

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## **NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018, Time: **19:30**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies
2. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
**Manu Choudree: Introductions of Far South Safety Forum**  
**Kelee Arrowsmith: Essential Personal Safety**
3. COUNCILLOR's REPORT
4. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
5. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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## OUR SPEAKERS

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## How safe is our Valley?

Would you venture through Dolphin Park, dip into the subway onto Jager's Walk at night? What about walk along the beach from Fish Hoek towards Clovelly at that time? Have you been to Main Road after dark? Are you a trail hiker, but afraid to enjoy your favourite pastime even in a group of nine?

### Introduction to Essential Personal Safety

If you found yourself in a life-threatening situation, do you know how you would react? Those who have found themselves the victim of an attack will tell you: "I panicked." "I froze." "I didn't know what to do." This is because taking immediate and corrective action is next to impossible when you are suddenly thrust into a life-threatening situation. That is, unless you have a plan and can draw on the relevant resources required to counter the attack. This is what we do. In this short talk, we teach you how to read a hostile situation and apply your personal, pre-determined strategy to firstly reduce your risk of attack and ultimately, how to survive one should it happen to you.

### Our new Executive Committee (Exco)

Name	Office / Portfolio	Skills / Expertise / Experience
Brian Youngblood	Chair	26 years with City of Cape Town, contracts management; MBA (U.Stel), BBA Hons, MSc, BSc
Matthew Gray	Vice-Chair / Departures & Re-zonings	Architect / Urban Designer (over 26 years of professional experience); B.A.S. (UCT) B.Arch. (UCT) Post Grad Dip Urban Design (Oxford) PrArch. SACAP 5967, M.I.Arch CIfA, SAIA 5235, PrMem. UDISA, G003
Allen Rose-Innes	Treasurer	BSc Chemical Engineering (UCT), Dip. Petroleum Engineering (ENSPM Paris), 36 years in TOTAL Group, with last positions being Marketing Director of Total South Africa and Managing Director of Total Coal.
Peter Scott	Secretary	PhD Chemical Engineering in the field of mineral processing. Extensive experience in:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Industrial &amp; municipal solid waste &amp; effluent treatment, recycling and management; and</li><li>Mineral processing &amp; metallurgy.</li></ul>
Helen O'Regan	Membership	Experience: Secretarial, Book-keeping, Real Estate, Ex-Town Cllr. (Uvongo, Natal) LIFE: my Parents, Employers, Husband, four children, friends, acquaintances and FHVRRA have ALL educated me.
John Shaw	Hiking & Historical	Architect; enjoys clearing alien vegetation (hacking)
Rob Downey	CID Representative, General Meetings	Real Estate: CRS(SA), PPPE, Principal Cape Coastal Property Group
Leigh Barrett	Revamp The Valley	Executive Director / Founder of Revamp The Valley. Media and marketing experience in TV, radio, and print in USA and SA.
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### Municipal Planning By-Law

We requested amendments as it lacks teeth when dealing with derelict buildings whereas Provincial and National Legislation go further. We suggested that the Tribunal process needs to be defined and the approval process of departures from the guidelines documented.

## **NERSA II**

Eskom is asking for another tariff increase already (30%). They have admitted to under recovering, but not to the corruption that caused the over spending. We asked NERSA to deny their request, exercise its oversight responsibilities by requiring an independent audit and lower Eskom prices due to their spare capacity and recovered funds spent fraudulently.

## **Dolphin Park Subway**

Requested of Sub-Council 19 closing in or opening sea wall to allow free tidal movement vs broken pump

## **Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO)**

We support the objectives of AARTO. However, the bill removes our right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. It adopts SARS' attitude of "Pay now, argue later". The trouble with arguing later is that with the proposed internalised Tribunal, that means one would have to argue in an expensive high court. Also, like SARS, there is no surety on receipt of fines nor verification of the source when issued by third parties. By-passing the Finance Minister and setting their own remuneration supports our contention that the usage of income from fines will be abused. The bill not only removes the driver from the road, but also the vehicle with no clear method on how to get one's licence and disc returned. The ban from serving on the Appeal Panel is too weak for those with convictions of dishonesty. Separately, traffic officers demanding bribes in lieu of issuing a traffic offence should be charged in a court of law. We requested amendments.

