

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019

19H30

AGENDA

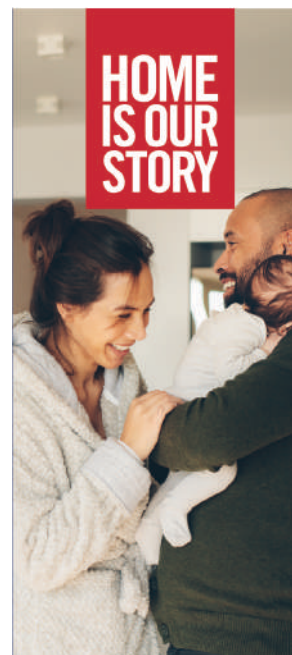
- 1. WELCOME: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. GUEST SPEAKERS TOPICS:**
 - INSPIRING THE YOUTH TO REMAIN IN FISH HOEK**
 - A SOCIO-ECONOMIC LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF THE VALLEY**
- 3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
- 4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
- 5. GENERAL**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THE MEETING**

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Speakers' Summary

Fish Hoek High School history students will begin their talk with a consideration of where Fish Hoek as a community is at the moment, the areas that are of concern to them as the youth, and an idea of what we should work on in order to achieve a harmonious, successful and happy community.

This talk will centre on three parts we need to consider -
our social state,
our economic state, and
our political state

Silvermine Metrorail Bridge

As per suggestions from our members living near the estuary, we proposed that suitable fencing be placed under the bridge to prevent rough sleepers, who were, in a recent raid, found in possession of drugs and stolen property. Straining fences may be required to prevent plastic from blocking the main fencing. Safety is a paramount consideration.

Upgrades to two Fish Hoek Main Road zebra crossings

As many have found the Fish Hoek Arcade / Video-rite zebra crossing to work very well, we requested a review of the Town Square and Shoprite / Checkers zebra crossings, although the latter might work better as a traffic circle, some argue that traffic circles are not pedestrian friendly. The problem most experience with the pedestrian activated traffic lights / robots, is that they don't stop traffic instantly like at the Arcade / Video-rite crossing and then the lights stay on too long afterwards, which needlessly hinders traffic flow. Also, a couple of turning lanes would be appreciated.

Guest Speakers



Andrew Haw - Teacher



Danielle Bezuidenhout - Student



Olivia Brandt - Student



Auran Gibson - Student

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Stormwater questions we asked of our Sub-Council:

- 1 What is the source of sewage entering our storm-water system grate near the Book Worm?
- 2 Can a “low-flow storm-water diversion grate” be installed in the Train Precinct?
- 3 What is the source of the grease found in the storm-water system behind KFC and Town Square?
- 4 Can the “Lighthouse” culvert be “warning” sign-posted like the Beach culvert?

Re-piping 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenue

Replacing the 100 year old plus, cast iron water pipes that have been causing brown stains is a capital project. These funds have been released effective to 30 June 2020. All water projects are being prioritised now.

Reinstatement of Pavement

With the pavements reinstatement after fibre installation looking like patchwork or pavement bicycle lanes, we requested the City to consider doing full sidewalk resurfacing. They should have the contractors or themselves do the job properly and could use the opportunity to greatly improve the look and feel of streets.

Special Appropriations Bill

We objected to Bill B10-2019 for R59bn over two years for Eskom has unwisely invested in fossil fuel (coal, diesel) plants rather than the cheaper, renewable (solar, wind) generators. Corruption needs to be investigated and prosecuted. Splitting up Eskom still needs to happen with a 33% reduction in head count.

City's Draft Coastal By-Law 2019

We agreed with its intentions, but questioned its ineffectual remediation. The City needs tertiary treatment of sewage before it is piped into our coastal water; it needs to fine restaurants that are not properly maintaining their grease traps and it needs to locate and correct all sewage to stormwater connections.

Promotion of Access to Information Amendment Bill

The passing of this bill would mean that that information on the private funding of political parties and independent candidates would be recorded, preserved and made available to the public. We did recommend some improvements, such as “the provision of assets, services or facilities” be independently market-related quantified, to avoid any under recording; that the information is available free-of-charge and open to the public; and that there should be penalties for non-compliance by the party's accounting officer either in timeously providing the information or in not providing adequate depth of information.

Economic transformation, inclusive growth, and competitiveness: Towards an Economic Strategy for South Africa

We recommended encouraging and paying educators higher salaries; create job centres in every municipal district; create public-private partnerships on all train routes and stations; councillor representation should be local and locally accountable; and Government should own the telecommunications infrastructure for leasing out.

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Dumping Blitz

Several City departments will be taking a zero tolerance view to littering and dumping in public open spaces, parks and City property by impounding the vehicle until the case is concluded and the following schedule of fines are paid:

- First offence R8 700.00
- Second offence R11 700.00
- Third offence R17 400.00

Plus an impoundment fee plus R5 000 for contravention of the by-law.

Residents can report illegal dumping by phoning the city's call centre on 0860 103 089, the City's emergency number 107 (from a landline) or 021 480 7700 from a cell phone. Dumping affects all of us besides being unsightly, sometimes chemicals impacting groundwater are also dumped.

What is required to fix Eskom?

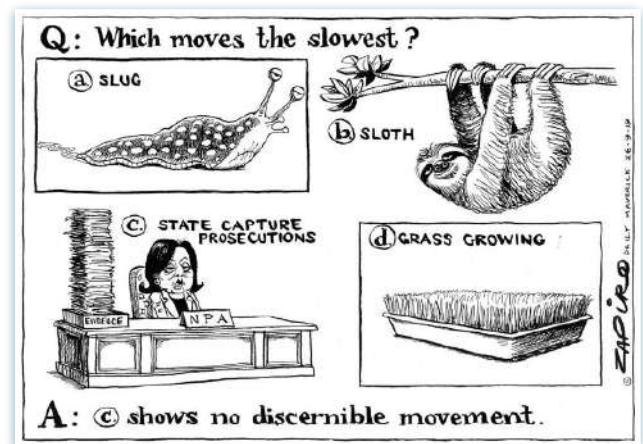
- 1 Cull debt. Eskom is in a debt trap as its income does not cover its current monthly debt service costs (interest and capital repayments). Some municipalities are not paying at all.
 - 2 Renegotiate or pause the Independent Power Producers (IPP) programme as currently Eskom has to buy all IPP power whether it needs it or not and the IPP tariffs increase by producer price index every year for the 20-year agreement.
 - 3 Increase tariffs by 33% to cover its expenses, but this compensates Eskom for inefficiencies and will hurt the economy driving consumers off the grid hurting Eskom even more.
 - 4 Cut staff by 66% (World Bank recommendation).
- Source: Financial Mail (4 September)



The City's service request (C3) system

https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html#/create

We requested two upgrades based upon recent experiences. The first one being where a service was requested, City officials came to the site, but then didn't provide any feedback before closing the log. The second relates to City officials just closing calls without doing anything. With Cllr Kuhl's assistance, we were able to locate the appropriate City official who said that the next version is planned for implementation before the end of the year that will provide SMS / email notifications of milestone progress during the log's life cycle and request if the task was satisfactorily completed upon termination.



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