

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 25th JULY 2024 AS A HYBRID MEETING**

	Minutes	Action
1.	<p><u>Present & Welcome:</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the guest speakers, Tony Vieira and Kyle Shirley, as well as the committee members, Peter Scott, Ozzie Gonsalves, Judy Bean and James Ricketts on skype, and Jared Barker who was standing in for Brian Youngblood to run the IT.</p> <p>Apologies from Brian Youngblood</p>	
T	<p><u>Approval of minutes from Annual General meeting: 2 March 2024</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Peter Scott and seconded by Peter Feasey, and taken as approved.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Format of meeting</u></p> <p>The chair informed those present, that the meeting would take a different format to the normal proceedings. The meeting would be opened for questions from the floor, and the two Guest speakers would answer them. It had been decided to run the July meeting as a virtual meeting due to the very low member turnout at the July 2023 meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><u>About the Guest Speakers</u></p> <p>Tony Vieira is the Manager Road Infrastructure, Planning and Development at the COCT.</p> <p>Kyle Shirley works for his own company consulting on traffic and mobility. Kyle has MEng in Transportation Studies, and is a member of SAICE, and the Engineering Council of South Africa.</p>	

5. Questions from the floor

1. Andy Dawes – the residents had requested a speed hump on Clovelly Road in the vicinity of no 120. The traffic Engineer had approved a speed hump, but the department was unable to fund it. As an alternative to a speed hump, it was suggested that the open channel next to the road should be covered and some of the overgrown vegetation cut back to make this section safer for pedestrians. There was a suggestion of using rubber bumps or steel studs as cheaper option. These are only suitable for very low speed applications.
2. Bas Zuidberg – Noordhoek had requested Speed Feedback signs to help to reduce speeding.
3. Increased traffic along Upper Recreation Road, as a result of the congestion around the Main Road CDB. Tony Vieira said that the proposed northern bypass would redirect some traffic away from the Main Road, and also reduce traffic within the residential areas.
4. Eva van Belle – She had noticed that the traffic seemed to flow better along Main Road beyond the Clovelly Road intersection. Some work was done recently to improve the timing of the signals, which had improved the traffic flow out of Fish Hoek.
5. Marc Yates – does the City cater for seasonal traffic volumes. Tony Vieira said that it was not easy to make infrastructure changes to cope with seasonal changes, but some interventions are made, such as additional traffic officers, and closing some roads to outside traffic.
6. Marc Yates – on the possibility of improving traffic flow in the Main Road, asked if it would be possible to use Beach Road to take southbound traffic, and make Main one direction Northbound. Tony Vieira said that modelling would have to be done to see if this could work, and the resulting effects on traffic patterns.
7. It was reported that there is an increase in traffic speeding on the Highway, Berg Road, and Hillside section of the mountain side. A traffic officer sent to do speed trapping along these sections, reported back that it was too dangerous for him to set up his equipment. There was concern that there was speeding in what is a cul de sac area. The consensus is that it must be the residents who are speeding. These roads are marked with 40kph speed limit. The local Traffic Chief supports the 40kph speed limit, however the Road Traffic Act only specifies 30Kph and 50Kph
8. The role of public transport was discussed in helping to reduce the traffic on the road network. Tony Vieira reported that Metrorail were working very hard to improve the service. New trains had been introduced on the southern line, which is the best run section. The COCT has been working on taking over the operation of the rail network within the Metro area. Negotiations were ongoing, and there is a task team investigating the implications and costs to the City. The FHVRRRA and the Fish Hoek Future would continue to support a tunnel project under the Steenberg Mountain. The Committee would investigate the cost of a tunnel
9. Tony Vieira said that the City was addressing the problem at Axminster Road in Muizenberg, which was the main cause of the traffic back up on Main road in the afternoons.

6.	<p><u>Meeting Closure</u></p> <p>As there were no more questions from the floor, the meeting closed at 20:20</p> <p>Gifts were presented to the two guest speakers, and Jared Barker.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Next General meeting:</u></p> <p>21st November 2024 - Live and Virtual.</p>	