

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION QGM MEETING
13h30 ON THURSDAY 27 August 2020
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Present:

14 members

Apologies

Aimee Kuhl (AK)

2. Tracking of Issues

James Ricketts described the “Tracker” application that keeps track of progress on issues raised by FHVRRA members and can be found by scrolling down on the FHVRRA.org.za website and then clicking on “Track Current Issues” under the lower “Our Work” section

3. Questions and Answers

3.1 Vallyland Sewage Pump

Andy Dawes (AD) asked why the Vallyland sewage pump could not have a permanent electricity supply even during load shedding.

A diversionary discussion ensued about attempts (so far in vain) by Kim Kruyshaar (KK) and Brian Youngblood (BY) to find suitable sites for a generator at the Fish Hoek Primary School (no response from Public Works) and on Vallyland shopping centre property via Spire, the owner and/or to use the Spar generator.

It also transpired that:-

- Fish Hoek Hospital did not have a permanent electricity supply, but relied on a generator during load shedding
- Current practice was to bring a mobile pump from Simonstown to Vallyland during load shedding
- Public Works had also not responded to a request to repair the rising main sewage pump from the “holding tank” at the Fish Hoek SAPS station

BY reported that there is a suitable site on the Spire property. KK requested that Felicity Purchase be approached to assist with negotiations with Spire.

There was no answer to AD’s question - it must be asked of the City

3.2 Trees at the Fish Hoek Clovelly Entrance

Evanne Rothwell informed the meeting that many failed attempts had been made to grow trees on the dunes at the Clovelly entrance to Fish Hoek. The wind and the salt spray from the sea would also render any future efforts futile. Peter Scott queried whether Spekboom would survive while Matthew Gray suggested Norfolk Pines

3.3 Kommetjie Road Intersection

Judy Bean described the alien vegetation (Port Jackson willow) and construction rubble that was damaging the environment around the new Kommetjie Road intersection. Remediation was hampered by responsibility and accountability falling between two stools - the contractor and City Parks. Meanwhile, security on the walking trail in the area was deteriorating, snares were being set for guinea fowl and other fauna.

3.4 Vallyland Circle

Terry Rothwell requested that the City resurface the Vallyland Circle which had become a pothole obstacle course. He had filed a C3 request to no avail. BY requested the reference number for follow up.

3.5 Open Data Policy

AD queried how well the City’s Open Data Policy was working. BY replied that Gregg Oelofse had promised two weekly reports of coastal pollution - time would tell!

3.6 Licensing

Peter Scott reported that motor vehicle licensing at Fish Hoek Civic Centre was currently taking ± 6 hours of queuing by < 70 's and ± 2 hours by >70 's, with many people having to make more than two attempts to get their licenses. The online system was completely overloaded - many who had registered for online applications had received no response. Even those who had paid online failed to receive their licenses by post. The recent communique from the City apologising for the delays offers little solace and no respite because the national legislation imposing penalties for late renewals is still being applied.

4. Thanks & Congratulations

4.1 FHVRRA Facebook Site

Brian Youngblood was congratulated and thanked for the very informative and useful FHVRRA site on Facebook. BY also encouraged members to visit the [FHVRRA.org.za](https://www.fhvr.ra.org.za) website

4.2 Riverine Rovers

Creative Space Art Studio, were congratulated for the mosaics in the Silvermine Wetlands Reserve. Each mosaic has a SnapScan QR or EFT a/c no. and there has been a steady flow of donations. Other artists are keen to provide art for what Kim Kruyshaar envisages will be an Eco trail. An insect inn is also planned. It is hoped these efforts will increase Riverine Rovers membership.

8. Next meeting

The next QGM will be held on 26 November 2020 possibly virtually.