

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

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Newsletter for February 2016

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016. Time: 19h30

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.
2. GUEST SPEAKER: MICHAEL REAPER – CHAIRMAN FISH HOEK CID
TOPIC: "FISH HOEK CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - 2016 AND BEYOND!"
3. MINUTES of the QGM held on 27 November 2015 & matters arising
4. COUNCILLOR's Report + PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ON RECENT MOUNTAIN FIRES
5. TREASURER's Report
6. CHAIRPERSON's Report
7. ELECTION of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) for 2016
8. GENERAL

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Our Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker is Mike Reaper, who is a director of Wakefords and the recently appointed Chairperson of the Fish Hoek City Improvement District.

Mike is a graduate of UCT where he successively completed an Honours Degree, a secondary school teaching Diploma and a Masters Degree in Environmental and Geographical Science. He was a teacher and sports coach at South African College High School (SACS) before joining Wakefords in 1997. He completed a Business Diploma in 1998.

The F/H CID initiated the Fish Hoek Improvement Project in November 2015 and workshops and task team meetings have been held, including a workshop session with Clem Sunter.

Mike's address on "FISH HOEK CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - 2016 AND BEYOND!" should be very interesting and the FHVRRA AGM will give you the opportunity to express your views.

Beach and Jager Walk

The shark exclusion nets plus exceptional good weather drew huge crowds to Fish Hoek over the holiday season and into the new year.

Unfortunately the beach was looking very neglected this season and long-awaited maintenance was not done: steps to Skelly Pool broken, many signboards in a state of disrepair, benches broken or needing a coat of paint, gardens dry and untidy, cloakrooms not always ready for morning crowds, etc. Repeated requests have been made by the FHVRRA to the City to remedy these faults.

Unfortunately, too, gang fights, drunkenness, unruly behavior, poaching, loud music, and skateboards, bicycles and dog walkers in prohibited areas, marred the public's enjoyment of our beautiful beach. Fortunately increased Law Enforcement patrols improved the situation later in the season.

In future the facilities and services need to be upgraded to cope on weekends and holidays. And hopefully in time, with improved water quality, we shall reach full Blue Flag status!

Coastal pollution

On the whole, Silvermine and Fish Hoek Coastal Pollution figures have reduced. Some of the lowest pollution figures for both Enterococci and E-coli were recorded at the end of 2015!

We thank Municipal officials for applying their considerable skills to preventing future sewerage spills by maintaining pumping station equipment to as a high standard as possible. And we congratulate FHVRRA members and the general public who continue to do their "bit" to help by preventing the entry of any pollution to the stormwater run-off system.

Construction of an electrical depot next to Road Transport Depot in Silverglade

As reported in our November 2015 newsletter, we together with residents in Silverglade have strongly objected to the proposal to build an access road on the watercourse which exists on "19th Avenue". This will have a very negative impact on the peace and quiet of Silverglade and the recreational ambience of the area and the sportsfields. We have insisted that the present gravel road off Kommetjie Road be used and that, should the Fish Hoek bypass ever be built, access be provided by means of an off-ramp feeding onto the gravel road.

Roads and Transport

The congested traffic situation in-and-out of the Far South Peninsula continues to present major time challenges and headaches. Although there is some relief at present from the two-way flow on Main Road, this will be short-lived as the stop-go will be re-implemented on 7 March.

The upgrade of Kommetjie Road to just beyond the Capri traffic lights (phase 1) and then from there to Heron Park (phase 2) is on track and presently at the planning and design stage, which takes a long time!

As regards improvements at the Ou Kaapse Weg / Silvermine Road intersection, the following is envisaged:

- Ou Kaapse Weg will be widened in order to create turning lanes into Silvermine Road, as well as an acceleration lane for City-bound traffic exiting Silvermine Road;
- The shoulder sight distance will be improved by the partial removal of the koppie to the east of the intersection.

The work will be implemented as part of a broader project which includes work elsewhere in that vicinity. The project is currently in tender stage. It is anticipated that the broader project would commence in the new financial year (1 July 2016 onwards) and would have a two year contract duration. The implementation programme has not yet been finalised, but it is unlikely that work will be done whilst there is a stop/go on Main Road as it will cause too much traffic congestion. Although the City has advised that the completion date for the abovementioned work is likely to be June 2017 at latest, we believe that this may be somewhat optimistic.

