

MINUTES FOR THE EXCO MEETING
of the
SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
held on
Wednesday 22 of August 2018 at 17h30
at
Arthur Seat Hotel, Arthurs Road, Sea Point

1. **Welcome and Apologies** MvE
Apologies: Ori Saban, David Rose
Present: Juanita Levetan, Victor Morris, Suzanne Kempen, Marco van Embden, Aris Vayanos, Lizaan Loedolff
By Invitation: Gideon du Preez (PPA), Chris Diedericks (PPA), Neil Zive (Talon), Cllr Shayne Ramsay

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 2.1. Approval (18 July 2018)
Proposer: Suzanne Kempen
Secunder: Aris Vayanos

5.6 Traffic Warden
must read
5.6 Traffic Officer

3. **Matters Arising** LL
 - 3.1. POPI Compliance
The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI) promotes the protection of personal information by requiring that public and private bodies comply with certain standards when collecting, processing, storing and sharing personal information. SFB strongly adheres to this act.

4. **Short Notice Agenda Items**
 - 4.1. New Exco Members to Co-opt
Two members of the Executive committee have stepped down and needs to be replaced. The persons considered to fill their roles are:
Nicola Harris
She stood for election at the 2018 SFB AGM and had a significant number of votes in the group of candidates that did not qualify to join Exco. Janey has met with her a few times and she has shown keen interest to become involved.
Roy Aronson
He is a local veterinarian with knowledge of town planning and an involved member of the community.
Lydia Abel
She is an educator that used to serve on the SFB Exco.
The committee unanimously agreed with all three candidates and the Chairman to make contact, thereafter Lizaan to invite them to the following Exco meeting.
 - 4.2. Changes to the Constitution
Certain clauses in the current constitution needs to be revised before the next AGM. Suzanne

will check with Janey and review the constitution with Lizaan to confirm the changes required. The name to be reviewed (Sea Point Ratepayers Association). We should not repeat the same procedure as the 2018 AGM where we allowed people to register for the annual membership at the AGM. This delayed the start of the AGM significantly and is disrespectful to the residents who dutifully registered for their membership in advance. There should be a cut off time 48 hours before the AGM to allow for a smoother start to the meeting. Should ratepayers not register for their annual membership prior, they will be welcome to attend the meeting but will not be allowed to vote as only ratepayers with annual memberships to the SFB can vote. 28 days' notice will be given for the 2019 SFB AGM instead of the 21 days to allow enough time to register. With the lead up to the AGM marketing will start 60 days prior and it will be clearly stated that there will be no registration for annual membership on the day. The committee is 100% supportive of this suggestion.

5. PPA Talon Feedback Report

NZ/CD

5.1. Update

A total of 521 vagrant removals has been done for the month of July with 443 to date for August. Members of the homeless community pitched a tent on top of rocks in the ocean and have been removed with the assistance of Law-Enforcement. PPA Talon and Law-Enforcement done a joint operation on the promenade. 1 suspect for car theft was apprehended in Church road for breaking into a Polo. Gideon apprehended a 55-year-old male registered sex offender who was exposing himself to the public, including to a mother and daughter at the public bathrooms on the promenade. Several occurrences of drinking in public recorded, with no SAPS intervention. Numerous thefts out of motor vehicle cases has been reported. PPA Talon is usually first on the scene and stay with the owner of the car until SAPS arrives to make a case which sometimes can take hours. There have also been medical interventions such as S/O Simphiwe and Adams who helped a resident free his leg from a sliding gate in London Road and PPA Talon went above the call of duty by helping a female resident change her tyre and another resident with a burst tyre.

5.2. Status of NineBots & Electric Bicycle

All 3 NineBots and the Electric Bicycle are in working order. Each NineBot has their own charger (three in total) and new batteries has been added to the remotes that activate the bots. The SFB logo to be placed on the electric bicycle.

5.3. Challenges

5.3.1. Kingsgate

The apartment block Kingsgate has joined the SFB Safety & Cleaning Initiative with a three-month trial period with the request that we clean up Quantock Road. Lizaan requested the assistance of both SAPS and Law-Enforcement who agreed to help only if the Da Luz tenants and neighbouring blocks stop feeding the homeless from their bins. PPA Talon investigated and confirmed that the Spar push their bins into the bush for the homeless to eat from and certain blocks around Quantock road allow the homeless onto their property to bring their bins out for collection. Lizaan will send a letter to the management of the Da Luz building to raise this concern and the surrounding blocks must be cc'ed into his letter. Gideon will provide photos in support of Binguard to be shared with the surrounding blocks and businesses. SFB should ask CID to intervene with this road. Lizaan to contact Kingsgate and inform them of the progress and challenges and to encourage neighbouring blocks and businesses to make use of Binguard. Councillor Ramsay is involved with a recycling initiative in this area to effectively reduce the amount of garbage collected in the black bins by about 60%.

5.3.2. Assistance with street people

Law Enforcement are reluctant to enforce the by-laws.

5.3.3. SAPS

PPA Talon stated again that it is difficult to get support and cooperation from Sea Point SAPS. They have been called for a variety of reasons such as theft out of motor vehicle,

drinking in public and take hours to respond or do not respond at all. Exco is disappointed that we land up doing the work of SAPS with no support from them. SFB is not resourced or capable of influencing SAPS to make them more efficient. That is a for the national government to rectify. PPA Talon employ their best efforts to make a positive change to the community, to make the Atlantic Seaboard safe for visitors and residents but it is difficult without the assistance from Law-Enforcement and SAPS. Exco supports PPA Talon in their efforts and will send a letter to Station Commander Col Engelbrecht. Lizaan will craft a letter to raise this concern with Sea Point SAPS.

