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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 25 AUGUST 2005 AT 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
2. **GUEST SPEAKER - COUNCILLOR DAVID ERLEIGH**, Mayoral Committee member for Safety and Security and member of Sub-council 19, will address the meeting on Safety and Security issues.
3. **MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26.05.2004**
These have been available for scrutiny at the Fish Hoek Library, Regal Cycles, Silverglades Pharmacy, Wakefords and Weavers since July. Copies will be available at the meeting.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT + FEES FOR 2006**
7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
8. **GENERAL**

Note: Refreshments will be served after the meeting. A voluntary donation in aid of the Fish Hoek Valley Community Police Forum will be appreciated.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions (R25 per household for 2005) were due at the beginning of the year. Your address label indicates the status of your subs. Subs can be paid to the postal address; at the following shops: Regal Cycles, Wakefords, Weavers, and Silverglades Pharmacy; or at the meeting. Cheques must be made out to Fish Hoek & Clovelly Residents' Association.

We appeal to members in arrears for 2004 and 2005 to pay their subs.

RETURN SLIP FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS	Tick block(s)	2004 - R25	2005 - R25
Name:			
Street Address:			
Postal Address: (if different)			
Telephone: Fax: E-mail:			

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2005

Executive Committee

We need new Exco members - especially younger residents - to provide for succession and new ideas. We also need a representative(s) from Sun Valley. Please volunteer.

Treasurer's Report

Abbreviated financial statement (in Rands) for the period ended 31 July 2005, compared to 2004:

Income statement	2005	2004
Income		
Subscriptions	9 120	10 267
Donations	100	25
Interest	<u>469</u>	<u>466</u>
	<u>9 589</u>	<u>10 758</u>
Expenditure		
Bank charges	198	271
Gifts and donations	340	1 369
Hall hire	148	256
Honorarium	1 606	250
Legal expenses	500	-
Membership drive	449	-
Postage and telephone	1 906	1 083
Presentation expenses	108	165
Printing, photostats and stationery	<u>1 793</u>	<u>2 170</u>
	<u>7 048</u>	<u>5 564</u>
Surplus	<u>2 541</u>	<u>5 194</u>
'Balance Sheet' (FHCRA excluding moneys held on behalf of Adopt-a-Bench and FSPCF)		
Accumulated funds at 1 January	19 253	17 187
Add surplus	<u>2 541</u>	<u>5 194</u>
Total	<u>21 794</u>	<u>22 381</u>
Represented by		
Term deposits, cash and cash equivalents	22 564	23 066
less		
Sundry creditors	500	-
Subscriptions in advance	<u>270</u>	<u>685</u>
	<u>21 794</u>	<u>22 381</u>

Expenses have escalated in respect of higher telephone costs/e-mails associated with communication with other civics, honoraria for the minutes' secretariat and for the membership drive to Sun Valley. Exco has also approved the provision of R1500 for further legal fees (not reflected above) that may be required for legal action related to the Integrated Zoning Scheme. Subscriptions are also not being paid timeously.

We need to keep reserves at a constant basis, allowing for inflation, for legal actions that may be required. As subscriptions for 2005 were fixed at R25 (=2004) Exco proposes that subscriptions be increased to R35 for 2006. This figure is low compared to other civic associations.

Toll plazas for Chapman's Peak given the go-ahead

The Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the construction of four-lane tolling plazas and associated control buildings on both sides of Chapman's Peak, viz at the Koeëlbaii site on the Hout Bay section and at the Noordhoek site. Specific conditions relate to mitigation/rehabilitation measures, the adherence of the current environment management plan (EMP), the sloping of the re-vegetated canopy roofs, the visual impact of lighting and signage, etc.

This Association and the civic associations from Hout Bay, Noordhoek and Kommetjie have jointly appealed against the ROD with the following arguments: it is based on 'predicted' traffic volumes rather than 'actual' traffic volumes; it has not considered the option for a single toll plaza, similar to the existing temporary toll plaza, which has been shown to be more than suitable during the toll road operation to date and will have less environmental impact; it is silent on the issue of free public access to picnic sites and mountain trails as entrenched in the ambit of the Table Mountain National Park and SANParks.

Concerted objection to Council's draft Integrated Zoning Scheme

About 800 letters of objection were lodged with the City Council for the second draft of the Integrated Zoning Scheme (IZS), the Council's attempt to unify zoning schemes across the unicity. The draft IZS allows sweeping changes to the face of the city, such as allowing three-storey houses as of right, second dwellings as of right and considerable relaxation of sub-division size and building lines.

This Association joined the Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance, representing a wide cross-section of civic associations (41 in number) from neighbourhoods across the city, in its general objection and also submitted its own objections and comments more pertinent to the Fish Hoek valley. In a show of force, these submissions were handed over to officials at the Civic Centre in Cape Town.

A senior advocate was retained by the Alliance (with this Association contributing R500 towards his fees) who submitted a legal opinion as follows:

- Existing zoning schemes owed their existence to the Land Use Planning Ordinance (LUPO), however the IZS is based, instead, on a section of the Constitution. The Constitution gives local administrations executive power to administer zoning schemes and any zoning legislation it promulgates may only be in relation to the administration of the zoning. A new zoning scheme could only become legally binding in terms of LUPO.
- This meant the relevant procedures of LUPO had to be complied with, which had not been done.
- The IZS had provisions relating to zoning as well as to the administration of zoning. Matters of administration, that is procedure, do not properly belong to the sphere of zoning and should be promulgated as by-laws – as laid down by the Municipal Systems Act – not as part of a zoning scheme.

