been granted for SFB to use their electronic bicycle on the Promenade for security purposes only.
- All agreed that SFB will purchase 1 electronic bicycle

Fieldworker Feedback Report

JBooyesen

4.2. Update

- 12 Homeless children in the area
- Influx of day time strollers. Security presence at night deters them from staying. They now sleep on the grass during the day.
- Complaints dealt with well. Homeless that was assessed at Rocklands, 5 has been sent to Upliftment Programme – success story – brothers from JHB on the Upliftment Programme.
- Unfortunately we won't be able to help asylum seekers obtain their documents but Jantjie can still help get ID's for SA members.
- J Ball suggest getting the parliamentary shadow Minister for Home Affairs to get more hands on with this escalating problem.
- JB still needs a Laptop

5. **Matters Arising**

None

6. **Short Notice Agenda Items**

None

7. **Discuss strategic imperatives for 2017**

ALL

- Effective marketing and communication (FB, People's Post) one entry per month in People's Post. One positive story per month with People's Post. We could try to get a regular slot of either "Sea Point by numbers" add block joined, how many doggy bags dispensed, how many rubbish collected or alternatively a good news section. Get the stats from PPA, Jantjie and Straatwerk. Fixed place and time in the paper. JB suggest we do weeks per month. Perhaps call it "community by numbers". Add website to People's Post articles.
- MVE – Exco needs to work towards 3 cleaning shifts per day, morning afternoon and evening, for both Phase 1 and Phase 2, funded by the Upliftment Programme.
- Ask all the corporates for money. They will receive CSI points.
- Minutes of Exco and PlanComm meetings to be published on the website – huge amount of naivety on what the SFB do. Perhaps place the Minutes on our Facebook as well.
- SFB should have R100 000 reserve not to be dipped in (Target date to be confirmed)
- Better collaboration with the main road CID
- LL to set up meeting with Marketing sub-committee

8. **Council Report / Issues**

8.1. Cllr Ramsay high water – low water eco garden grand campaign

SR

Water – The premise is that it will rain. Errol Stern was overseas, she spoke her PR. MvE suggested that DA donates 10 000 blue buckets to collect water from the shower.

Initiative - The exhibition 'sculpture by the sea' are proposed to be at the promenade. MvE thinks it is brilliant. He suggests that it might be a little rocky and that the water may be disruptive.

8.1.1. Matters for comment

Windermere Primary School Educational Walk - Sea Point Promenade, Sea Point
LL to set up a meeting with JM from MPRRA to discuss events

9. **Ward Committee Member Feedback Report**

9.1 Update on report re: Sewage in the Ocean

Kevin Samson (Wastewater Dept) and Gregg Oelofse (Environmental Resource Management Department) attended.

- A year of testing by CSIR has now concluded.
- Sampling was conducted about six times per month at multiple locations in the following areas
 - Ocean (Green Point, Hout Bay, Camps Bay/Clifton) every three weeks;
 - Beaches (Clifton and Camps Bay and Hout Bay) every two weeks,
 - Blue Flag beaches (Clifton and Camps Bay) every two weeks.
- Because of the controversy surrounding the topic, the City are appointing an independent consultant to evaluate the methodology used and adequacy of results. The full report will be published about end June.
- The outfalls are working as designed. I asked if that indeed is good enough. If international standards are the benchmark, the answer is yes (but see Water Watch link below).
- Most of the time it is difficult to detect measurable bacteria and at Camps Bay and Clifton bacteria are virtually undetectable.
- The deep water outfall system is 30 years old, and is operating below design capacity. It will remain sustainable for a good many years to come.
- The Green Point outfall serves the area between Woodstock and Bantry Bay. This outfall can cope with the current and envisaged developments in the area.
- There was extensive input from Camps Bay Ward Committee members, especially those who work for NSRI and are exposed to outfall near Maiden's Cove.
- The meeting asked for costs to extend the pipeline in Camps Bay a further 50 metres.
- And on a lighter note, cholesterol medication count is higher in Camps Bay than in Green Point but Sea Point wins the blood pressure meds stakes.
- Apropos the question on testing costs, Water Watch SA (<https://www.backabuddy.co.za/champion/project/water-watch-sa>) needed R 7000 to test two samples three times a week, mid November to end March. That places the cost per test at around R120 each.
- I've asked Gregg to send me a copy of his presentation for circulation.

On Water Restrictions, Sarah Rushmere (CCT) gave an extensive report:

- 65% Of water usage is from the formal housing sector. Agriculture accounts for the next biggest usage. Relative to these, the informal sector usage is minimal.
- We should scrape through the current situation but, if winter doesn't deliver sufficient rain, next year will require crisis measures.
- The City is gradually reducing water pressure.
- We have the same level of current consumption as in 2004.
- I expressed concern that the City had been very slow to react to the present crisis and also asked about exemptions. These are no longer being granted.
- I've requested a copy of Sarah's report and will circulate.

10. Finance

- 10.1. Report from Treasurer – April Financials 2017
- Main problem is that blocks are not paying their Annual Membership fees. Their reason are lack of funds due to the increase in Levy's to comply with new Sectional Title Act.
 - MvE suggests dropping it to R50
 - It has been decided that SFB Annual Membership will stay at R70 per year with blocks contributing to the Safety & Cleaning Initiative paying R25 annually
 - SK will issue credit notes to contributing blocks
 - LL to note for AGM 2018, Annual membership will increase to R100
- 10.2. Latest Monthly Income & Expenditure summary (shortfall/surplus amount)
- Why is The President BC not paying, MvE suggests setting up a meeting
- 10.3. Debtors (outstanding Debtors – action report)
- LL can ask Rebosa to assist with outstanding invoices
 - Outgoing & incoming financial reports to be sent to Exco prior to Exco meeting

11. Safety & Cleaning Initiative Feedback Report

MS/JL

- 11.1. Update
- Managing Agents are obstructing us from moving forward. JL suggests a 'Thank you' lunch. MvE agrees.
 - MS urges the Exco members to be the eyes and the ears when it comes to the safety & security.
- 11.2. Membership
- 11.3. Advertising – Sunday Times (Neighbourhood Edition)
- Redesign for the next issue
- 11.2. Discuss monthly sponsorship price for Electronic bicycles
- Same price as Segway/Ninebots
- 11.4. Averda
- Can be promoted and added to the newsletter

12. Upliftment Programme

MvE

- 12.1. Market Garden Initiative
- Mve think that it is a great initiative. Marco will send to Cllr Bryant to get this going.
 - JvE – part of the SCI must have a giving responsibility initiative; a hand up not hand out approach.

13. SFB PlanComm

JvE

- 13.1. Update
- Lucy Graham has submitted her CV. PlanComm to draft response. JvE suggests having her attend one of the meetings to view the process.
 - JB wants it noted that the new EXCO committee will formalize appointment of the members of the Planning Committee for the new year.
 - Mandate of the Planning Committee to be submitted to Exco for approval

14. PR, Marketing & Communication

A sub-committee to be formed (JL, LL, RG) to boost SFB visibility in the community

15. Events – list attached

16. **AGM** – Feedback

List of improvements for AGM 2018 noted and approved by Exco