


Fish Hoek & Clovelly Residents Association



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK ON THURSDAY 29 MAY 2003 AT 6.00pm.

***** Note time is 6.00 pm and not usual 7.30 pm*****

AGENDA

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES
2. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Wallace Mgoqi - City manager, City of Cape Town

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 27 February 2003 - these are available at the Fish Hoek Library, Regal Cycles, Silverglades Pharmacy, Wakefords and Weavers, and copies will be available at the door prior to the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. COUNCILLORS' REPORT
6. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
8. GENERAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions (R20 per household for 2003) are due and payable at the beginning of each year. Your address label indicates the latest year for which your subs have been paid. Outstanding subs for 2002 are also payable forthwith. Subs can be paid to the postal address; at the following shops: Regal Cycles, Kommetjie Rd, Wakefords and Weavers, Main Rd, and Silverglades Pharmacy, Vallyland; or at the meeting. Cheques must be made out to Fish Hoek & Clovelly Residents' Association.

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City Manager to speak at quarterly meeting

Dr Wallace Mgoqi, the City of Cape Town's new City Manager, will be the guest speaker at the Association's next quarterly meeting on 29 May 2003. We are honoured that he has accepted our invitation and we look forward to a large turnout. This is your opportunity to learn of his plans for the City first-hand and to raise any questions you may have.

***** Please note that this meeting will be earlier than usual: at 6pm. *****

Secretary required

Our present secretary, Penny Boaden, who has served on the Exco for many years, has indicated that she would like to step down. The work is not onerous and would suit a person with an interest in the community and some spare time. The main responsibilities are minutes of meetings (monthly exco meetings and quarterly public meetings), the maintenance of the member database and the distribution of the newsletters. A moderate level of computer literacy is necessary. Perhaps a mom or dad with a teenage computer boffin offspring will oblige? **Please contact the chairman on 782 4279.**

E-mail addresses

The Association would like to make use of the e-mail addresses of members who have these, as this is the most economical method of distributing the newsletter. However, please write the address very clearly as computers are unforgiving of errors, unlike your friendly postman! Also please remember to inform us of changes in e-mail addresses. We regularly have newsletters returned as undeliverable by the e-mail servers. We cannot then replace these with hard copies to home addresses before the meeting, as we simultaneously print only as many newsletters as we need for home delivery to those who do not have an e-mail facility.

The role of our Residents' Association

In the past our Association's interaction was directly with the Municipality of Fish Hoek and thereafter with the South Peninsula Municipality. As such our Association had a more direct input into the aspect of rates and commensurate services provided. The establishment of the Unicity has changed this unique position. We now have to address matters on a more comprehensive basis in competition with a multitude of other organisations, each with their own concerns and priorities.

This does not, however, preclude you from raising specific local issues of concern to you directly with the Unicity (South Peninsula). In such cases we recommend that you copy us so that we can also give it our support.

We need to grow our membership and be more representative of our constituency. To this end, getting your friends and neighbours to join the Association and swelling the membership base would allow us to make our case more forcefully.

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Strengthening the collective voice of the Far South

Progress has been made with the formation of the (Far) South Peninsula Community Forum. and a first AGM, at which its constitution will be ratified, is targeted for July. The intention is that it should be fully inclusive of civic, business, welfare and cultural organisations within the Far South. As an apolitical association, its object is to promote residents' interests in the public administration of the area by addressing issues of common interest such as, but not limited to, service delivery, budget allocation, environment, tourism, welfare, security, public transport and general infrastructure and developments affecting the area.

It is essential that the collective voice of the Far South be strengthened and we therefore support this initiative. Our chairman represents our organisation on the interim committee.

Mayor's 'Listening Campaign'

Your Association participated in the public meeting at Masiphumelele as part of the Listening Campaign and has also sent a comprehensive letter to the Mayor. Whereas we recognise the need for and support the weighted distribution of resources towards disadvantaged areas with a view to alleviating poverty and stimulating upliftment, we are concerned that reduced budget allocations will depreciate those areas that provide the Municipality with its income base. The main items we included in our letter as needing attention in our area and for which appropriate budgetary provision should be made are, in summary (not in any specific order):