The City Council has acknowledged receipt of our submission and we await feedback.

The Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance is in the process of formalising a Constitution, so as to be able to handle on an ad-hoc basis other matters of concern relating to local government.

Seaside walkway between Kalk Bay and Clovelly approved

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has approved the construction of a walkway below the high water mark from Danger Beach to Dalebrook and from Kalk Bay harbour to Wooley's pool and Clovelly Beach. There would appear to be some confusion as to the use of Intersite land. As yet it is unclear whether Intersite had given permission for its land to be used and how it would affect its proposed development of the Clovelly station site. The date for appeals is latest 20 August and the appeals questionnaire that has to be used is available from jedeveill@pgwc.gov.za or 483-3915.

Model aeroplane enthusiasts take to the air

The Fish Hoek Radio Flyers have applied for permission to lease about 1.1ha of council land for nine years 11 months as a flying site for radio-controlled model aircrafts. The site abuts the sports fields off Nelson Road. The proposed times allowed for flying are: Mondays to Saturdays from 9am to sunset, Sundays and religious public holidays from 11am to sunset and public holidays from 10am to sunset. The club has undertaken to demarcate the area with intermittent low fencing so that the site can still be used freely by the public when no flying is possible. This Association has supported this application but has pointed out that the lease period may be shortened should Council decide to construct the proposed Fish Hoek bypass road that traverses the area.

Graffiti continues unabated

The Fish Hoek Valley and other areas are posed with an ever-increasing graffiti vandalism problem. This is being experienced at an unacceptable rate – graffiti appears on both private and public road signs, walls and on any other convenient surface. Apart from the considerable cost incurred by public bodies, businesses and residents in removing the graffiti and undertaking remedial work, the defacing of traffic signs seriously inconveniences the public and even endangers lives. Although a draft by-law, proposing severe punitive measures and means of enforcing payment of restoration costs, was completed in 2002 and was submitted to the sub-councils for comment, it has since then been awaiting Mayoral approval and no further action has been taken. This Association has written to the City Manager to find out what the Council intends doing about this serious issue.

Sea water quality off Fish Hoek beach

Following the report in our February newsletter, we continue to receive regular analyses of the sea water quality. These analyses still show non-compliance with the recommended water quality guidelines on a periodic basis. This was particularly the case in April, following heavy rains. Council has completed the works on the stormwater outlet system on the main beach that will ensure that stormwater, during periods of low flow and which may be highly polluted, is continuously diverted to the sewage system. However, in our view, this only partially deals with the symptom and does not address the inherent problem of contaminated inflows into the stormwater system, whether due to a pump failure on the sewage system or illegal connections. In our view comprehensive monitoring at strategic points on the stormwater reticulation system is required. We have identified the upgrading of the stormwater and sewage systems as a sub-council project (see below).

Glencairn station development proposal takes a breather

The proposed hotel, holiday accommodation, residential accommodation and commercial development on land adjacent to Glencairn station has been put on hold for a few months while the developers sort out their contract with Intersite. After this the interrupted Environmental Impact Assessment process as part of the rezoning application will resume.

High-voltage cable

Excavation of the trench for the new high-voltage cable from Muizenberg to Clovelly to replace the old one has begun. The cable will run along Boyes drive, over Trappieskop saddle following the existing cable route down to Clovelly Road, and from there along Clovelly Road to the substation. A footpath will be built over the Trappieskop part of the cable to facilitate maintenance. The section of Clovelly Road that has no pavement will have a one-metre pavement at the conclusion of the works.

Ward improvement projects

In response to the City's call for community organisations to identify possible ward improvement projects within the sub-council 19 area for 2005/2006, this Association submitted the following proposals:

- Installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Kommetjie Road and 13th Avenue/Highway
- Upgrading of the stormwater and sewerage reticulation systems in Fish Hoek
- Repair and upgrading of sidewalks on Main Road, Fish Hoek
- Installation of new railings on Main Road above Clovelly station
- New chairs for the main hall, Fish Hoek Civic Centre
- Upgrading of the public library in Masiphumelele
- Slip lanes off Kommetjie Road at the Capri and Scarborough intersections

These requests together with requests from others were tabled at a special meeting of the sub-council on 4 August. They will be costed and priorities will then be decided upon by the sub-council within the overall vote allocated to sub-council 19.

Be security conscious

Although it is difficult to get crime statistics or trends from SAPS, it does appear that house break-ins, vehicle theft and theft from vehicles are on the increase. The Fish Hoek SAPS crime prevention head has said that the Fish Hoek mountainside and avenues were hotspots for these offences, but that Clovelly was relatively quiet. However, a security company operating in Clovelly has indicated that thefts were up as there was a lot of building activity going on. Whatever the case, it pays to be security conscious, prudent and diligent. The community press carries various recommendations in this regard on a regular basis. This area is fortunate to have many volunteer organisations working in this broad field. There are 10 police reservists who freely give of their time, the Emergency Control Centre fields about 250 calls a month and the Victim Support Unit does sterling work debriefing those affected by crime – they saw 100 people in June – and training others in victim support.

False Bay Hospital celebrates its 40th birthday

The hospital is celebrating its 40th year at the present Fish Hoek site with a carnival to be held on Saturday 19 November, from 10am to 6pm. To make this fund-raising effort a huge success the organisers need assistance in many areas eg at food and refreshment stalls, at pay booths, with logistics, etc. If you can give of your expertise and time please contact the convenor, Mrs. Fran Freeman, on 785 1193 or 082 362 2053. Ideas are welcome!