

# MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD ON THURSDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2017, FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

**Present:** As per the attendance register. Brian Youngblood welcomed all present.

## 2. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the QGM held 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were unanimously approved.

## 3. THE FISH HOEK LIQUOR CONDITION OF TITLE

**Donald Moore**, retired conveyance attorney, spoke on the 25 June 1818 original Dutch grant for the Fish Hoek farm (Visch Hoek meaning Fish Corner) to Andries Bruijns by Lord Charles Somerset, containing six conditions (title deed restrictions), the fifth being translated, “not keep a public wine house”. He brought a properties map with a grant overlay of that farm.

### 1) Where does the condition come from?

All conditions of title in a Title Deed are carried forward to the new deed when selling a property. The Government regarded that all land belonged to it and they “allowed” land use by the settlers.

### 2) To which properties does this condition apply?

It applies to all properties within the original deed from the last house on Simon’s Town Road to Clovelly Station to the Eastern boundary of the Sports Field up Harrington Road, which includes Main Road (Arcade Shopping Centre) and the Clovelly Country Club.

### 3) If I cannot read it in my title deed, does it apply?

All title deeds start with “this property is transferred subject to such conditions as are referred to in deed of transfer number” and that deed number is known as the pivot deed. Pivot deeds are changed by the condition of title. Going back to the pivot deed via a deeds search, one can see if anything changed pertinent to the liquor condition. If nothing says that the liquor condition doesn’t apply, then it still applies. There has been no change.

### 4) What does the condition mean?

In the original Dutch condition, “*dat hy by aldaar sal geen tapnering sal moesen dryven*”, *tapnering* was the process of selling alcohol beverages. Back then, there was no Liquor Act and no distinction between restaurant, bottle store licence, etc. It simply means that you were prohibited from selling alcohol. How are there places in Fish Hoek that have liquor licences? Liquor authorities at various times have taken the view that the condition doesn’t apply for various reasons, but I say they are not correct. For example, how many drivers actually stop at a stop sign posted street? Very few. They say that it doesn’t apply to me or it doesn’t apply at this moment. I say that’s what the liquor authorities did and they were as wrong as the people that do not stop at stop streets.

## 4. INTRODUCTION: WESTERN CAPE LIQUOR ACT

**Gideon Morris**, Head of Provincial Department for Community Safety, said that since 1 April 2016, the Liquor Authority is reporting to his Department as part of the Premier’s game changer from one of economic development to Harms Reduction from alcohol. About 50% of all the violence is directly related to alcohol. More than 70% of our annual health budget goes to treating injuries directly related to the abuse. First-hand visits to our Provincial Hospitals’ Emergency Rooms or to Pollsmoor can be arranged. The white paper was approved on 11 September 2017. Before 2012 liquor licences were issued under National legislation and prior to that by magistrates.

In Section 206 of our Constitution, the Department of Community Safety has an oversight of the Police. We know there are a lot of the problems due to the alienation between the Police and the Communities. With white paper we have now started an Inter-Departmental Transversal Committee

and are re-drafting the Liquor Act so that we can identify the weaknesses and how we then fix them. We must complete this shortly for the Premier.

Can we reconsider Licences? Of course – when they come up for renewal on an annual review basis. That's where a Committee or a Forum like this is so critical in terms of getting yourselves organized because the Tribunal can only consider the facts before them.

## 5. APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS: WESTERN CAPE LIQUOR ACT

**Judge Deon van Zyl**, who was a Judge for twenty-three years on the bench, was previously Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons; was appointed Chair: Liquor Licence Appeals Tribunal three months ago; is the person who will either confirm, set aside or replace the decisions of the Liquor Authority (to grant, refuse or revoke). This decision is then still subject to review by a Court of Law as the Liquor Authority remains just administrative in its decisions. However, we look to active Residents' Association like yours for public opinion. If you have licences in your area that you don't like any more, have them revoked, but take the proper steps. You must show on a "balance of probabilities", a civil standard of proof that the granting of this liquor licence is in the Public Interest. Note Section 35 "Disqualification of Applicants"

- The premises on which the sale or consumption of liquor will take place must upon completion be suitable for use by the Applicant for the purposes of the Licence;
- The Applicant must have the Right to occupy the proposed Licenced Premises;
- The granting of the Application must not prejudice the residents [by proximity];
  - The residents of an Institution for the Aged and Frail (Old Age Home);
  - The learners of an Educational Facility – so School kids mustn't be exposed to this;
  - The patients of an Institution for Drug and Alcohol-related dependency;
  - The congregants of a Religious Institution – a Church.
- The applicant must not be a person who has been sentenced to imprisonment without the option of paying a fine; or
- Anyone who has within five years prior to the lodging of the Application been declared to be unfit to hold a Registration by the National Regulatory Authority;
- The applicant must not be an un-rehabilitated insolvent.
- You can't be a minor.
- You can't be the holder of a licence which has been cancelled.
- You can't be the spouse or the life partner of somebody like that is also not qualified; or
- Anyone who is mentally ill.

