

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30pm.

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
- 2. GUEST SPEAKER: GREGG OELOFSE**

"CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT"
- 3. MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27.11.2008**
The full minutes are available at the Fish Hoek Library. Micro-minutes are enclosed herewith.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING**
- 5. COUNCILLORS' REPORT**
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR**
- 7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR**
- 8. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2009**
- 9. GENERAL**

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Members in arrears for 2008 are kindly requested to pay the outstanding subs (R40) together with the 2009 subs. Members unable to afford the subscription fees are kindly invited to contact the Association's chairperson (tel 021 785 1328) in full confidence for a reduced fee.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2008 (Rands)

	2007	2008
Assets		
Current Assets		
Prepaid expenses	243	270
Petty cash	-	200
Savings Account	<u>28 516</u>	<u>37 725</u>
Total Assets	<u>28 759</u>	<u>38 195</u>
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves	<u>26 579</u>	<u>35 477</u>
Designated third party funds	1 265	8 122
Accumulated funds	25 314	27 325
Current liabilities	<u>2 180</u>	<u>2 748</u>
Sundry creditors	500	138
Subscriptions in advance	1 680	2 610
Provision for legal fees	-	-
Total equity and liabilities	<u>28 759</u>	<u>38 195</u>

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2008 (Rands)

	2007	2008
Gross revenue		
Subscriptions	14 075	15 230
Other income	<u>1 180</u>	<u>1 594</u>
Donations received	160	50
Interest received	1 020	1 544
Total income	<u>15 255</u>	<u>16 824</u>
Expenditure	<u>12 819</u>	<u>14 813</u>
Bank charges	78	58
Gifts and donations	1 681	3 365
Hall hire	360	112
Honorarium	3 000	2 600
Legal expenses	-	-
Membership subscriptions/contributions - civic associations	516	210
Postage and telephone	3 058	3 690
Printing, photostats, computer & stationery	2 755	3 523
Sundry expenses	1 371	1 255
(Deficit)/Surplus	<u>2 436</u>	<u>2 011</u>

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NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2009

Guest speaker

Our speaker is Gregg Oelofse, who is part of the City of Cape Town environmental management staff. His field of expertise is the coastal related environment and the City Council coastal policies. We live along the coast and as our interests lie here, he will be able to answer our questions. There has recently been another world conference on climate change and he will update us on climate change and its impact on the Fish Hoek valley and what we should be doing about this (there has been a re-thinking on this) and coastal cleansing policies. He will also update us on the latest shark spotting information.

Election of Executive Committee

Of the current Executive committee members the following have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election: Janet Holwill, Lorna Fulford (treasurer), Peter Kempster, Bob Lockyer, Steve Perrett, Pat Schultz, Allen Rose-Innes, Flip Rossouw and Eugene Williams.

Portfolios are typically Treasury, Secretarial, Property and Development Planning, Environment, Amenities, Safety and Security, Traffic, Urban conservation (e.g. signage), Newsletter, Membership (i.e. database and recruitment), and General meeting coordination.

We need new Exco members to provide for new ideas and succession. **Please volunteer!**

Drivers' Testing Centre

We are sure all the people of the Far South Peninsula are delighted to see that the building of the drivers' testing and licensing station has begun on the north-east side of the Fish Hoek civic centre. This long awaited facility will be a great benefit to our many drivers and would-be drivers. We are told that the earliest you can get a driver's test up the line is August so hopefully all those people will not rush down here and fill up the waiting list before the locals!

Jager's Walk

Unfortunately the repairs to the catwalk are going to take a long time. We have been in touch with Megan King, area manager sports and recreation, who tells us that the tenders still have to go out and then be approved. At present they are looking at June to start but it could be later. There has been a rumour that stainless steel railings would run along the seaside of the catwalk. This is not so - in fact it seems no railings will be replaced.

Bayside Bazaar

Work has started there again after many complaints to the City Council that the site is a mess.

Silvermine Wetlands

This is an attractive facility right on our doorstep and enjoyed by many local residents. It is maintained by a group of about 4 people who are part of a group called the Riverine Rovers and who weekly clean up around the river and remove alien vegetation. Walking along the clean footpaths observing the fauna and flora is a joy and we owe them a great debt of gratitude doing something that really makes a difference. However, they need HELP, especially clearing the path down to the beach. Please contact Evanne Rothwell 021 782 6144 if you are interested.

