

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

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Newsletter for AUGUST 2016

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016. Time: 19h30

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.
2. MINUTES of the QGM held on 26 May 2016 & matters arising
3. **GUEST SPEAKERS - Aid. FELICITY PURCHASE and Cllr. AIMÉE KUHL**
REPORTS ON CITY OF CAPE TOWN DEVELOPMENTS and
INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLANS
4. TREASURER's REPORT
5. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
6. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

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NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2016

THIS NEWSLETTER AHEAD OF THE QGM IS BEING ISSUED LATER THAN USUAL AS WE WISHED TO INCLUDE THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL ELECTIONS AND THE MAIN ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT.

OUR COUNCILLORS

We welcome our Ward Councillors elected at the Local Elections on 3 August.

Felicity Purchase

Felicity, a B.Com graduate, is the elected councillor for Ward 69 which includes the FHVRRA areas of Sun Valley and Stonehaven. Other areas are Sunnydale, Masiphumelele, Noordhoek and Glencairn.

We all know Felicity who has an illustrious career with highlights inter-alia being:

- Ward councilor for Fish Hook from 1995
- Chairperson of South Peninsula Subcouncil (Subcouncil 19) (2011 to date)
- Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Development and Tourism, City of Cape Town (2009 to 2011)
- Member of Tourism, Events and Marketing Portfolio Committee, City of Cape Town (2009 to date)
- Deputy Mayor of South Peninsula (2000 to 2006)
- Member of various boards and trusts of Charities and NGO's
- Member of Portfolio Committees of Transport, Roads and Stormwater, Finance and Utility Services of City of Cape Town
- Board member of Fish Hoek Chamber of Business for 30 years
- Representative of the City of Cape Town at a number of International Fora

Aimée Kuhl

Aimée is the elected councillor for Ward 64, taking over from Dave D'Alton who has retired. Ward 64 includes the FHVRRA areas of Clovelly and Fish Hoek (except Sun Valley and Stonehaven). This ward includes Kalk Bay, St James, Muizenberg and Lakeside.

Aimée studied Socio-Economic development at UCT. Thereafter she worked in the NGO sector iro community development and as a consultant in Public Works – in particular as regards needs assessment. She joined the DA two years ago working in various support roles.

At a recent Exco meeting she indicated that she believes that as a councillor she will be able to facilitate change and bring communities together.

REHABILITATION OF MAIN ROAD BETWEEN MUIZENBERG AND CLOVELLY

Here below is the report received from the contractors on 10 August.

"The third and final phase of our current assignment for the rehabilitation of 4.5 kilometres of Main Road is approaching the final stage. Construction of this phase began in March 2014 and is scheduled for completion in October 2017. We are currently nearing completion of the penultimate stage. The work includes the replacement of all underground municipal services including a 700 mm diameter bulk water supply main feeding the reservoirs in the southern peninsula. The water main is now complete and functioning.

The work also includes the replacement of the sewers, stormwater drainage, water reticulation and property connections, electrical cables and telecommunications infrastructure. Throughout the construction process the existing municipal services must remain operational and be finally removed on completion of the new service. The ongoing design challenge is finding sufficient space within the narrow half-width corridor to accommodate the new infrastructure.

Construction is carried out in half road widths and currently 13000 vehicles per day are accommodated using a twenty four hour stop go system. (+/- 6000 vehicles per day have migrated to other routes or modes). The project also includes the construction of a new retaining wall up to 6m high and 500m long separating the road and rail reserve”.

SEWERAGE & STORMWATER SYSTEMS

Exco member **Helen O'Regan** keeps a watchful eye on sea water quality and other water issues. She writes:

“Fish Hoek's sewerage system commenced operation in 1939. The population then was tiny. The pipes installed then were of relatively small diameter and now they are very old.

During the last several years whilst Municipal officials do their best to keep it operating efficiently, there have been breakdowns, blockages and backing up of waste water which has unpleasantly erupted through inspection manholes in undesirable places. We can all help municipal workers in their endeavours by ensuring that ABSOLUTELY NO foreign matter like cleaning cloths and poisonous fluids are allowed in our waste water system. No storm water should be routed into the drains. Please check that the rain water falling on your roof is not being routed into your waste water system to increase the volume.

Please speak to your friends and relatives asking them to do the same so that the volume of waste water routing through the system does not increase to breakdown point when we are blessed with rain.

Municipal money will not be easily diverted to replace or upgrade our system. Those monies are being utilized elsewhere where there presently are not even rudimentary waste water systems, so we in the Fish Hoek Valley have to do our best to keep this present system operating as trouble-free as would be possible with everyone's co-operation.

The Municipal Laboratory reports that Fish Hoek's sea water quality has maintained a steady level of non-compliance. Individual readings indicate acceptability, but overall the 90th percentile readings for e-coli and enterococci do not make us proud.

