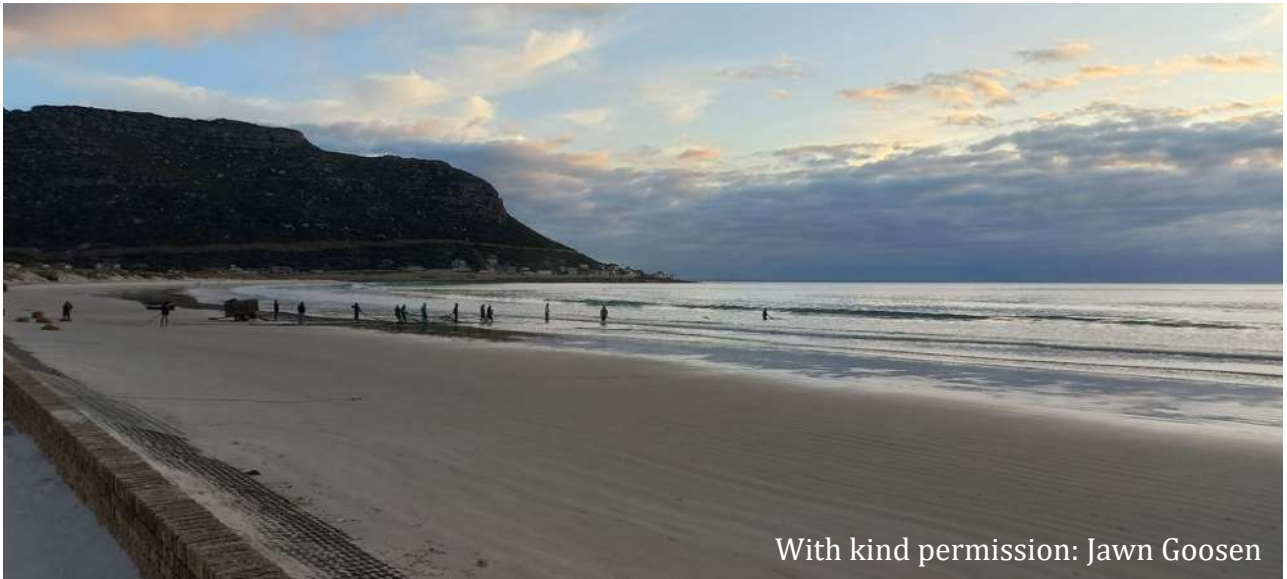


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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2023

Subscriptions have been retained at R80 for 2023.

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EFT payments:

Account Name: FHVRRA Standard Bank

Account Number: 374203091

Bank code for EFT payments: 051001

Reference: your initials-your surname

Cash: At any time at AP Jones

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**NOTICE of 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LIVE at the CIVIC CENTRE, MAIN HALL and on SKYPE
HOST: PETER SCOTT
THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2023 at 19H30
AGENDA**

- 1. WELCOME: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. GUEST SPEAKER TOPIC: Fish Hoek Crime Stats and what can be done**
 - 2.1 Trialing a community safety app in the Fish Hoek SAPS precinct**
- 3. QUESTIONS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
3 NOVEMBER 2022**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. ELECTION OF FHVRRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 7. GENERAL QUESTIONS**

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About the Speakers



Jonathan Mills worked in the e-health software sector for 15 years until 2017. He now Chairs the NPO he founded in 2011, as well as serving in a number of community roles including Fish Hoek Community Police Forum Chair, Chair of the Hospital Trust and the Boards of a number of Social Development NGOs and NPOs.

Rob Freeman, Founder of Fish Hoek Central Neighbourhood Watch

Lt Col Jackie Johnson, Station Commander, Fish Hoek SAPS

Précis of the Presentation

Buzzer and other Community Safety Applications increase community communications and safety by introducing simple, real-time incident reporting, monitoring and dispatch.

Why join a Neighbourhood Watch?

Crime statistics in the Fish Hoek Valley.

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Eskom wants you to pay 32% more for your electricity from 1 April 2023

Nersa asked for public comment on the power producer's proposed increases of 38.1% for 2024 and 5.12% for the following year. A week after the period for public comments closed, Eskom shifted some numbers around, dropping the 2024 increase to 32.02% and lifting the 2025 increase to 9.74%. Eskom hastened to add that independent power producers account for 5.39% of the 2025 increase. Eskom states their primary energy increase (including diesel) is 7.85%, but wants to add 10.67% for depreciation and 9.05% for inefficient emergency procurement from independent power producers. They often blame Nersa for incorrect asset evaluations for previous years. Nersa has granted Eskom an 18.65% tariff hike. Overall, there has been a reduction of 59% in average energy availability. Fortunately, we live in Cape Town, which has protected from us more than 1,100 of Eskom's 1 900 hours of load-shedding over the nine month period that included the non-stop 30 days of load-shedding. When will the corrupt and inept be brought to book.

Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Amendment Bill

This was a strange bill with the Portfolio Committee on Police requesting comments. Municipal Mayors, Labour Unions, our President and Health Minister and many other regional politicians could all be labelled as terrorists accused of promoting insurrection for causing serious disruptions of essential services, creating a serious emergency situation or causing major economic loss, respectively. Consider the looting spree in Kwazulu Natal as an example of attempted insurrection through use of social media. This Bill empowers SAPS to be able to freeze assets including software decryption keys, just on suspicion, for "discovery" purposes. This suggests poor SAPS investigative work and an invasion of privacy. It also implies that firearm competency training should not be allowed. We support the premise of anti-terror activities, but we are concerned with the definition of terrorist activities overlapping normal, legal civilian duties including mainline religious activities.

Climate Change Response Strategy Implementation Plan

This Western Cape plan requires a reality check regarding new technologies relying upon non-renewable mineral resources. Instead, solar, wind and tidal power can be used directly into the grid to assist ESKOM. Alternatively, we should produce green liquefied hydrogen power for the WC. Furthermore there are likely to be huge gas reserves off the Cape Province coastline. Such gas is non-renewable, but very clean in comparison with coal fired, base power. Climate change is also a human responsibility issue. We all must reduce waste. Future energy is unlikely to be cheaper, despite those saying otherwise, as it requires significant modernisation of the transmission network to smart grid capability with storage. We are good at developing strategic policies, but poor at implementing. Accountability is key. A proactive education campaign is needed to shift human lifestyles to live in balance with healthy ecosystem services and in the efficient use of scarce

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resources. Net Zero emission targets are unrealistic. Carbon capture initiatives need to be local. Expanding the number of time zones in South Africa should help to flatten peak energy demands.

General Laws (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing) Amendment Bill

We support the avoidance of greylisting due to the deficiencies identified by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for implementing legislative improvements. Greylisting will increase the costs of financial transactions and doing business with the result being roughly a percentage point off economic growth. However, making a criminal out of every NPO that doesn't / can't register goes beyond the FATF's "focused and proportionate measures". The NPO Directorate doesn't have the ability to do the audit and watchdog work. The NPO registry is already about 10 years out of date. We recommended that all trusts, nonprofit organisations and conduit funders receiving and disbursing funds of more than R1-million per year should be registered rather with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission.

Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP) 2023-2028

89% of transport in the Greater Cape Town Area (GCTA) is by road (of that, 58% is private, 22% Minibus-taxi (MBT), 6% Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS), 2-3% Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)), 2% by rail (with rail being a decrease of 95% in 10 years), 9% pedestrian and cycle. Consequently, the major investment of money and effort for the foreseeable future must be the 89% road transport which depends on the road infrastructure, so:

- Increase the maintenance budget to R1,3 billion p.a.;
- Make small fixes to the road system (eg Royal Road, Union Road through Newlands) are welcome, but not enough. Cape Town has more bottlenecks than almost any other city in South Africa. Major upgrades (some examples below) are needed even at the cost of other capital investments, such as the BRT:
- N1 to Sea Point interchange;
- R 300 to R 310 connection;
- M3 through Newlands - flyovers at Rhodes & Paradise;
- M3 to Glencairn Expressway tunnel (Fish Hoek Northern Bypass); and
- N2 through Somerset West (Sanral).

Proposed Upgrades along M3 i Newlands

A City survey recommended removing some existing intersections on the M3 in Newlands promising that the traffic flow through there would improve by four times and result in fewer head / rear crashes. Our community supports these minimal interventions, and would also like to see the fly-overs at Rhodes Avenue and Paradise Road that have been mentioned for years.

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Fish Hoek High School's Proposed Billboard

The advertiser is requesting forgiveness and permission as the sign is already erected. Our community seems to be somewhat divided. While they support alternative sources of revenue for our high school, many objected to having any unsightly billboards being especially inappropriate in a residential area. Some expressed their concern for perpetuating an old technology that is not focussed. There was some concern about the billboard being a hazard due to our high winds, but apparently a structural engineer's certificate had already been obtained. Another potential safety problem was that the billboard could distract drivers approaching the three-way stop intersection from 1st Crescent at 13th Avenue and Kinross Crescent. We hope that our high school can find another source of funding.