Noise at Peers Cave

Sun Valley residents have been disturbed for some time by the chanting and drumming by a church / religious group (?) at Peers Cave. This can go on for most of the day and sometimes through the night. This land is SAN Parks land and their rangers should be attending to these complaints. As nothing had been done, the City asked their Health Department to investigate the matter. A meeting was held with representatives from Sun Valley residents, law enforcement, metro police, the City's Land Invasion Department and SAN Parks to agree on a strategy to handle this matter. An operation was subsequently held to demolish shacks and clear the area of a considerable amount of rubbish.

Railway at Glencairn

The railway line along Glencairn beach is subject to significant risk from coastal erosion. It is proposed to repair it all along the beach with a combination of wave return wall, geo-textile sandbag revetment and dune rehabilitation. The public participation process has begun with comment open until 25th February. Comments should be sent to Pieter Badenhorst Professional Services - email: heleneb@iafrica.com

Silvermine Wetlands

The Riverine Rovers (a small and mostly pensioner group) do a tremendous job caring for the Silvermine Wetlands. They are assisted in this by the City's Green Jobs Unit to help with cleaning up and some minor maintenance. However, they have had very little help from Council re major maintenance in the 12 years since the scheme was finalised and the amount of reed growth is a huge concern. A large amount of biodiversity has been lost and almost no waders are now seen.

There is a large amount of siltation into the system and this has compromised the ability of the scheme to work as a flood management one. The big storm water outlet into the river from the Valyland pump station/ storm water system is cracked and there is evidence of underground water coming through and bringing extra silt into the system. Despite a report from Scientific Services confirming this and the matter being relayed to Council a year ago, nothing has been done.

Membership of the FHVRRA

We are concerned by the decline in membership as older members either relocate or move on to new pastures.

Re Social media we have an active Facebook reference (www.facebook.com/Fish-Hoek-Valley-Ratepayers-and-Residents) to which regular postings are made and which receives many 'like' hits.

We appeal to members to encourage your friends and neighbours to join the FHVRRA. We need "Eyes and Ears" to draw attention to shortcomings that the FHVRRA Exco can address on their behalf. Unity is strength and the larger our group is, the more "weight" its standing will carry with officialdom.

Appeal for Exco members

The work we do affects everyone – planning issues, roads and transport, amenities such as sports fields, parks, the beach, the library, input on policies the City draft every year which affect us all, rates issues and the many environmental issues.

If you have an area of expertise or of particular interest, your input would be extremely valuable to us. We meet once a month, except December, at 5.30 pm on the third Thursday of the month. Please consider joining our Exco committee and give a little to help make this the sort of community you are proud to live in.

E-mail addresses

If you are presently receiving our correspondence (newsletters, etc) by post but do have an e-mail address which could rather be used, please advise Helen O'Regan by e-mail (hnoREGAN@axxess.co.za) or on 021 782 4268.

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Postal Address - PO Box 22125, Fish Hoek, 7974

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2015 (Rands)

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current Assets		
Prepaid expenses/Deposits	572	515
Savings Account	<u>30 925</u>	<u>34 261</u>
Total Assets	31 497	34 776
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves	29 402	31 396
Designated third party funds	-	-
Accumulated funds	<u>29 402</u>	<u>31 396</u>
Current liabilities	2 095	3 380
Sundry creditors	-	-
Subscriptions in advance	<u>2 095</u>	<u>3 380</u>
Provision for legal fees	-	-
Total equity and liabilities	<u>31 497</u>	<u>34 776</u>

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2015 (Rands)

	2015	2014
Gross revenue		
Subscriptions (including arrear subs recovered)	14 200	15 060
Other income	988	1 291
Donations received	<u>820</u>	<u>1 116</u>
Interest received	<u>168</u>	<u>175</u>
Total income	<u>15 188</u>	<u>16 351</u>
Expenditure	17 183	16 124
Bank charges	158	142
Consulting fees	3 000	1 000
Gifts and donations	2 165	593
Hall hire	48	570
Leal expenses	-	-
Membership subscriptions/contributions - civic associations	900	800
Postage and telephone	2 975	3 739
Printing, copying, computer & stationery	2 605	3 231
Advertising & promotions	-	-
Secretarial Services	3 250	3 500
Sundry expenses including meetings	<u>2 082</u>	<u>2 549</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(1 995)</u>	<u>227</u>

Notes on major income and expenditure variances

1. Subscription income lower due the continued decline in membership.
2. Consulting fees in 2015 reflect the contribution to the traffic impact study supported by the FSPCF.
3. Gifts and donations include a donation of R2 000 to the Masiphumelele Fire Relief Appeal.
4. Postage and telephone in 2015 lower due to more e-mail postage and less hard copy postage of newsletters.
5. Printing, etc in 2015 lower due to fewer hard copy newsletters.

Allen Rose-Innes
Honorary Treasurer