

**FISH HOEK VALLEY
RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION
(FHVRRA)**

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Newsletter for February 2012.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 01 MARCH 2012. Time: 19h30.

SPECIAL NOTE: ! THIS AGM IS BEING HELD ONE WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL !

(In order to fit in with the Mayoral Diary).

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.

2. OUR GUEST SPEAKER:

Alderman Patricia de Lille

Executive Mayor of Capetown

TOPIC: "ISSUES OF OUR TIME AND THE WAY FORWARD"

3. MINUTES of the Quarterly General Meeting held on 24th November 2011 & matters arising.

4. COUNCILLOR's Report.

5. TREASURER's Report.

6. CHAIRPERSON's Report.

7. GENERAL

8. ELECTION OF FHVRRA EXCO COMMITTEE FOR 2012.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

FHVRRA SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Subscriptions (R60 per household) became due on 1st January 2012.

Your address label / email letter indicates the current status of your subs.

We appeal to members in arrears to pay their outstanding subscriptions.

Members unable to afford the subscription fees are advised to contact the Association's Chairperson (Tel: 021-785-1328), in full confidence and no obligation, to discuss a reduced fee.

Details of our bank account and convenient points of payment for Subs:

Bank deposits or EFT payments:

Indicate: "subs-your initials-your surname" in the payment reference.

A/C Name: FHVRRA. A/C No: 374203091. Bank: Standard – Fish Hoek.

Bank Code for deposits: 036009. Bank Code for EFT payments: 051001.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2011 (Rands):

	2011	2010
Assets		
Current Assets		
Prepaid expenses	304	287
Petty cash	-	-
Savings Account	<u>32 972</u>	<u>30 897</u>
Total Assets	33 276	31 184
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves	31 486	28 979
Designated third party funds	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>
Accumulated funds	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">31 486</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">28 979</div>
Current liabilities	1 790	2 205
Sundry creditors	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>
Subscriptions in advance	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">1 790</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">2 205</div>
Provision for legal fees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>
Total equity and liabilities	<u>33 276</u>	<u>31 184</u>

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2011 (Rands):

	2011	2010
Gross revenue		
Subscriptions	15 880	18 850
Other income	1 079	526
Donations received	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">575</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">47</div>
Interest received	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">504</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">479</div>
Total income	16 959	19 376
Expenditure	12 929	18 998
Bank charges	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">203</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">32</div>
Gifts and donations	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">1 886</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">897</div>
Hall hire	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">204</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>
Honoraria	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">-</div>
Legal expenses	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">2 000</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">5 157</div>
Membership subscriptions/contributions - civic associations	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">200</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">260</div>
Postage and telephone	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">2 785</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">4 073</div>
Printing, copying, computer & stationery	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">1 598</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">4 297</div>
Advertising & promotions	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">1 805</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">2 995</div>
Sundry expenses including meetings	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">2 248</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">1 287</div>
(Deficit)/Surplus	<u>4 030</u>	<u>378</u>

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Our Speaker this month:

The Honourable PATRICIA DE LILLE.

Executive Mayor of Capetown, from 1st June 2011 - present.

Subject of talk: *“Issues of Our Time and the Way Forward.”*

Patricia de Lille (born 17 February 1951 at Beaufort West) is the outspoken current Mayor of Capetown, (the 33rd, having been preceded by Dan Plato). She is also, concurrently, the leader of the Independent Democrats (ID), a political party she formed in 2003.

In August 2010 the ID merged with the Democratic Alliance, South Africa's official opposition and she has taken on dual party membership.

De Lille was voted 22nd in the “Top 100 Great South Africans” and is particularly noted for her role in investigations regarding the controversial Arms Deal, having taken parliamentary privilege to be a whistle blower on the issue. She was not allowed to attend the meeting of the National Prosecuting Authority on 5 April 2009 to announce the case against President Jacob Zuma, who had been implicated in the Arms Deal (worth R30 Billion S.A. Rands in 1999). In the Sunday Times (South Africa), following that meeting, De Lille predicted that the charges would be dropped:

“Am I angry? Of course I am angry. I am angry because the majority of our people are not seeing the warning signs that are coming from the ANC, a liberation party that has no respect for the Constitution and the rule of law and is prepared to erode both just so that one man can become the leader of our country.

By letting these ANC crooks off the hook we are sending entirely the wrong message to our people. Government is saying that there is a way out for those who break the law”.

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From the Chair: Local Matters

Firstly I am sure you would all like an update on the local Road situation.

Kommetjie Road/Riverside Road: The design for the new traffic signal was completed and approved in 2011. The intention is to begin implementation in the first quarter of 2012 and the Council is on track with this.

Kommetjie road markings and islands: A design has been completed for this work. The Transport Network Development Dept. wish to present this design to a small group of local interested parties in a type of peer review before implementation.