## 6. HARMS REDUCTION BILL

**Advocate Jan Gerber**, retired Western Cape Deputy Director: Public Prosecutions, redrafted the Liquor Regulations to reduce the previous harms of alcohol. This started when we would go to Court but cases were removed from the Court roll and reported this to the Provincial Commissioner of Police. He then moved over to the Liquor Authority where he worked with a team to amend the Act. Liquor applications are not because the Province wants to make money, we've got to use those funds to check on shebeens, etc.

Liquor licences are automatically reviewed by just paying the fee. However, if you've had a problem with the designated Liquor Inspectors, the Municipality or there's a filed report complaining about someone, that Liquor Licence cannot be automatically renewed. Then there's a hearing and the licensee will have to prove that he is a fit and proper person to have the licence renewed. So you must submit reports, report it to the designated Liquor Officer and to the Liquor Licencing Tribunal. See reporting in Section 20 of the new Act. The Liquor Licencing Tribunal can dismiss the report, complaint, revoke or suspend the licence, impose conditions upon the licence, order the licensee to pay such fine up to R1 million, such as serving to children under the age of 18, staying open later than allowed, etc. or take other action as it may deem appropriate. Plea bargaining is allowed.

## 7. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A) OF THE GUEST SPEAKERS

**Does the Liquor Act apply to Fish Hoek if, as we've just heard, the deed prohibits it?**

**Judge:** The Dutch version speaks of "tapenering" and Tappen means to serve wine or drink from a tap. "Tappen" doesn't mean "to sell", but might be interpreted as such in a title deed. In a High Court there will be a lot of arguments about the exact interpretation which should be applied and that it was issued in 1818. So, it may well be that a Court may come to a different conclusion regarding the interpretation.

**But can a licence be granted unless it's gone to Court then?**

**Judge:** If an application is brought for a Liquor licence, despite the clause in your Pivot Title Deeds, why was it not opposed? Why was it possible for any licence to be granted? Because you are the people who must oppose it.

**Well we opposed it.**

**Judge:** Well, perhaps if it was opposed, then the opposition was not accepted or the Tribunal wasn't satisfied that it sufficiently catered for it. Every case has to be dealt with on its own merits. So, things change, and our current Constitution makes provision for Common Law to be amended by Courts where the circumstances have changed sufficiently to warrant it.

**We are a "dry town", does the Court take this into account? Often, the community is asked to comment and we reject the proposal. The application is tweaked and resubmitted. After ten years it usually gets passed because of community fatigue. So, how can we stop this constant irritation?**

**Judge:** The point is ensure that you do not lose your energy because if it's important enough to you and your community you will continue to oppose it. In the White Paper, we don't want to implement the "one-size-fits-all" rule. Take for example, trading hours which says that you cannot trade liquor before 10:00, but that means that honeymoon couples cannot have champagne breakfasts! Then the whole Industry gets upset. There is a tipping point in Khayalitsha and Nyanga because of the historic zoning of those areas. They are not able to legalise outlets because they cannot get business zoning. Therefore, the Industry has become basically illegal shebeens with a ratio of 50:1 illegal to legal outlets. So I think one must be very careful of the unintended consequences and you must think about what would be the impact of an absolute alcohol ban in Fish Hoek.

**Donald Moore:** The people of Fish Hoek have always opposed any applications for liquor licences even seven liquor applications in one year being rejected because of the activism. But over the years, various ways of getting around the sale of liquor to restaurants, were evolved. For example, this restaurant glass in my hand says "Your Free Glass of Wine". So, the charge for wine wasn't on the bill, but of course it was built into the price of the other items. There were also back-door sales of liquor. According to the Liquor Act then, there were relatively small penalties applicable to unlicensed people who sold liquor. So, they made a lot of money out of selling illegally.