Liquor Trading Laws

The third draft of this legislation is now open for comment. All comments to be in by 27 February. The focus of this by-law is consideration of neighbours and prevention or at least curtailing of the many problems caused by drunkenness. Consequently the trading hours for pubs, clubs, shebeens, etc. in residential areas are 11am to 9pm, which we are sure will delight most residents who have been subjected to noise and drunken behaviour until the early hours. In mixed business areas it is 11am to 11pm and in CBD areas 11am to 2am the following day. For agricultural areas, wine farms etc. the hours are 11am to 12pm and for sports clubs they are 11am to 10pm. Retail outlets all seem to be 9am to 6pm including Sundays.

Clovelly Station

The Clovelly neighbourhood watch has reported people sleeping at the disused Clovelly station as well as the dunes next to the path leading to Clovelly beach. Please watch out if you are in the area.

The Council Property at the lower end of Clovelly Road

We know several of you are wondering what is to happen to this property which years ago used to be a holiday camp and is now vacant again. After considering various options, the Council is to use it for council offices. Besides giving the Council some extra much needed office space, this will ensure the building is occupied and not destroyed by vagrants moving in.

Sewerage Charges

Whilst people accept that they should have to pay for the supply of drinkable water to their properties, most query and object to the sewerage charges. To cast some light on this we quote from a communication from Alderman Clive Justus, namely that the conveyance of waste water or sewerage to the waste water treatment works is generally more expensive than providing drinkable water to the property in the first place. Many intermittent pumping stations are required to transport sewerage to the treatment plants and the technology and infrastructure/facilities are more expensive and complex.

Consequently the Council makes up a charge under the heading 'sewerage' which is directly linked to the water account to single residential property consumers at a rate of 70% of the water consumed. Why 70%? Because 70% is an average figure that has been shown in South Africa and globally to be a realistic annualized portion of the water that is supplied to the home and goes back into the sewers from toilets, baths, showers, sinks and washing machines. The remaining 30% is used for things like swimming pools and gardens and is not returned to the sewers. The sewerage charge is, however, limited to a maximum discharge of 35kl per month. Industrial properties, commercial, blocks of flats etc. are charged at a different rate.

Council asks residents to limit their water use as much as possible as winter rains are not expected until May. Water restrictions are still in force and it is illegal to water your garden between 10am and 4pm.

Emergency Control Centre

This service, which is provided by volunteers, is very valuable but the small, dedicated band of volunteers could do with more support. If you would like to assist please phone them on 021 782 0333 and offer your services.

Re-cycling

On 2 March re-cycling will start again in the Far South Peninsula. Alderman Holderness tells us there will be lots of advance publicity about this telling us just what, where, when and how. The scheme will be linked to your regular waste removal and clear plastic bags with recyclable items should be put out at the same time.

Roads

The upgrade of the Muizenberg to Fish Hoek main road continues as expected. One half will be open for the Argus cycle tour which the cycle tour officials say is not the best solution but they will cope. It will be too costly and disruptive to fill in the other side, as over Christmas, just for one day.

Ald. Nicki Holderness has expressed concerns over the congestion of 5th Avenue. This is expected to worsen when the drivers' licence centre is opened. Some years ago there was a traffic study done in Fish Hoek which suggested that the odd numbered avenues (1 3 5 etc.) off Kommetjie Road be one way north and the even numbered avenues be one way south. Nothing further was done with this report but Nicki has asked us to approach our members for their input - in particular, to making 5th Avenue one way down to Central Circle and 4th Avenue one way up to Kommetjie Road.

The chairperson will raise this matter at the general meeting, but if you are unable to attend and have some good ideas, please e-mail her on jholwill@iafrica.com or phone 021 785 1328.

Renewal of Firearm Licences

Insp. Peter Middleton advises that the last group of licence holders (Oct-Dec birth-dates) have until the end of March to renew their permits. Please do not wait until the end of March to do this, as in previous years there have been major backlogs, with the office having to stay open till 24h00 on the last days. Last year Insp Middleton processed close to 500 applications and this year to date only around 30. So he's expecting major chaos next month. Additionally, owners who have arms for which they are not going to renew the existing licences, have until the end of June to hand them into SAPS for destruction, sell or consign them to a gun shop. The False Bay Gun Club (contact Keith Biermann: chairman@falsebaygunclub.co.za - tel: 082 774 0063) will take them as donations and get them legally off your name.