

**MINUTES OF THE EXCO MEETING**  
of the  
**SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS**  
**AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
to be held on  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 17h30**  
via  
**Online platform Zoom**

**1. Welcome and Apologies** **ME**

**Present:** Michael Ender (Chair) Lydia Abel (Vice Chair)  
Victor Morris (Treasurer) David Polovin  
Juanita Levetan (Secretary) – in and out of the meeting due to technical problems  
Gordon Metz

**Invited:** Nicola Jowell (Ward 54 Councillor)  
Ruth Friedmann Yusuf Kadwa (joined at 18h30)

**Apologies:** Marco van Embden, Miles October

**1.1. Welcome to Gordon Metz**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Gordon Metz as an SFB Exco member. The Chair confirmed a quorum.

**1.2. Co-opted Members to Exco** **ME**

Ruth Friedmann and Yusuf Kadwa were presented to Exco to be co-opted members. Exco voted in favour of both candidates and supported their membership. DP noted that he encouraged them to stay for the long haul with SFB.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**2.1. Approval (27 August 2020)**

**Proposer:** Lydia Abel **Seconder:** Victor Morris

**3. Matters Arising** **ALL**

**4. Short Notice Agenda Items** **ALL**

**4.1 Rates**

GM raised the issue with Rates and valuations and in his personal experience of 300% increase and an “extortion letter”. Other people especially older people will not have the means or know how to appeal etc. and have to pay these high rates. The City needs to be accountable and transparent as there is fundamentally something wrong with the system. A Rates Boycott is illegal and political so SFB will not get involved in that. A “class action” could be established to hold the City accountable – this is costly in the range of R1 million. It was agreed to share and contact other neighbouring Ratepayers Associations and Chris Marshall of Camps Bay. The SFB members to form a sub-group – David P, Ruth F and Gordon M. **DP, RF & GM**

**5. Ward Councillor Feedback Report** **Cllr NJ**

**5.1 Electricity** outages from Worcester to Barkley Rds – the substations are old and City attending to outages as quick as they can.

**5.2 Promenade:** The grassing is taking longer than expected however should be in place Oct/Nov.

**5.3 Fieldworkers:** The City have about 6 fieldworkers and wish to take this up to 15. The scheduled meeting with SFB & SP CID fieldworkers did not take place as City did not turn up.

**5.4 Parking:** PT1 & PT2 – new development applications since Dec 2019 are needing less or no parking requirements for new developments. SFB stated this seemed to have gone through without their notice. SFB PlanCom to discuss further.

**6. Ward Committee Member Feedback Report**

**JL**

August minutes will be forwarded

- 7. Resolution**  
DP has an issue with Resolution 2 which is linked to Resolution 1 and requested an offline discussion with the Chair and c/f to next meeting. **DP & ME**
- 8. Finance** **VM**
- 8.1 Report from Treasurer: Customer Age Analysis & Trial Balance**  
On hand is R86k and Debtors are down to R89k. Debit notes have been sent out. However SFB income is less than expenditure.
- 8.2 Proposal for SFB bank statement to be posted monthly to the SFB webpage** **ME**  
for transparency and to show what funds we have on hand.  
It was agreed the bank account is confidential and SFB display all their audited financials as part of the AGM requirements. DP noted that these statements could be misused by those who are not friends of the SFB. It was agreed not to make a final decision at this meeting but to give it more thought and c/f to next meeting. It was however agreed that a paragraph explaining SFB's financial and support operations which will demystify and explain how SFB operates. ME & VM will together formulate a paragraph for the web. **ME & VM**
- 9. Safety & Cleaning Initiative** **ME/JL**
- 9.1 Avenue Response Team**  
Biggest expense. The tactical vehicle is very expensive. Contract is up in December. Need to meet with ART to re-negotiate. We have Buzzer that we can subscribe to and link to ART which may be a better option. GM noted that most folk already pay towards a private security company and as a Ratepayers Association we need to keep SAPS doing their job – it was noted that there are committees in place for this – Sector Police committees and Community Police Forum. **ME**
- 9.2 Straatwerk** – invoices need to be investigated as overheads seem very high **VM/ME**
- 10. Project H.O.P.E.** **MO**
- 10.1 Brainstorming Responsible Giving** **LA**  
The summary of the feedback document was tabled. Some points are  
- The Homeless want to be involved with their situation. happens to them.  
- The Safe spaces use the homeless to train up to work in them and can be used as a training area.  
- We are getting very positive feedback from our fieldworker Kevin Alexander.  
It will be useful to have a follow-up workshop. Involve the faith institutions to attend – clients attend their services.
- 10.2 Report back from The Inkathalo Conversations** **MO**
- 11. SFB Planning Committee**
- 11.1 Update** **VM**  
All meetings we have a full agenda. The appeal for Quendon Rd was on 22/9 where LA attended the interview. End of month will be Winchester Mansions and GM will attend.  
Parking – new development applications are not obliged to supply parking (or less). City are not encouraging private vehicles. SFB cannot change the bylaw however we can advocate for Sea Point area; and engage with the City re Public Transport for Sea Point and pressure them. For Developers it is a financial issue and it may be difficult to sell the apartments if there is no parking provided. This will be discussed further at PlanCom.

**12. SFB A G M**

Agreed to plan a face to face meeting for late November/early December. Suggested Venue – Weizmann School – LA to check.

**LA****13. Communication/Marketing****JL**

**12.1 New Website** – The link will be sent out to members for comment.

**14. General**

Composting – LA suggested to check with Laughtons to arrange a special discount and ME to contact Green Cape re their pilot project.

**ME/LA**

**15. Next Meeting: *Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 17h30***