There was an argument put forward that it was a good thing to licence the restaurants because then, there would be a big penalty. They would have their licences withdrawn. And unfortunately, the people of Fish Hoek did a deal on these restaurants. They said "OK it's going to be better if they are licensed, because that will introduce control. It was a false hope. The best means of control would be to treble Warrant Officer Middleton's staff and let them exercise the control there is supposed to be. Anyhow, that's where the licences crept in – not because of lack of vigilance.

**Gideon Morris:** Responding to the role of the Police, when an outlet is not licensed, in the past it fell outside the ambit of the Liquor Authority. We have now created what we call a Compliance Notice. If a Liquor Inspector thinks that liquor is being sold illegally, the department uses our oversight to ensure that the Police responded. When the Police raid the shebeens on a Friday night, putting their lives at risk, they remove truck-loads of illegal alcohol. By Wednesday the person appears before Court, pays an "Admission of Guilt" fine of R500 and the Police must take his alcohol back! That's a weakness and we need to influence the national policy to allow that alcohol to be destroyed. Regarding the resources of our Police, in this Province we lost about twenty-thousand reservists in the last seven years. This means that our Police numbers went from about 40,000 to 20,000! Now when you see a Reservist, you don't know the difference as the Warrant Officer and Reservists wear exactly the same uniform. The Western Cape is at severe risk in terms of the under-resourcing of the Police and thus, proper submissions to our Courts.

**Adv. Gerber:** The Act says when you've seized anything and the case is finalised or withdrawn, that evidence must be given back to the person. Now you can't legally re-possess drugs, but you can re-possess alcohol. The argument is you can't give it back to a shebeen because he's selling it without a licence etc. So, what Mr. Morris meant was that they are looking at the interpretation of the Criminal Procedure Act.

**There are original Title Deed six conditions. Are the other five conditions still applicable?**

**Donald Moore:** The failure of any other conditions, would not revoke or affect condition five. The other conditions are relatively insignificant. One of them was that Andries Bruyns had placed on him the obligation not to interfere with the fishing and access to the beach. He had all the land, so one condition was that there had to be "free Access to the beach"

(Editor: Modern Fish Hoek Title Deeds state, "No noisome or injurious or objectionable trade or business of any kind to be carried out on any part of the said lot or lots." As many Fish Hoek residents put in objections, shouldn't the Liquor Tribunal consider this trade as "objectionable"? Linked to this, is the Harms Reduction Game Changing Programme truly trying to cut down on alcohol usage?)

**I remember a Simon's Town Magistrate addressing the FHVRRA where most agreed to have the sale of liquor when eating a meal in a restaurant would be OK, but not "Off-Sales".**

**Ald. Felicity Purchase:** I was the Chair of this Residents' Association at that meeting. Magistrate Gerhard (Andre) explained how the definition of "place" had changed in case law which allowed for the pouring of wine at restaurants (and the sports club) in Fish Hoek, if meals was being served, but not Off-Sales.

**GIFTS AND THANKS:** The Chairman thanked the four speakers for their presentations.

## **8. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**Alderman Purchase:**

Cllr Kuhl unfortunately had to go to one of her Statutory Meetings so I'm here in her stead. The issue is water. We are in a critical stage and we have to drive down our consumption to the 500 mega litres per day. We were on 585, then it rained and water usage went up to 610 mega litres a day. Day Zero was scheduled for March, but with the recent rain the current Day Zero is going to be the 13th May, but God willing we will have more rain and we'll push it further. So, we have to install water-management devices to residents who are high-users so they are not using more than 20 kilo litres per month. Sometimes there are valid water leaks. If your account tells you that you have been identified as a "High User", you have a month to motivate why we should not issue you with a Water Demand Management device set at 350 litres per day (based on 87 litres per person per day for four people with a bit to spare). When ratepayers have their water meter device fitted, then they run to us saying it's a problem. So check your account and if you get one of those notices or letter, please come see us. We'll help you fill out the motivation. Once they put a water-management device on a block of flats that was supplying six flats! If you've got no water, please shout.

We are also doing Pressure-Management reduction. It has an unintended consequence of people on the mountainside not getting pressure while everybody at the bottom is drawing water or having a shower. We are tweaking the system and we're upping their stop-cocks to allow them to get at least sufficient water to do their daily ablutions, etc. But we do urge everybody to keep five litres of water in the house so that you avoid being completely out of water because for some of you that morning coffee is really important! Be pro-active.

We have a Sub-Council task-team that has driven the water-consumption from 20 mega litres per day to 10 in just three months and we can do better. We now have another task team of professionals interested in trying to help us to find ways to produce 10 mega litres within the far South area so that we are completely self-reliant.

