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**ST FRANCIS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ST FRANCIS LINKS
ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 16H00**

PRESENT: Committee Members, Guests & 70 Members

Committee

W Furphy (WF), Chairman
C Gray (CG), V Chairman
S Picton-Turbervill – SFBRHOA Chairman
D Truter – CCTV
D Harpur – Santareme Sub-Committee
N L Aitken – Community Matters
N Dyer – KJRC
P Pezarro - Treasurer
G Miller – Projects Manager
L Aitken – Admin Manager

Guests :

B Rheeder – Ward Councillor
N Munday – Proposed new committee member

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 17 DECEMBER 2019

- Attendance Register
- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of AGM December 20, 2018
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report : Consideration and Approval of Annual Financial Statements
- Election of Committee Members
- General Items

1 Welcome

WF welcomed and thanked all for coming, reminding all to sign the Attendance Register.

2 Apologies

C du Plessis – KLM Municipal Manager

3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 20 December 2018

- Taken as read

4. Chairman's Report

4.1. Residents Association vs SFPO NPC:

- The Association is a Rate Payers organization
- It serves all property owners in St Francis Bay
- Membership is voluntary
- It sponsors the formation of SRAs eg SFPO NPC for Village and Canals, Santareme
- Its primary focus is liaising with the Municipality on behalf of rate payers
- It funds its own community projects

4.2 Projects & Roles: These are not to be confused with the SRA Levy projects. The following are projects undertaken by the Association.

- Transfer Station & Recycling at Municipal yard: A new contractor has been appointed to better manage this facility. The Association has paid for the erection of shade cloth and signage. Donations from the public have been collected towards funding a worker to manage the site over the December Season.

- Bush clearing proposal : Concerns after the recent fires regarding overgrown bush and plotsA public/private arrangement has been proposed to the KLM by residents Nick Munday and Trevor Wright. Nick Munday addressed the meeting on this proposal. The KLM do not have the capacity to handle the scope of bush clearing required. A 3 month pilot will focus on protection of the environment while reducing fire risk. There are approximately 700 stands to be cleared over a period of 24 months – costs for which are to be borne by the plot owners. Trevor Wright's role will be that of a front office in liaison with contractors. The Association's role will be to provide an administrative back office and act as a link between the KLM, and property owners and the contractors.

- Sea Vista Shacks initiative : Sea Vista is part of Ward 1 (Oyster Bay). However Counsellor Ben Rheeder (present), Ward Counsellor for Ward 12, is responsible for Planning and is therefore involved with addressing the need for formal housing in Sea Vista. The recent upgrade of the sewerage plant means that further housing can be provided and sourcing of land for new houses is being investigated with a view to converting the shack lands into proper housing.

- Ward 12 Committee : The Association is represented on the Ward 12 committee chaired by Ward Counsellor Ben Rheeder

- Security strategy for St Francis Bay: The St Francis Sector Police Forum is now chaired by committee member David Truter. There is a strategy to improve liaison between all security agencies including an "eye in the sky" facility through drone technology.

- Pathway project : The Association proposed through the Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust that a concrete pedestrian walkway be constructed along the servitude used by Sea Vista residents to access the CBD. This was to provide a safe, clean and attractive route for the pedestrians. Mosaic artworks have been installed along the pathway to enhance its attraction. These were created by a group of local ladies and inspired by drawings done by local school children to encourage a sense of ownership and pride by the local community.

- DVG liaison : The Association is represented on the DVG committee by Wayne Furphy, and Greg Miller. The DVG is chaired by Liesl Clause. This is now a well organised response group and the group functioned efficiently during the last two fire outbreaks.

- Fire Mitigation Committee : . The KLM Fire Risk Mitigation committee has been in place for five months, Liesl Clause (DVG) and Trevor Wright represent St Francis on this committee.

- Road repairs : Over a 1000 potholes have been filled in recent months by the KLM. Pot hole filling remains the responsibility of the Municipality. The Association requested G5 roadside levelling to fill damaged roadsides around the CBD.

- Water borne sewerage proposal : a pilot program has been proposed to the KLM where local residents at street level can contribute towards converting from conservancy tanks to water borne sewerage.

- Replacement of water pipes : The Association is lobbying the KLM to address the continual bursts in certain areas. These are being prioritized by the KLM as funding becomes available.

5 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Mr Paul Pezarro presented the Financials Statements for the year ended 20 September 2019. A full copy of these is available for scrutiny on the St Francis Property Owners website on the following link:: (<https://stfrancispropertyowners.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Annual-Finacial-Statement-2019.pdf>)

- In the current year, subscription payments have come in very well so far and the improved response to our appeals is very encouraging.
- WF appealed for annual membership payments to be made in order to form a stronger Association. He also appealed to the meeting to encourage friends and neighbours to join the Association to build the membership numbers to help build reserves for community projects. The subscription year runs concurrently with the SFPO Financial year from 1st October thru 30 September.
- The SFPO annual subscription payment is not to be confused with the SRA Levy.

The 2019 Annual Financial Statements were accepted.

6 Election of SFPO Committee Members

Committee Members Elected for period Dec 2019 – Dec 2021

- The following members were re-elected : Wayne Furphy, Chris Gray, Simon Picton-Turbervill (SFBRHOA), Norman Dyer (KJRC), David Truter and David Harpur.
- Nigel Aitken stood down after many years' service. He was thanked for all his time and efforts in serving the committee and the community.
- Nick Munday was elected to the committee to focus on bush clearing projects.
- There were no further nominations.
- Employees of Association : Lyn Aitken (Admin Manager part-time) and Paul Pezarro (Treasurer)

7 General Items - Questions and Comments from the Floor

Announcement : Water Crisis : WF emphasised the severity of the water crisis in the Kouga region with an appeal to all to use water sparingly. Local boreholes are in the process of being re-instated. Ward Counsellor Rheeder declared that this process is nearing its financial stages.

Announcement : Coastal and Environmental Services Public Participation Meeting : The EIA for the beach, river and spit has been ongoing for almost a year. A public participation meeting to review the Draft EIR is to be held at 17h00 on 19th December at the St Francis Bay Bowling Club.

Question : How many potential Association members are there in St Francis :

Answer: WF estimated that the full potential is around 5000 members.

8 There being no further business WF closed the meeting by thanking all for attending.