Gated Residential Development at 24 Charlton Road

The Department of Environmental Affairs granted a partial authorisation for development. We appealed requesting a review of the proposed Northern Bypass' authority for development. The City's Speaker, Alderman Felicity Purchase, confirmed that the bypass is still “very much part of future planning for congestion relief”. This development on the wetlands edge and a bypass road (now in the wetlands?) will put even more pressure on the wetlands. From the maps we've seen, we requested a review of the statement that this erf does not lie within a Critical Biodiversity Area. Failing that, FHVRRA and Friends of the Silvermine Natural Area (FOSNA), proposed working closely with the developer's site manager to address our ongoing concerns with froglets, dust, noise, run-off and litter.

Dune Rehabilitation Projects

A public meeting was held on 17 January 2023 to see a presentation on the detailed design and proposed Fish Hoek dune rehabilitation works worth ±R10 million. We appreciate the sterling maintenance work done by George Gundry on our dunes and the efforts of Helen O'Regan in ensuring that Fish Hoek dunes were prioritised.

Fish Hoek Beach was Closed

From 18 to 19 December 2023 and 2 to 5 January 2023, our beach was closed due to a sewage blockage on Main Road where the overflow found the nearest downhill stormwater gully leading to our beach.

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Metrorail Feasibility Study

The first deliverable, the Inception Report, to determine the logistics, practicalities and timeframes involved for taking over the management of passenger rail in Cape Town has been delivered to the City. Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa's (Prasa) annual report, just released, is telling in that now Prasa only transports 3% of the number of passengers it was able to transport 10 years ago. Only 134 out of 590 Prasa stations are still functioning. Fewer than the 18 lines are actually fully functional. Recent media reports mention more mismanagement with recent tenders.

The second deliverable of the feasibility study is a Baseline Report, which is to establish the status-quo of the commuter rail environment in the City's functional area. A critical requirement to complete this is that the City gains access to all institutional, financial and technical information associated with operating the current rail system in Cape Town. The City is currently engaging Prasa directly for access to this information.

Fish Hoek town centre is overrun by taxi minibuses. They congest the Railway Station area where taxi ranks are provided. However, there are hardly any passengers using the railway line between Muizenburg and Simon Town. Therefore, the taxis need not be centred at the Railway Station. They could be situated elsewhere to remove the blight of Fish Hoek's town centre [Glencairn Railway Station?].

Updating of Electricity Prepaid Meters

All prepaid electricity meters must have their system date updated (token identifier rollover) from the hard-coded base year of 1993 to 2014 by 24 November 2024 or they will not be able to accept new tokens. The City's roll-out is by area. When our area receives the 40 digits provided with their electricity purchase, it must be entered correctly. Over a quarter of the City's pre-paid meters have been updated.

Speed Humps

The City's focus for placement of speed humps is proximity to schools. Three speed humps were installed near the FH High School in early December. Other placements may be possible upon application and subject to the private raising of approximately R20,000.

Fish Hoek Valley Road Resurfacing

From 24 October to mid-December 2022, many roads were resurfaced and repainted. Thank you City

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2022 (R'000)

	2021	2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Refundable deposits / Prepaid expenses	572	572
Savings Account and cash	57 554	52 103
Total Assets	58 126	52 675
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and Reserves	57 806	50 165
Designated third party funds	-	-
Accumulated funds	57 806	50 165
Current Liabilities	320	2 510
Provision for legal fees	-	-
Subscriptions received in advance	320	2 510
Sundry creditors	-	-
Total Equity and Liabilities	58 126	52 675

INCOME STATEMENT as at 31 December 2022 (R'000)

	2021	2022
Gross revenue		
Subscriptions (including arrear subs recovered)	80	10 560
Other Income	5 991	21 299
Donations received	5 700	20 990
Interest received	291	309
Newsletter sponsorship	-	-
Total Income	6 071	31 859
Total Expenditure	3 358	39 500
Bank charges	-	23
Gifts and donations	2 500	38 077
Membership subscription/contributions - civic associations	200	300
Printing, copying, computer & stationery	56	-
Website	557	667
Sundry expenses including meetings	45	434
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	2 713	(7 641)

Notes on major income and expenditure variances 2022 vs 2021

1. The year 2022 was a giving year even though the accounts show a deficit of R7 641 for the year. We contributed to various community organisations and received a number of donations.
2. Subscription fees for the year 2021 was waived, therefore showing a big increase in the year 2022.
3. Two generous donations received from one of our members.
4. Donation payments were made towards: The beach Trek Mural R2 676 and R5 000 each to The Net & U-Turn for the homeless, Collaborate for Garden of remembrance, False Bay Hospital Trust; FOSNA for Silvermine wetlands, Nerina Gardens for lights, R3 000 to Sun Valley Eco Watch for a fynbos circle; R2 400 to FHCPF for Buzzer App trail.
5. General meeting expenses were R220 for the parking guard at the general meeting.

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