Our storm water run-off also, is being consistently polluted to unacceptable levels. Crossing Fish Hoek's beach we have two storm water run-off culverts which are OFTEN polluted by sewerage. This is unhygienic and avoidable. People paddle through that water. Children play in it, oblivious of the pollution levels. If you are aware of anything like dirty bins being cleaned and drained into the storm water system or of sewerage being channelled into the storm water system; of any other pollutant entering the street gutters and thereby ending up in this urban run-off crossing our beach, then please become civic-minded.

Please let us know if you are aware of any way in which the quality of our Urban run-off water could be improved by changing our habits and the habits of those living around us”.

BEACH AND JAGER WALK

Lorraine Lemmon-Warde who keeps a watchful eye on the beach and its environs writes:

“It is disappointing to note the lack of maintenance and improvements for this past year. It is hoped that a change in management, which is in progress, will change this situation. The beach continues to draw crowds on weekends and holidays, even during winter.

Unfortunately we have so far been unsuccessful in getting permission to collect the beach parking funds for more dedicated use of the Fish Hoek Beach.

There has been discussion about removing the bathing boxes from the beach as they have become a refuge for vagrants and other undesirable characters. From the original three or more rows of colourful little huts now only seven remain. The FHVRRA feels that they add character to the otherwise boring beachfront and that a solution should be found with better beach management and security”.

The beach and Jager Walk are the prime attractions of Fish Hoek. Exco member **Rob Downey** has undertaken to establish a “**Friends of Fish Hoek Beach**”.

TOURISM

Exco member **Alan Lindner** who promotes Fish Hoek as a tourist venue writes:

“South African Tourism recently announced its aim to increase the number of travellers to and in South Africa by five million in the next five years. The aim would be for four million of those travellers to be internationals and the remaining one million to be from the domestic market. As per Cllr. Simon Liell-Cock, tourism must be a main focus in the Far South Peninsula. Tourism is generated by three main attractions: Cape Point, the penguins and Table Mountain – not by the Waterfront. The Far South Peninsula needs to promote overnight stays, not one day visits by coach”.

LOCAL NEWS CIRCULATION EXPANSION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE FHVRRA

Helen O'Regan who manages membership and communication with members writes:

“Thank you for your faithful support of this Association's endeavours. If you are aware of people who cannot afford to be members, but who would be interested to receive e-mailed news of local importance (no advertising), please tell those folk to e-mail us and we will include them in our circulation. Communication to anyone interested is our aim. With your help, we hope to increase our circulation. We also hope that you will bring to our attention any local problems which you think we could help bring to satisfactory conclusions for all participants. 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”

E-mail addresses

If you have an e-mail address which could rather be used instead of post, please advise Helen O'Regan by e-mail (hnoREGAN@axxess.co.za) or on 021 782 4268.

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Compiled by Rob Downey)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS		
MEDICAL		
Ambulance	10177	
Cape Medical response	021 782 0606	082 782 4444
False Bay Hospital	021 782 1121	
Constantiaberg Clinic	021 799 2911	
Tokai Medicross	021 715 7063	
Melomed hospital Tokai	021 764 7500	
Warrens Pharmacy	021 782 1101	
Dischem Longbeach	021 784 4400	
Poisons Information hotline	086 155 5777	
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH		
Highway	073 863 6245	
Sun valley	071 638 1511	
Fish Hoek central avenues	076 154 4879	
Clovelly	082 782 6333	
Glenciarn	083 347 0453	078 705 0725
San Michele	076 576 3907	
Capri	073 839 9623	
Kommetjie	082 327 7783	
LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Emergency Call Centre	021 782 0333	112 (cell phones)
Fish Hoek Police Station	021 784 2700	10111 (flying Squad)
Ocean View Police Station	021 783 8306/7/8	
Simons Town Police Station	021 786 8648/7	
Muizenberg Police Station	021 787 9000	
Law Enforcement	021 784 2033	
Traffic Department	021 784 2160	
Chubb Control Room	086 102 1911	
ADT Control Room	086 1212301	
YMA Control room	077 492 4384	
COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT		
City Of Cape Town	0860 103 089	
Municipal problem hotline	SMS 31373 with photo and description of problem	
Fire Brigade Fish Hoek	021 782 9082	
Simons Town	021 786 1611/1551	
Fire Control Room	021 590 1900	
Mountain Fires	021 790 1045	
Water	0860 103 089	Sms 31373
Electricity Problems	0860 102 640	
Parks and Recreation	021 789 1154	
Cleansing	021 786 3660/4807	
Street lights	0860 103 089	
Injured sea birds and seals	021 782 0333	
Beach stranded whales	082 578 7617	
Regional Whale watching Hotline	079 391 2105	