## **Fish Hoek Forum on 20 March**

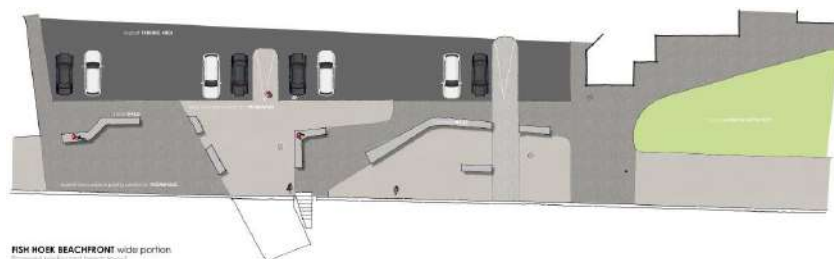
This was a well-attended meeting held in the Fish Hoek High School Auditorium where, inter alia, Premier Helen Zille and Alderman JP Smith spoke of the recent violent attacks on hikers and killing of a mountain biker. SAN Parks was conspicuous by its absence. It was suggested that more SAN Parks Law Enforcement (LE) Officers were needed and that a Memorandum of Agreement between SAPS, Metro Police and SAN Parks LE. We wrote this request to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Chair of the SAN Parks Board.

## **Go Zone and H<sub>2</sub>O International**

After being told that these places were selling municipal water, we asked Councillor Kuhl how sustainable that would be after Day Zero. A week later we noted that both places were closed.

## **Beach Promenade**

After much badgering from FHVRRRA, the City has found funds for re-paving the entire promenade from The Galley to the Lighthouse. We hope the designer's proposals are implemented; see below.





### Ideas for Digital Smart City

We suggested to the City ways to improve service delivery performance and how to engage more effectively with residents, such as infrastructure monitoring. The City's Help Desk is not serving its citizens well. It needs to be tied to the officials' performance metrics for pay increases. We requested data to be made available instead of us having to pay for dust, polluted water and traffic flow reports. We realise that "Having our say" doesn't mean "Having our way". However, the current public participation process is just a tick box exercise without giving us reasons for ignoring our "say". We think that coordinated traffic lights could be smarter creating better traffic flow through "green light corridors". We would also like to see how our Councillors voted on issues to prove that they truly represent our interests and not just those of their political caucus.



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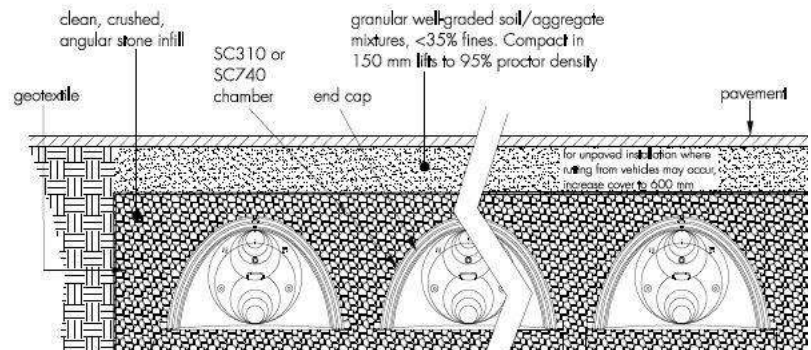
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### City's Municipal Planning By-Law

The Tribunal and Appeal Process needs to be defined as all our objections to contraventions are just being approved by the Tribunal. Politicians (Mayor) heads the Appeal Panel unlike "all" other By-Laws. No provisions have been made for World Heritage Site Buffer Zones as required.

### High Bacteria Counts in Storm-water: Alternative Design

We organised for John Okedi, a UCT PhD Candidate, to present his findings on re-charging ground water and lowering the mammalian gut bacteria found in our storm-water system to City officials. This included a presentation by Global Drainage System on case studies of StormTech implementations that provide practical proof of concept. We now wait for a generic tender so that we can have the advantages thus offered and Scientific Services to find a suitable phage as a starter culture.



### City's Draft 2018-19 IDP / Budget

The proposed rates increase is 7.2%, refuse tariff is 5.7%, electricity municipal tariff is 8.14% (on top of Eskom's 30% increase), water and linked sanitation fee increase is an average at 26.96% to 30.45% (the zero to six kilolitre cost / kilolitre of water / month increases by 55.16%, while 20 to 35 kl drops by 57.62% while sanitation increases 78.71% in the zero to six kilolitre of water per month range while the 14 to 24.5 kl per month range drops by 81.9%). Also included are a fixed electricity service charge of R150 per month and a fixed charge for water based on meter size (from R64.40 to R25,875 with VAT per month). We objected to any increase above the official 4.4% (now 3.8%) inflation rate and to any fixed charges as these are prohibited in terms of the Municipal Systems Act (#32 of 2000).