

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2016. Time: 19:30

### MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.
2. ADMIN: Minutes of the 25 May 2017 QGM & Constitution's Objectives
3. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
**MARILYN HOOLE: TEARS - History & Current Operations**  
**DR TONY HAWKRIDGE: Health effects due to short- and long-term exposure to dust and specifically, kaolin dust**  
**CHRIS LOANS: DUSTWATCH - Nuisance and health impacts of fallout dust generated by construction activities**
4. COUNCILLOR's REPORT
5. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
6. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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## OUR SPEAKERS

### Marilyn Hoole – TEARS Animal Rescue



Marilyn nee McLean, born and schooled in Fish Hoek, even as a child kept animals including snakes. When she married Bob, she bred Abyssinian and Somali cats. She worked for four years at Domestic Animal Rescue Group (DARG) in Hout Bay. In 1999 she and Joan Bown

formed The Emma Animal Rescue Society (TEARS) to help tens of thousands of animals.

### Dr Tony Hawkridge



Dr Hawkridge is a medical doctor and public health specialist, currently working in the Western Cape's provincial health

department, where he heads up the health impact assessment directorate. Before training in public health, he worked for 11 years as a hospital generalist, both in the Western Cape and in KZN.

### Chris Loans – DustWatch



Chris is a Professional Chemical Engineer and teaches Environmental Monitoring, Occupational Hygiene (Allergens), Health and Environment (air quality) at the Cape Peninsula University of

Technology and is an external Supervisor within the Department of Environmental Sciences.



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## WHAT'S THE FUSS ABOUT THE DUST?

Serina Kaolin Mine on the corner of Kommetjie Road and the Glencairn Expressway was purchased by Amdec Group around 2015 when they commenced backfilling and compacting, which some believe caused stress fractures due to slippage in their homes.

A dust complaint from a Sun Valley resident was lodged on 13 December 2016. The City investigated on 14 December and confirmed that the complaint was justified as the dust from the construction activities violated at least four pieces of dust and air quality legislation. A Pre-Compliance Notice was served by the City on Civis 2000 to immediately abate the dust nuisances and provide a Dust Management Plan (DMP) that included dust monitoring results being provided by an accredited and independent service provider, such as DustWatch. The City also referred the complaint to the Western Cape Government Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) as they had issued the Enviro. Impact Assessment authorising the Enviro. Construction Plan and monitoring its on-going compliance.



Between 31 January and 28 February, the dust monitoring report showed a number of non-compliant dust-fall sampling points. Mitigation measures brought the dust levels within compliance between 28 February and 31 March. The National Dust Control Regulations do not permit more than two consecutive months of non-compliance within a 12-month cycle.

On 9 March 2017 a meeting was held with the City, DEA&DP, the developer and residents that discussed the implementation of the DMP, operating hours, Kaolin dust exposure and the procedure of contacting the Enviro. Control Officer should dust become a nuisance.

When the wind prevails from certain directions causing dust to affect those downwind or is sufficiently strong to cause swirl areas, construction should be stopped until the wind has abated. None of the residents have ever reported construction being halted when high winds were experienced. A private electronic weather station 200m away recorded steady wind speeds of 50 kph, gusting to 63 kph on 7 April 2017 and yet, construction was not halted. Continued on next page...