The City is putting in additional boreholes into Atlantis already, which is already completely water self-sufficient and we are looking into putting in strategic boreholes City-wide where we can feed that water into the filtration system for pure potable water. Ultimately by October 2018 we should be able to be adding 500 mega litres per day. So it's not what we are using daily, but it certainly will go a long way to making us completely self-sufficient as rainfall is not quite as reliable as it used to be.

We've identified every registered well point and borehole and we're encouraging people to use filtration systems so that we can draw on E.coli-free water if we do get to Day Zero. We're encouraging businesses. The Hospital has just put a huge borehole. They're busy trying to get a filtration system to feed into their reservoir so that they become self-sufficient because at Day Zero, we will have to close some clinics and schools because they won't be able to flush toilets. There's a lot that we can do without flushing the toilet. One of the local primary school teachers' daughter is a Water Engineer-Geologist. Her company has sponsored half a million rand filtration system, a borehole and sufficient Jo-Jo tanks to be able to make that school completely independent.

The Galley has a system where they, apart from water used for cooking and drinking, are using borehole water through a filtration system...same for Compass Bakery. We need to make ourselves independent and self-sufficient because if we get to Day Zero, twenty litres isn't going to get you anywhere. So, be pro-active.

We've started the first two desalination plants in Macassar and the Dido Valley. We've got the water that we're going to mix with the brine before we disperse it back into the ocean. These will give us two mega litres per day.

Then, we've also started work on re-cycling effluent in the Mitchell's Plain Waste Water Treatment Works because it had the biggest out-flow and ultimately we will come to this one as well.

If we do get to Day Zero, there will be no water in the taps for most people except for critical places. For health reasons, townships will be kept with water under management devices to prevent disease in our valley and not make them queue as otherwise, it will be worse for us.

The plan is developing where every suburb will have a collection point to get twenty litres of water per day. If the drought gets worse, it might land up being two litres.

There is very good and sufficient water from boreholes at Redhill, at Solole that runs Masi and in Ocean View, Noordhoek, Kommetjie, Sun Valley, Sunny Dale and Fish Hoek. You have to bore down deeper than 30 metres to get below the iron, etc. to get clean water. We just must manage it properly.

In the short term, we will draw out of the Aquifers as this drought is not going to last forever. Within two years we will be able to be re-filling the aquifers from all the other kind of water sources that we manage to develop.

On Road Works. They are working on Main Road to be ready for Christmas. The Ou Kaapse Weg Road (OKW) should be ready by May. The hold-up has been Telkom not having the proper kind of cable in stock delaying the project five months. We're running three months behind on the Kommetjie Road section of that Road Works also because of Telkom and the Electricity Department. The main water line has burst in Sun Valley three times, but the new water pipes have arrived. We still have a long way to go on those Kommetjie Road works.

## **9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Resignations:** please consider joining Exco by putting your name forward at our AGM on 22 February. After our AGM we will lose our secretary. We see this as a vital role at officer level. We'll accept any race, age or either gender. This could be a golden opportunity for a very young person considering becoming a PA that already has access to Microsoft Word or a new mom wishing to plug a hole in a CV that recruiters seem to hate. We can provide opportunities to learn how to summarise. We meet monthly for two hours and of course, every quarter for general meetings. Please email me. We can provide a letter of reference.

**Gift Registry:** For good governance reasons, happy to say that we have nothing to report.

**Subscriptions:** are now due.

**NERSA (National Energy Regulator of South Africa):** On the Eskom 19.9% tariff increase application, we did send an objection (one of 23,000, up from 300). We also presented at the NERSA hearings in Cape Town hearings under the additional mandate from the Far South Peninsula Community Forum and the Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance to represent them as well. We argued

that Eskom has 27.1% spare capacity over demand and should actually decrease their tariffs according to the law of supply and demand. Eskom spoke after me and confirmed that they will not be moth-balling any plants this year. Note that Eskom wants to return next year with another increase. NERSA is looking to award a CPI increase over two years. The City bills us – not Eskom directly. The City also presented and said that if Eskom raises the tariff to them by 19.9%, they will pass on a 25% increase to us. The City was concerned about their 10.9% leakage (unbilled access) vs their infrastructure or labour costs.

**Building Departures:** We objected to the Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF), which wants to remove the “urban edge”, which takes away clarity for where City services are provided (or not) and thus, property valuations.

