

**FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 19H30
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE MAIN HALL, FISH HOEK**

1. ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME

Present: As per the attendance register. Allen welcomed all present.

2. GUEST SPEAKER: DR ALISON KOCK – MARINE BIOLOGIST AND RESEARCH MANAGER FOR THE SHARK SPOTTERS

Dr Alison Kock presented her well-researched report with interesting photographs and illustrations. She explained that sightings over the years from 2004 until 2016 had been very inconsistent, but that they were constantly doing research on the sharks which visit our waters. There is a free shark spotters' app which can be downloaded to your smart phone which will inform you of daily sightings.

Questions and Answers:

What are your thoughts on shark cage diving? Dr Kock feels that there are pros and cons with regard to this. Her decision to work with the Shark Spotters was made after having worked on a shark diving boat. At the moment they are working with the government to ensure that checks and balances are being made and met. She did not feel that this increased the possibility of shark attacks unless done near a swimming area.

Do Bronze Whaler sharks bite? How were you able to identify that the drone photo shown earlier was in fact a Bronze Whaler? Is there concern that there might be fewer Great Whites than we think there are as they are endangered and could be on the decline? Yes they can bite, but they are not as deadly as a Great White and are mostly more curious than anything else. A research study had been done by Stellenbosch University the preceding year, from which they had concluded that there were only about 500 Great Whites left in South African waters. Dr Kock and her colleagues have contested that number because since then, in False Bay alone, Dr Kock has identified approximately 400 Great Whites. What we do not know though, is whether or not this population is stable and this could lead to cause for concern.

Was the sighting information shown in the presentation for Great Whites as well as Bronze Whalers? If the spotters see a shark they will make a note of what kind of shark they have seen. Bronze Whalers are then excluded from the stats that show only Great Whites.

Allen thanked Dr Kock for her informative talk and presented her with a gift.

3. MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016

The Minutes were approved.

4. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Simon Liell-Cock presented the Councillor's Report.

- **Water** – It has been reported that the Mayor will be targeting the twenty thousand top excessive users of water because of the water shortage in this area. Eight hundred million litres of water is used daily in Cape Town and its surrounding suburbs. This year is not, however the main worry. The City's main concern is for next year and whether the dams might not be sufficiently replenished this winter.
- **Main Road Rehabilitation** – There will be stop/go in operation on the Main Road for about seven days at the beginning of March 2017 in preparation for the Cape Town Cycle Tour.
- **ODTP (Organisation Development Transformation Plan)** – This is a new plan that the Mayor has implemented which works around the Social Development Framework and with various other organisations. The Mayor has also rearranged the portfolios of some of the Mayco Members.

Questions and Answers:

There is evidence that there is water within Table Mountain. What are the chances of being able to utilize that water for the City? The City's water team is already investigating this and is formulating a plan.

Some people are concerned that Far South residents are not receiving a fair share of the City's budget. Ald. Purchase had explained at a previous meeting that much of the income generated by Fish Hoek is utilised in other areas of Cape Town. What is happening with this investigation and what is the percentage which is taken away from Fish Hoek. Our beach is in poor condition and is not being maintained, and yet the Authorities continue taking the money made here and using it elsewhere. Cllr Liell-Cock said that there had been an on-going investigation regarding this and that he would again make enquiries.

Do the large tourist buses, which stop for lunch at the Galley Restaurant, pay to enter the beach area? Cllr Liell-Cock said that he wasn't sure about these arrangements, but would investigate.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – ALLEN ROSE-INNES

Allen presented the financial report for 2016 that had been published in the newsletter. This was adopted by those present who also agreed to retain Lorna Fulford as FHVRRA's auditor

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – ALLEN ROSE-INNES

- **Liquor Licence: Fish Hoek Pick n Pay** – Forms for objections were available at the hall entrance that day, to take home, complete and then return to the Sub-Council before the cut-off date.
- **Beaches** – Blue Flag status runs from October to the 31st March 2017 when it ends and the FHVRRA is proud to say that our beach managed to retain this prestigious status for the whole 2016-17 season.
- **25m Mast on PRASA Land** – FHVRRA is opposed to this high mast. Matthew Gray and Allen have been working on this issue from an urban design point of view.
- **Transport Study** – There is still quite a bit of work to be done. The consultants are currently mapping the movement of people within the Far South Peninsula as well as the movement of traffic entering and exiting the valley. A study is also currently being undertaken here regarding public transport.

Questions and Answers:

Please note that comments made as objections to the Off-site liquor licence for Pick n Pay Fish Hoek should be factual. Good reasons should be given in support of one's objection. Does one have to obtain a signature from the owners of Pick n Pay Family Store, as circulated instructions had stated that a signature of the applicant must be obtained? A copy of the objection has to be served on the applicant and acknowledged by them. A copy must be left with them. The Pick n Pay rubber stamp signifying receipt of their copy would be adequate on the copy which is to be given to W/O Middleton at Fish Hoek SAPS.

Allen asked for a show of hands for those who did not object to the Pick n Pay Off-site liquor licence application. There was a show of only three hands from the floor of about 80 attendees.

When is the next Sub-Council meeting? The next meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in March 2017.

There was talk of the water mains being redirected to the southern side of the Kommetjie Road. Alderman Purchase said that nothing was finalised as yet and that there was still to be another meeting. The object is to prevent the houses in Sun Valley from being flooded should there be another burst water pipe..

Derius Norris was concerned because nothing had been formalised and he was anxious that nothing would materialise from this.

7. ELECTION OF THE 2017 EXCO COMMITTEE

Allen thanked the 2016 committee and announced that he would be stepping down from Chairmanship, but that he would be willing to continue helping the committee. Allen also announced that Janet Holwill and Lorraine Lemmon-Warde would be resigning from the Exco and he thanked them for all their dedicated work over many years. Allen presented both of them with gifts from the FHVRRA. He gave special thanks to Kim Kruyshaar for her behind-the-scenes hard work in respect of environmental issues. Allen also thanked Terry Rothwell and Arthur Smith for their invaluable contribution by managing the sound system and also presented them with gifts.

Dave Anderson, on behalf of all members, thanked Allen for his hard work and contribution to the FHVRRA over many years.

Alderman Purchase handled the election of the new committee.

ELECTED EXCO COMMITTEE 2017

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| • Allen Rose-Innes | • Derius Norris | • Alan Lindner |
| • Kim Kruyshaar (Co-opted) | • Chantal Breytenbach | • Kobus Luyt |
| • Rob Downey | • Helen O'Regan | • Debbie Herrmann |
| • Jo Goddard | • Matthew Gray | • Brian Youngblood |

8. GENERAL

Alan Lindner announced that the Fish Hoek Museum would be remaining open. It would not be closing down. A new board of trustees will be in place within the next thirty days.

9. CLOSURE

Allen thanked the Girl Guides for helping with the tea and coffee which would be served after the meeting. He also announced that although the car guard had been paid for the evening's duty, people were more than welcome to tip him extra if they deemed this necessary.

The meeting closed at 21h40. Allen thanked everyone for their attendance.