

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE

Date: THURSDAY 30 May 2019, Time: **19:30**

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies
2. **GUEST SPEAKER'S TOPIC:**
Patrick Dowling: Civil society perspective on Far South challenges, governance and decision-making processes
3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
5. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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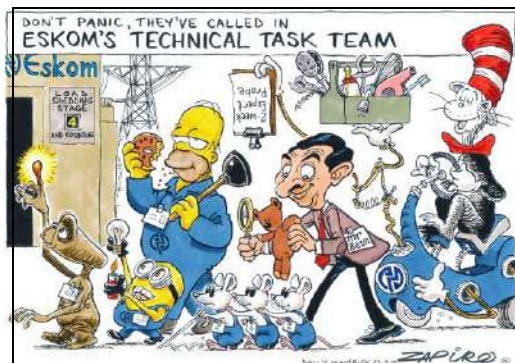
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<p>Our Speaker: Patrick Dowling</p>  <p>past Chair: Far South Peninsula Community Forum, current Chair: Kommetjie Residents & Ratepayers Association, Head: Education at Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)</p>	<p>Précis of Guest Speaker's Topic</p> <p>Shorter term (next five years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Impact of current roads upgrades •Continued organic- and migration-related growth of Masi •Rates and services increases cause ratepayer resentment <p>Medium term (five to ten years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Longer tailbacks on OKW •Other approved developments near completion <p>Longer term (ten to twenty years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increased Far South population •Land use change and redistribution policies
<p>FHVRRA Executive Committee (Exco)</p> <p>Helen O'Regan and Rob Downey have retired.</p> <p>John James: New Exco member is also a member of the Cape Point Volunteers, Fish Hoek Friends of Music, Valley North Neighbourhood Watch. He is soon to walk some of the Camino de Santiago in north-western Spain with friends.</p>	<p>Proposed Amendments to Municipal Planning By-Law (MPBL)</p> <p>This will allow for third dwellings, personal telecommunication stations, "toll roads", small land units permitted to build to the boundary, water tanks must be less than 2.5 m in height and boundary walls to 2.5 m plus 1 m for spikes, barbed wire, razor wire or electric fences. We requested a defined registration and commenting process, removal of any politician from the appeal process, provision of owner's motivation for departures and preservation of our heritage resources.</p>
<p>Exco (continued)</p> <p>Brian Youngblood: Chair, Communications & Departures Portfolio</p> <p>Matthew Gray: Vice-Chair & Departures Portfolio</p> <p>Allen Rose-Innes: Treasurer & Ward 69 Committee Member</p> <p>Peter Scott: Secretary & Membership Portfolio</p> <p>John Shaw: Historical & Departures Portfolios</p> <p>Derius Norris: Roads Portfolio</p>  <p>John James: Safety & Security and Ward 64 Committee Candidate</p>	<p>Proposed changes to our Constitution</p> <p>As the City no longer wishes to look after our historic sites (see MPBL above) and in order to register with Heritage Western Cape (HWC), HWC recommended that we change our Constitution to reflect our interest in preserving heritage resources. Therefore, it is proposed that under Section 2: Objects of the Association to delete: Section 2.3 To oppose all undesirable actions and developments. And replace with:</p> <p>2.3 To monitor and review all actions and developments with the intention of:</p> <p>2.3.1 Preventing civic actions that are undesirable for our constituents;</p> <p>2.3.2 Constraining developments that lead to urban sprawl and are contrary to best urban planning practice and the interests of our constituents; and</p> <p>2.3.3 Preserving the heritage resources of our area in a manner consistent with the applicable National Heritage Act and the Western Cape Heritage Resource Management Regulations.</p>



Eskom's tariff increases



Fish Hoek Crime Stats for Feb 2019

Contact crimes -47%
 Assault common +12.5%
 Trauma counselling has been provided.
 Property crime -41%
 House break-ins in the Avenues & theft out of motor vehicles increased "on bin days"
 Theft , fraud & shoplifting -27%
 Drug cases +400%

LAND INVASIONS

When you first spot a temporary structure, it should be reported immediately at:
<http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Report/Report-illegal-land-use/Report-illegal-occupancy-or-land-invasion> If the invasion is on PRASA's property, log with George Kiewiets [CT] GKiewiets@metrorail.co.za Phone: 079 898 5971

JUNIOR FHVRRA EXCO

We have sent a request to our local High School Principal inviting a small group of learners interested in public affairs, community issues or civic action to be guests at one of our Exco meetings with the idea of forming their own group. They could meet separately (we can offer to facilitate initially) and then their chair could be given a timeslot on our agenda to pose their issues directly to our Councillors.

REGISTER YOUR SOLAR PV SYSTEM BY 31 MAY 2019

Failure to register your small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) may result in an additional service fee and disconnection of electricity supply.