<p><b>DUST FUSS – continued</b></p> <p>It is not the intention of the affected residents to permanently halt construction. In fact, they wish construction would quickly finish and re-establish indigenous ground cover. However, when mitigation measures are insufficient and dust affects the neighbours, construction should be temporarily stopped until normal conditions return.</p> <p>Local residents complained to the FHVRRA of possible related health issues due to the dust such as swollen glands, sore throats, itchy eyes and in some cases, respiratory distress. We were asked if someone could speak on the health effects due to short- and long-term exposure to kaolin dust. Dr Tony Hawkrige, Director: Public Health has agreed to speak to these issues.</p> <p>When we asked the City’s Air Quality Management Unit of their Environmental Health Section, they recommended DustWatch, but they were appointed by Amdec or Doug Jeffery Enviro. Consultants. Amdec has agreed that Chris Loans of DustWatch can speak on the monitoring of the dust generated, frequency of monitoring, mitigation efforts by Amdec and under what conditions construction <b>will</b> be stopped.</p> <p><b>CENTENARY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>With both local Councillors driving this initiative, a creative team has gathered and suggested many ideas for events in 2018, such as a parade and carnival. Details are still being ironed out, but a logo based upon Fish Hoek’s Crest has been approved.</p>	<p><b>OBJECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Radio Flyers near Nelson Road Sportsfield</b> – due to all the reports of this club being good neighbours, we did not object to their lease request. We did include the previous prudent hours of operation and added the concern about carrying cameras, especially by drones.</p> <p><b>Ban the Chalk filler plastic bag</b> – as plastic bags containing chalk are cheaper, but not recyclable, we requested the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs to gazette appropriate regulations banning this practice, use suitable materials of minimum thickness avoiding single-use and seek alternatives, <del>such</del> as done in the Seychelles.</p> <p><b>Papa Jo’s and The Victorian Times</b> – we continue to receive complaints about these two establishments. Liquor licences are automatically renewed upon annual payment. We must motivate with hard evidence to get the Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) to put the licences on review.</p> <p><b>PnP Liquor Licence Application</b> – Donald Moore wrote a conveyance certificate stating that the original title deed of “not keep[ing] a public house” restriction still applied. Handed to Cllr Purchase for submission to the WCLA.</p> <p><b>Amdec</b> – Several letters of <b>dust</b> complaints have been sent to various departments: 1- City’s Air Quality Management and 2- Western Cape Government Environmental Affairs &amp; Development Planning for failing to ensure dust mitigation conditions were met, 3- Developer’s (Amdec 08 (Pty) Ltd’s) appointed Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants for not stopping construction during high winds and 4- City’s Planning &amp; Building Management objecting to additional deviations when trust was possibly broken regarding their lack of urban design planning, as previously agreed. Also, some members feel that Amdec’s compaction operations may have caused <b>structural fractures</b> in their residences.</p>
<p><b>BEACH AND JAGER WALK</b></p> <p>Exco member <b>Rob Downey</b> has established the “<b>Friends of Fish Hoek Beach</b>” and they have met with the City’s new beach manager. The broken Skelly Pool steps have been removed. As the beach manager works in Property Management only, the meetings need to be expanded to include other departments within the City and PRASA, the owner of the Dolphin Park Subway.</p>	<p><b>LEVEL 4B WATER RESTRICTIONS:</b></p> <div data-bbox="751 1816 979 2074" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>All water users are required to immediately use less than 87 liters of water per person per day no matter where you are.</p>



<p><b>ROADS: TRANSPORT PLAN</b></p> <p>The June 2017 draft <b>Far South Peninsula Transport Plan</b>'s use of current data seems reflective, such as our four-hour peak morning period being at 76% capacity on Main Road and 82% capacity on Ou Kaapse Weg, but the assumptions made in their model scenarios seem questionable. The proposed dualling (double lanes) and tunnels through sensitive nature reserve areas, premium bus services and improved rail services should encourage office and small business hubs in our area, but will encounter many practical hurdles, including funding. There will still be a public participation process.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORKSHOP</b> of 22nd June 2017 was called by Cllr Kuhl and facilitated by Marti Weddepohl of Mercy Networks. A number of risks were identified pertaining to Fish Hoek Valley and environs including those related to crime, civil disobedience, fires and food security. These are exacerbated by restricted access in and out of the area which can slow evacuations or emergency access. Although the formal Disaster Management structures are strong, these would be further bolstered by organising Standard Operating Procedures for first responders and residents around at the neighbourhood level. This could be done around the existing neighbourhood watch structures. Aimee Kuhl and Marti Weddepohl are in a process of exploring this option with the Community Police Forums and Neighbourhood Watches.</p>
<p><b>FHVRRA's Constitution</b></p> <p>After several Exco meetings trying to incorporate the objections from the last QGM, we found the enlarged objectives section was actually more restrictive in trying to be everything for everybody. Thus, we agreed to a much shortened version, but used broader terms. Therefore, we propose the following for adoption as our new objectives:</p> <p>To solicit, encourage, promote and safeguard the common interests, welfare and rights of constituent members, local residents and other local civic bodies, for an efficient local government with appropriate legislation, regulations and by-laws and service delivery mechanisms</p> 	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p><b>Kommetjie Road upgrade project:</b> "In order for the HV cables to be relocated away from the roadworks at the Ou Kaapse Weg/ Buller Louw Boulevard intersection", the area's water supply pipeline was closed on the evening of 11 July 2017. Their main traffic signal controller also failed and had to be replaced. The existing pipes and cables at Frigate and Chebec Crescents needed to be relocated which required the closing of Chebec Crescent and Dhow Street in Sun Valley. The traffic signals at Capri Drive/ Kommetjie Road intersection were temporarily switched off to permit the <b>signal poles</b> to be placed in drums. The exit lane from Capri Drive has been restored. The storm damage caused some trenches needing to be re-shored. The traffic signals at the Noordhoek Road/Ou Kaapseweg intersection were temporarily switched off to permit the signals on the east side of Ou Kaapseweg to be set back out of the area of construction. Buller Louw was reduced to one lane and sandbagged due to flooding. There are subcontractors who will be required to move the Telkom box.</p>  <p><b>Main Rd – Kalk Bay / Clovelly:</b> The four manhole frames near the Clairvaux intersection in Kalk Bay required emergency repairs.</p>