- Upgrading of the roadways (Ou Kaapse Weg and Main Road) serving the Far South as recommended in various consultants' studies. This requires reinstatement of funds provided in the budget but which have been withdrawn;
- Deployment of traffic control officers and more sophisticated synchronised traffic lights to alleviate the unnecessary congestion in Main Road;
- Installation of traffic lights on Kommetjie Road at the Highway Road and 13th Avenue intersection, as the most urgent safety feature, and phased implementation of the other recommendations formulated by the consultants;
- Upgrading of the infrastructures in Masiphumelele and Ocean View, the provision of serviced land for new and improved housing and the promotion of environmentally friendly light industry in these areas through favourable incentives;
- Reinforcement of Law Enforcement services and deployment of city police in the Far South with a satellite station in the Masiphumelele/Ocean View area;
- Ongoing maintenance at a reasonable level of roads, pavements, public toilets and other public assets, so as to avoid higher capital costs that will otherwise be needed to rectify the degradation;
- The retention of facilities and services at the municipal offices in Fish Hoek, as it unreasonable to locate all facilities/services in Plumstead/Ottery;
- Implementation of training programmes to instill a culture of service delivery, accountability and measurement against acceptable standards, for municipal staff, who are being appointed with inadequate competency and training;
- The review and implementation of plans to ensure security of supply of the critical and vulnerable utility services (water supply - there is only one supply pipeline to the Far South - electricity and sewerage), given the unabated expansion of residential areas;
- Urgent implementation of the rates' rebates for pensioners and sectional title holders to avoid continued undue hardship, and correction of the inequitable sewerage charge;
- Support of the financial plan being proposed by the South Peninsula office for the revitalisation of the Fish Hoek town centre and beachfront.

More city police appointed but not here

We welcome the initiative whereby an additional 60 community police officers have been appointed to the South Peninsula. However, they will not be working further south than

Muizenberg. In addition to our letter to the Mayor's Listening Campaign, the Community Police Forum is making specific representation to the City Police Chief requesting that our overworked police get the help they deserve.

Amenities reach a new low

The maintenance of the area surrounding the Fish Hoek civic centre continues to be a problem as attested to by the potholes in the parking area and the lack of lighting. We have addressed a letter to Amenities and the Area coordinator to rectify this situation urgently.

'Adult entertainment industry' and land use policy

The public has been invited to comment on how the Unicity's land use policy should be formulated relating to the 'adult entertainment industry': 'adult' shops, escort agencies, etc. The draft land use proposals are available on website www.capetown.gov.za and in the library. This is a complex issue and your Association will be making a written submission on it.

Drug problem in the valley

There have been serious rumours that a notorious Cape Flats gang is looking to buy property in the Fish Hoek area and using it as a base to sell drugs. This would indicate that there is a good market for drugs in the area and the F/H Drug Counselling Centre has informed us that the situation is in fact pandemic. This is a community problem, which needs to be acknowledged and addressed by parents, schools, churches, etc. As a residents' association we are concerned about the implications relating to the quality of life but also about the consequential effect on property values. We have therefore indicated our willingness to participate in any planned action to address the problem.

Sand problem at Clovelly Corner

Since we raised this problem in our February newsletter there has been no action by either Intersite or the Municipality to remedy the situation and large sums of ratepayer money continue to be spent to remove the sand on a regular basis. We have therefore addressed a strongly worded letter to Intersite and the Municipality proposing various remedies and requesting urgent attention to this problem while the south-easter holds off.

Informal trading in the Railway Station/Taxi rank area

The Fish Hoek Station is one of the more attractive buildings in Fish Hoek. However, the precinct in front of the building is presently covered in pebbles and the area is inundated with water when it rains in winter. At present, too, there appears to be no control of the number of informal traders that set up haphazard and unattractive stalls on this precinct. This also applies to the informal trader stalls that are located closer to the taxi rank.

We have therefore written to Intersite and the Municipality requesting permanent paving of the precinct with proper drainage, the planting of palm trees, delineation of informal trader sites, some standardisation of canopies and specific attention to hygiene. We believe that an attractive and well-organised area will send a positive message to the public and attract a wider clientele to public transport.

Building developments

Cluster development alongside the Silvermine River continues unabated. Whereas most of the developments are pleasing, we have objected to a proposed development, which envisages the siting of buildings right on the boundary line adjacent to the river/road reserve.

The Municipality have advised us of the proposed development of a single residence, in accordance with the zoning, on the erf marked out with galvanised iron sheeting below Elsie's Peak, but that prior to any approval, they will advertise for comment in the press.