DRAFT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR 2019-2023

The goal of the City is to increase the number of visitors, encourage the lengthening of their stay here and increase their daily spend. We think they should:

- 1 Increase law enforcement visibility;
- 2 Invest in good quality, international cuisine dining training;
- 3 Get law enforcement to patrol the interfaces between urban areas and the Table Mountain National Park;
- 4 Improve the state of the beaches; and
- 5 Build / provide and improve the state of our public toilets.

RECYCLING FISH HOEK CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)

Our environmentalist, and others, attended a meeting with the City on this topic. The City said that they have four employees who clean the CBD area seven days a week. They clean the streets of litter and empty the green street bins and the beach bins. In the peak season (to the end of April), the City employs additional helpers on the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). However, the PRASA land around the station is the responsibility of PRASA. A survey of the contents of the green bins and street litter is planned to investigate the feasibility of recycling the contents; then a pilot project may follow. Our Business Improvement District (BID) needs to support this 'street recycling project' and survey the potential for improved recycling of their commercial 'waste'.

GRAFFITI AND TAGGING

Tagging is the graffiti "artist's" signature in their hand-style. When either is seen on City property, it should be reported to: graffiti.complaints@capetown.gov.za

<p>PICK 'N PAY LIQUOR (FISH HOEK) has requested an extension to their trading hours from 18:00 to 20:00 Monday to Saturday and 11:00 to 18:00 on Sundays stating in their application that this is in the public interest, it will not prejudice religious facilities nor pose a risk or nuisance. We objected.</p>	<p>FISH HOEK / CLOVELLY BRIDGE PRASA has agreed to blocking off the bridge subject to engineering plans and funding. Weekly reports from the Rail Enforcement Unit (REU) of arrests and court cases are encouraging.</p>
<p>STORM-WATER SAMPLINGS We have walked the storm-water network path from the beach “lighthouse” into the village with City officials on two separate occasions. We have identified some water sampling points above joins and possible hot spots as potential sources of mammalian bacteria, possibly indicating raw sewage. The City is trying to book time for using a camera to be pushed up the network to look for unauthorised connections. The rising main at the SAPS station is still broken, but Public Works is not acknowledging our requests to repair this and stop using a honey sucker. We have requested dedicated power to sewage pumps. During load shedding, the sewage pipes back-up and overflow into the storm-water system.</p>	<p>2019/20 CITY BUDGET The Electricity Levy increased by 8.88%, which is 35% more than the City’s cost of purchasing directly from Eskom. We’re currently on Level 3 water tariff, but the City’s proposal is to move this tariff table to the new Level 1. Therefore, the proposed new Level 3 water tariff represents an increase of 16% and not 8.88% as declared by the City. As the average increase in property valuations is 33% - 34%, your property rates will probably increase. The breakeven is a 30% increased valuation to offset the 22% lower “rate in rand” multiplier. So, depending upon your increased valuation, if it is higher than 30%, your property rates will increase accordingly. Refuse removal increased by 5% and sanitation by 9%. Funding to complete existing work on Ou Kaapse Weg is on the budget. Our main complaint is the ever-increasing, already bloated staff numbers with concomitant decrease in efficiency. Staffing costs increased by 8%; this is well above the inflation rate. Our view is that as the fixed water and electricity costs are not consumption based in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act #32 of 2000’s Section 74 (2) A tariff policy must ... (b) ... be in proportional to the use of that service, they should be scrapped.</p>
<p>Load Shedding Tips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print the load-shedding schedule for your area or download a load-shedding schedule app to have advanced warning of when you’ll be without power. • Charge your electronics fully, especially your cell phone. • Keep your car’s fuel tank filled up. Most stations cannot pump fuel during load shedding. • Keep some cash on hand because ATMs and card machines may be down as well. • If a possibility, invest in a generator to run essential appliances and your home security system. Store spare fuel in a safe and responsible way. • Install battery backup for your home security system and garage doors. Test and check, alarms and panic buttons to make sure that these and backup batteries are working optimally. • Buy locks and chains to secure gates and doors that don’t require electricity to operate. • Torches, lamps and candles are essential for night-time load shedding. Make sure you have spare batteries and lighters on hand. • Where possible invest in solar powered lights. Ensure that rechargeable emergency lights are always fully charged. • Keep bottled water: With the recommended amount of drinking water is 2l per person per day. • Stock up on dried fruit and canned food. • Use a gas stove or a wood fire. Remember to cook in a well-ventilated area. • Keep a well-stocked first aid kit in the house for any accidents that might occur. • Restock chronic medication and ensure a few extra days of required medication is available. • Make sure your IDs and passports and other important documents are up to date and easily accessible as Home Affairs systems might be down, at a time you may need them. <p>The Cape Board / Community Service Organisation</p>	