**Blank Walls:** Some have expressed negative feelings about blank walls facing neighbours in Chapman’s Bay Estate, which is a gated community. We are going to end up living in a maze.

**Dust Update:** With Evergreen Noordhoek August and October’s dust readings being high, could mean that the site will be closed down. The Sun Valley residents want dust mitigation. Both Amdec and Martin and East have been spraying, hopefully with treated effluent water. We have asked the City and they have agreed to conduct a meeting with the relevant parties to agree on mitigation efforts.

**Tourism:** Over 40% of all South African **Airbnb** listings and nearly 18% of all African Airbnb listings are in Cape Town. It has also been blamed with the shortage of longer-term rentals. There are 155 Airbnb hosts in Fish Hoek. The negatives are possibly being unregistered and thus contravening local by-laws; no official rating; possibly no safety inspections (fire escapes); VAT payments might not be paid. Positives could be if they partner with registered local tour agencies (adrenalin junkies?). We don’t know the impact on the local economy and whether the “wealth” attracted will be distributed to our restaurants.

**Safety and Security:** Hikers beware. Incidents have been reported everywhere in the vicinity except at Cape Point. Gumtree / OLX: Internet sales have different business models. With eBay / Amazon, you pay and they ship. With Gumtree / OLX often the sale is once-off and in person with direct delivery with used items being of questionable quality; Sometimes the seller’s goods or buyer’s money has been stolen. We no longer have representation at the community police forum and this available if you join Exco. Crime Stats SA says that Fish Hoek burglaries at residential premises and drug related crimes are up to near peak levels of 2008.

**Water Restrictions:** The City tried to declare our water crisis a disaster allowing us to claim National disaster funds, but national Department of Water Affairs is out of money. So, then the City reprioritised our “set” budget to pull all available capital into the water projects, but this required the Treasury Minister’s approval, which was done. We’ve seen 24 “water” related tenders of which seven have already been awarded. These include tapping the aquifer, desalination, water reuse, removal of alien vegetation around dams. Our concern is that if the City declares an emergency in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act which allows shortening the tender schedule, but also allows condonation after already spending the money possibly ending up in a qualified audit.

St James Spring: If you want to collect water from the St James Spring, use the right hand of the two pipes. The left hand is storm water; the right hand pipe is spring water, but note that the spring water does contain a bit of aluminium.

All properties where non-drinking water is used must display a sign by downloading it from the [www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater](http://www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater)

Water outages are to be expected between 5 and 9 (am and pm) and reduced pressure throughout the day. The City says that is not liable for any damage to private infrastructure. We’ve heard that some solar water heaters can be damaged in this way. So, please check.

Our Exco’s concern with the throttling is that when normal water pressure is returned, our decrepit pipes burst. There were four major bursts behind Sun Valley / Sunnydale.

We have two outstanding queries with the City regarding water meters. The one is regarding the water meter spinning measuring air during air bleeding of the system as the returning water pushes air out after a pipe burst. The other is due to the geyser being higher could drain back into the City’s pipes. In both cases, turn off the water valve as it enters your property. Our concern is that the meters might not be one-way valves. Thus, if one had a “rain-harvest” pressurised system, it could enter the City’s reticulation system.

Interesting points: Only in Cape Town's might the Mayor knock on your door, basically to tell you that the City is installing a water management device. The residential sector uses 66% of Cape Town municipal water and thus we are the City's first target. Cape Town loses only 15% through leaks vs the national and global average of 37%. Firefighting uses non-potable water and foam. Cape Town's informal sector uses 4.7% of the City's water at 40 litres per day on average. The dams were at 36.8%, usable at 26.8%, on 14 Nov. We appear to be "losing" about one percentage point every two weeks. Day Zero is not inevitable, but we all need to do our part and use less than 87 litres per day.

The Mayor asks us to use less water, but that means less revenue for the City. So, the City is considering an additional drought charge / water levy. Remember the "Home Use" for electricity? We have objected to the City Manager who seems distracted with flyovers on the Foreshore. Our other concern is that our water bill is linked to the sewerage and its unknown to us if the drought charge / water levy is also linked.

**PRASA:** The City wants to take over Metrorail, which accounts for 54% of the City's commuter journeys and features prominently in the draft Far South Transport Plan, but is only running about 47% efficient now.

**Dolphin Park tunnel:** We receive lots of associated complaints. We've asked the City to either close it or open it, but for the City to just keep replacing the pump (three times now) doesn't make sense to us. The City mustn't argue with PRASA over whose responsibility the tunnel belongs, but let the public participation process begin.

