


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 22 AUGUST 2002 AT 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES
2. GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr Gavin Bell, Area Manager - Central Section, Cape Peninsula National Parks, will address the meeting on the Programme of prescribed burns of mountain areas and will review the Trappieskop prescribed burn.

Alderman Nicky Holderness will address the meeting on the Budget for the Unicity and the South Peninsula for 2002/2003.

3. MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING held on 23 May 2002 - these will be available prior to the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. COUNCILLORS' REPORT
6. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
8. GENERAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DATABASE

Please note that subscriptions (R15 per household) are due and payable at the beginning of each year. If your address label does not indicate that you have paid for 2002, please let us have your subs forthwith. They 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. If, by end August, your subs are overdue since 2000, your name will unfortunately be removed from the membership list.

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Strange goings-on on Elsie's Peak

Sheets of corrugated iron which have been placed on Elsie's Peak may be to mark plots for development. Although the Johannesburg-based owner of the 4ha erf 7342 wasn't available for comment in a recent newspaper report, workers on the mountainside said the sheets were to mark the boundaries of plots which were to be marketed overseas. The erf runs in a triangle, from approximately the upper edge of the mountainside houses towards the Simon's Town edge of the mountain, then up to just below the rocky cliff peak. It is zoned single residential, meaning the owner may build one dwelling only. In 1993 and 1997 applications were made for subdivision of the erf and on both occasions this Association worked strongly against the development of this landmark. It appears that the municipality has received no formal application for the subdivision of this erf, but your Association will be monitoring events closely.

A friendly Blue Flag beach

The group of concerned Fish Hoek residents and business people (including participation by this Association), who have been conducting monthly meetings at the beach have now formalised themselves into a 'Friends' group, to be known as 'Friends of Fish Hoek Beach'. The aim of the group is to achieve Blue Flag status for Fish Hoek beach, for which a time period of three years has been set as a deadline. Anyone wishing to become a Friend can call Gillian Brooke on 082 783 9144.

Squatters cause concern in Peers Hill

Recently it was reported to this Association that squatters were erecting structures on the slopes of Peers Hill between the Clovelly Country Club and Peers Hill Village. Although Law Enforcement confirmed the presence of people there during the day, they advised that they were not squatting. They did, however, report at the last Police Forum meeting that there are a number of homeless families living on private land between Ou Kaapse Weg and Peers Cave. Residents of Peers Hill, citing an increase in petty theft and robberies in the area, have raised concerns about safety and hygiene. We believe that it is incumbent on the landowners to clear invasive alien vegetation bush from areas in close proximity to the residential areas so as to discourage squatting.

Street people initiative

Residents' concerns about homeless people in the area are very real and unless the issues are addressed, managed and controlled, the numbers will grow. The Valley of Good Hope People's Forum has drawn up an operational plan that is now ready for implementation. To ensure the plan works, the forum asks that money or food not be given to people in the street, instead money should be deposited in the Fish Hoek Business Improvement District Account (Standard Bank 072 069 937, reference Street People). The forum hopes to employ a fieldworker to work with the street people to enable them to get off the streets. If you can help in any way or have any queries, please phone the Emergency Control Centre at 782-0333.

Don't tempt criminals

The understaffed police have such a huge number of cases under investigation at any time that they cannot cope with "avoidable" crimes as well, the head of the detective branch said at the last Police Forum meeting. The police appealed to the public to take measures to avoid crimes which need not occur, such as by parking their cars in their garages, not leaving items

in full view in the car and locking their houses adequately. We recommend that residents attend the bi-monthly Fish Hoek Valley Community Police Forum open meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 26 September.

Property valuations needed more transparency

We addressed a letter to the Valuation Board expressing concern at the level of accuracy of information gathered by data collectors and the fact that the onus of objection had been placed on the individual owner without adequate information being provided for comparative analysis on the value of improvements. We further submitted that the valuation assessment should remain open for further review with greater transparency. We also submitted that the sewerage charge, based on water usage, is inequitable as between properties with and without gardens.

If you have sent in an objection to your property valuation or have a query on the rates applied, please contact Mr Higgins or Mr Riffles of the SPA Financial Services at 710 8000.

Plan to manage Kommetjie Road traffic

A consultant's draft report on the Kommetjie Road Access Management Plan is in the library and comments on this report can still be made by 16th August. Among its conclusions are that high priority be given to: the realignment of Highway Road and 13th Avenue to form a single intersection with traffic lights; the reduction of lane widths by means of painted shoulders and road studs along various sections of Kommetjie Road; the provision of parallel parking on one side of the road only along certain sections; the conversion of angled parking outside Fish Hoek Primary to parallel parking and installation of flashing warning signs at the approach to its pedestrian crossing; and permanent speed enforcement cameras between Pass Road and 9th Avenue. The report also identifies medium and low priority recommendations. Overall the plan is sound and we shall put pressure on the authorities to make the funds available in this budget year for the high priority items.

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Outlook gloomy for Chapman's Peak users

This Association, with other civic associations from Simon's Town, Kommetjie, Noordhoek and Ocean View, has objected to the rationale for a toll road for Chapman's Peak Drive, the proposed tariff structure (if a toll is unavoidable), the restricted access for cyclists and pedestrians, the process to date and the selection of the preferred bidder. Although we asked to meet the Provincial Minister of Transport, Public Works and Property Management, we shall first be meeting with top officials of the Transport Department on 5 August. We shall report on the outcome of the meeting at the next Quarterly General Meeting.

Funding comes to an end for Silvermine River project

After budgeting R12,5 million on the construction of the Silvermine River flood control scheme, consultants for the Municipality recently convened a meeting between the Municipality, Cape Nature Conservation, SA National Parks, Clovelly Golf Club, the Residents' Association, the Friends of Silvermine, the Wildlife and Environment Society and some residents to discuss the scheme's future now that funding has dried up. Once the construction of the last phase is completed, the Municipality hopes the public and business will be involved in the scheme's maintenance. Nothing was decided at the meeting. We need the Municipality to inform us what the level of its obligations is.

Upgrading of the Association's Database and Issues for the Association

We are upgrading our database to include telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses. We request you to return the form below by post or to any of the delivery point points indicated on the first page. We also invite you to identify your major concerns and proposals for action by your Association.

On the forms collected as part of the drive for new membership, new members identified major concerns as road safety, particularly along Kommetjie Road, crime and safety, vagrancy, graffiti, litter and the lack of maintenance.

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Street Address:
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Postal Address:
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Telephone: Fax: E-mail:

Main concerns and Proposals for Action by the FHCRA:

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