Ou Kaapse Weg/Silvermine Road: A conceptual design has been completed for the proposed intersection improvement. This includes the addition of a right-turn lane for south bound traffic turning into Silvermine Road and the removal of the koppie that restricts sight distance from the side roads. Specialist environmental studies were completed towards the end of 2011 and the reports on these studies are presently being completed. An “Applicability Checklist” will be submitted this month to the Dept. of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning and they will determine if there is a need for a more basic Environmental Assessment.

If not, then the Council hopes to go to tender in April 2012.

Beach issues are always important and an ongoing concern to your Exco committee. The general cleanliness and the state of the toilets and benches are things we constantly review. Whilst Alderman Felicity Purchase feels that, generally, cleansing coped very well over a hot and busy Festive season, there are still things we will be focusing upon. The main one is *water purity*. The chief culprit here appears to be what is emerging from the storm water drains and then across the beach. The problem starts higher up in the valley and obviously comes from litter that is blown and/or thrown down the storm water drains, gathering steadily over the dry months. Then, with the heavy rain, it is flushed out across the beach. There is a catch trap/basket but it obviously doesn't cope. We also need to investigate just how often the sewers overflow into the storm water drains.

We are following up on all of this.

Eskom CFL exchange programme: This project to exchange energy-saving compact fluorescent lamps for the old incandescent light bulbs will be based at the Silverglades Road depot. Points will be set up in public areas, which will be advertised.

Traffic: Sun Valley residents will be pleased to learn that traffic calming measures, a “speed bump” to us locals, will be installed in Corsair road.

Exco committee: I am again appealing for members to make themselves available to serve on the Exco committee. Our Secretary and Meeting Convenor, (who also organises the speakers), are both

resigning due to pressure of work and family commitments. The few members now left are now stretched almost to breaking point. If you feel strongly that you wish to have a say in the future of Fish Hoek – the housing developments, roads, amenities such as libraries, clinic and beach as well as ensuring that services are properly provided and maintained – **please join the Exco committee.**

There is one Exco meeting a month (except December) and 4 public meetings a year.

Please think about this. If you sit back and don't act, you then aren't in a position to complain when the town you love changes in ways that are not to your liking.

Getting involved doesn't have to be arduous if everyone helps a little bit. **Call me on 021 785 1328.**

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Extracts from Subcouncil (19) Chairperson's Address, 16th January 2012.

The Alderman Felicity Purchase address included the following: (Slightly abridged & edited here).

"Welcome members of the public, officials, fellow councillors and the media to our first Subcouncil meeting of 2012. It's a significant year for all of us, so let's hope that it's also significant for the Subcouncil and The City in terms of service delivery.

Referring to a few issues of importance over the past festive season:

Beaches. All the beaches were generally very well managed. The extraordinary good weather resulted in very high volumes of visitors and the sea temperatures were delightful. Cleansing kept up with the litter, but it was difficult. With all the inspections that we did, inspecting all the beaches from Muizenberg to Kommetjie, we have nothing but praise for the staff that worked those beaches. There were inevitably a few complaints, but generally it was a job well done.

Life savers were in attendance on the beaches. Sadly we had a tragedy of a drowning in Strandfontein and another when fishermen drowned in Kommetjie. However, I do think the life savers did an excellent job and I want to thank them.

Law Enforcement had a busy season, being mostly confined to the beaches and resorts because of the number of visitors. They also tackled problems experienced in communities like Ocean View and Masiphumelele. The Soetwater and Miller's Point areas, where problems normally develop, ran smoothly because of the zero tolerance of alcohol at these resorts. So apart from some complaints at the Zandvlei Caravan Park, we had a very good season. To Law Enforcement: a big "thank you"

Traffic: Traffic were also quite impressive under difficult circumstances. As can be expected, the Main Road had delays, sometimes up to an hour and a half. Sunrise Circle / Muizenberg experienced some congestion, as did the Simon's Town / Seaforth areas, including on one occasion when some 11 tourist buses all trying to get down to Boulders. This was fairly well managed in the event, but we will need to come up with a better working solution in the future.

Electricity: The Electricity department, for some reason, undertook maintenance and substation transformer repairs the week before Xmas. But where I was apprehensive, I must say it was done very efficiently and with the full cooperation of the businesses affected. . Vandalism is a major problem – for just a few rand for a bit of copper, vandals are taking out whole areas in terms of electricity supply. The Electricity department also deserves a big "thank you" from us.

Natural Resources Management Project: I would like to introduce a very special project: The "Natural Resources Management Project" which will be officially announced very shortly. We are getting a sneak preview of this environmental programme '**Working for Water**' which is the Kader Asmal project, as well as '**Working for Fire**' and the Mayor's special project, which includes working with the **EPWP (Extended Public Works Programme)**.

We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Department for an allocation of R9 million each year for 3 years = R27 million altogether. This will deal with the alien vegetation clearing, which includes an economic development aspect whereby they make use of the cleared alien vegetation.

We are very excited; this is a huge project for this Subcouncil. We have to thank Louise Stafford, who deserves a special mention for putting it all together and who will be further driving the programme.

**DIARY NOTE: Our next FHVRRRA Quarterly General Meeting will be on
Thursday May 24, 2012.**