**Dune and Beach Maintenance Management Plan:** We support no re-fuelling on the beaches, waste and kelp removal, but noted the caveat of subject to funds being available.

**Benches:** Fish Hoek Beach is to get two new stone benches.

**Yellow Tail:** Shoals of yellow tail may attract great white sharks. So, swim within the shark netting area between 07:00 and 18:45.

**Draft Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill:** We objected as this seeks to take away the powers of the local school governing bodies regarding appointments from teachers to principals, admissions and admissions policy, language policy and identification of learning support material, basically taking away the parental oversight just because a few of the school governing bodies are not performing well.

**Another cell phone mast application:** in the periphery of Fish Hoek Fire Station is actually just a split of an existing mast as it can't handle all of the antennae.

**"White flag" status:** potential from HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco related to our clean beach and ocean.

**Business Plan for Masi / Ocean View:** We submitted to the City a manufacturing business plan for Masi and Ocean View when they requested comments on their Incentives Policy.

**Draft Traffic and Speed Camera Policy:** We commented to emphasize safety as part of the City's Safe City strategy rather than just enforcement; cover over road work restricted speed limits when not working (ex. Ou Kaapse Weg and Silvermine Road); no high-speed chases as they are also not safe.

**City launches health screening services for older persons:** Besides health checks for patients, they will also perform compliance tests at old-age homes.

**Renew vehicle licences** ahead of the holiday season.

**Roads: Clairvaux and Main Road Intersection, Kalk Bay:** stop and go from evening of 3 to 5 December.

**The Point, Kalk Bay** – Construction at The Point started on 24 Oct and limited available parking space is still being experienced. Construction must finish by the second week of December, although landscaping will be done after the builders' holidays.

**Main Road, Clovelly:** Finally, after nearly 10 years and at roughly the same cost at the Nkandla upgrades, we have a beautiful new road all the way to Muizenberg. There is still a section of pavement that needs tarring. Also, the "glass" barriers for the Metrorail overhead electricity cables still need to be installed as these are very close to the footway. They replaced 100 year old sewerage pipes; the 50 year old water main at Clovelly; widened the road for parallel parking areas and installed new street lights. Kalk Bay will be celebrating from 29 Nov to 3 Dec with extended hour shopping, discounts and a pop-up market.

**Kommetjie Road – 4-ways:** Street Lighting has been requested between Kommetjie Road and Corsair Way to make visible the invisible low area created by the road works.

**Kommetjie Road – Capri Drive:** Traffic signals have been repaired.

**Ou Kaapse Weg and Houmoed Avenue / Noordhoek Rd intersection:** Three month delay due to the relocation of medium-voltage & Telkom cables.

**Houmoed Avenue:** We recommended to the City:

- That a traffic flow study be done when the temporary Houmoed Avenue is open to traffic with the view of installing traffic signals at both ends;
- That the dualling of Ou Kaapse Weg project be commenced at the same time as the Houmoed Avenue project; and
- That safety and security of the surrounding areas be included in the solution.

**Rhodes Avenue:** (for retirees that can go to Kirstenbosch for free on Tuesdays) from Canterbury Drive to Union Avenue will experience daytime one lane stop-and-go from Monday, 20 November, until mid-April 2018 except between 15 Dec to 8 Jan.

**Next AGM Speakers on 22 Feb.:** Along a water pollution theme, we have secured Mjikisile (Mijiko) Vulindlu who is the Head: Biological Science, Water and Sanitation in Cape Town, to explain the high count (E. coli and Enterococci intestinal bacteria) water samples. Ald. Purchase said that a City speaker had been found to explain related evaluation of the City's sewer and storm-water system – **Andrew Taylor** (Senior Professional Officer, Water and Sanitation Department).

**Petrol Price Increase:** If the price of petrol rises by 70 cents on 6 December as expected, it will then be at its highest price ever, but also double what it was at the start of the Zuma administration.

**Zim:** If Zimbabwe comes right, we could arguably lose a hard-working, industrious and possibly better educated group of individuals.

## **10. THANKS AND CLOSURE**

The Chairperson thanked Terry Rothwell and Arthur Smith for the sound system; the Girl Guides (refreshments) and all Exco members for their contributions to the meeting. The car guard who was paid in advance; Cape Coastal Property Group for paying for the printing of the newsletter; Thanks everyone for attending and he wished everyone a Good Night and happy holidays.

Next Annual General Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 in the Fish Hoek Community Main Hall.