5.3.4.Vests

We need a minimum of 6 new florescent vests. PPA will purchase the new vests and have them embroidered with the PPA and Talon logo along with the SFB information.

5.3.5.Sponsorship

Neil (Talon) informed Exco that the back of his patrol vehicle can be used for an additional sponsorship opportunity. Lizaan to follow up.

Chris, Gideon and Neil leave the meeting.

6. Council Report / Issues

Cllr SR

6.1. Matters for comment

6.2. Let's talk Campaign

Councillor Ramsay is starting a Let's Talk campaign with the DA and is inviting members of the community to attend raise their concerns. The Exco encourages her to market herself and her events better, suggesting she makes use of the Atlantic Sun and Peoples Post and not only Facebook.

6.3. Feedback on Traffic Officer

Over 600 tickets were issued for a variety of different violations. The councillor found his presence have also deterred people from committing traffic violations.

6.4. Public Bathroom

She is disappointed that her project to keep the public bathrooms on the promenade open 24 hours per day, seven days per week has come to an end. She is working on at least extending the closing time to 10pm. The suggested extended opening hours van 6pm – 10pm will be covered by an EPWP worker. Marco stated that he does not think The City is a City that cares, if it truly cared it will allowed for the basic human right to use a bathroom.

6.5. Ward allocations

We will allocate part of her 2019/2020 ward funding to three social workers, one traffic officer and one rent-a-cop.

6.6. Plastic

The councillor wants a plastic free ward and has done away with the plastic water sachets at events in her ward.

6.7. Milton Beach – Dog Friendly

Making Milton beach along Sea Point a dog friendly beach is a project the Councillor would like to take on. She decided on Milton beach since it's the quietest beach in Sea Point. Marco inquires if the residents across the road have been asked for their opinion, he also asked who will be responsible if a dog bites a child or resident/visitor on the suggested dog friendly beach. She answers as everywhere; the dog owner is personally responsible. Aris strongly disagrees with the suggestion of making Milton Beach dog friendly as there are enough public spaces for dogs. The rest of the committee agrees with Aris and Marco suggested the Councillor advertise in the Atlantic Sun and Peoples Post since her poll on Facebook showed people are in favour of this suggestion but not all the residents are on Facebook. With the exception of Juanita abstaining from the vote, the rest of the committee is not in favour of this suggestion. Marco requests that the councillor polls on more than FB and then take it from there.

6.8. Process to obtain ID's for the homeless

Peter Cookson, Professional Officer for the Vulnerable Groups and Communities will be the

correct person to contact. Lizaan should place Hannes van der Merwe and Peter Cookson in contact with each other. As part of our Upliftment Programme, Straatwerk will match the R70 saved by the homeless and assist them in obtaining their ID.

6.9. Water

Currently the dams servicing Cape Town are 60% full.

6.10. GreenBins

Many of the green bins around the Atlantic Seaboard have been broken, vandalized and seemed to have been moved out of position. Marco asked Councillor Ramsay to request the relevant departments to pay attention to these bins and have them fixed.

6.11. Safe Space

The Safe Space currently house 61 people and have the capacity to house 230 people.

7. **Ward Committee Member Feedback Report**

JL

7.1. Update

Juanita applied to become a Ward Committee member to replace Janey as the voice of SFB on this committee. The application to be signed and submitted.

8. **Finance**

SK

8.1. Report from Treasurer – July Financials 2018

No extraordinary expenses for the month of July.

8.2. Latest Monthly Income & Expenditure summary (shortfall/surplus amount)

Tao Yuan Asian restaurant has cancelled their sponsorship of the SFB Safety & Cleaning Initiative as they have moved from Beach to Main Road and will now have to contribute to CID. Marco requested Lizaan send the new owners of the premises an SCI information pack asking them to take up Tao Yuan's sponsorship and welcome them to Sea Point.

8.3. Debtors (outstanding Debtors – action report)

Repeat offenders. Lizaan will continue to follow up on payment.

8.4. New blocks signed up

Sausalito (13 units)

9. **Safety & Cleaning Initiative Feedback Report**

JL

9.1. Update (Phase I & II)

Lizaan needs to get Stonewood properties on board. The SCI team consciously contacts blocks and managing agents to assist in getting more involved in this initiative. The goal is to increase the services within the next months.

9.2. Bordeaux AGM Strategy

Marco requested Aris to attend the presentation scheduled at their AGM in September. We will find allies in Bordeaux and ask for their assistance.

9.3. Feedback on CID Meeting with Heather Tager

Juanita, Marco and Lizaan met with Heather Tager, COO of CID to ask her to take over Phase 1 and 2 of the initiative. She will set up a meeting between CID, SFB and The City to see if this will be possible.

9.4. Fresnaye Security Initiative

An initiative created by Fresnaye residents that will be an all-encompassing security solution to make the streets of Fresnaye safer, but they need the buy in of the residents first. To date the initiative has not launched yet.

9.5. Strategy to chase non-paying blocks in Phase 1

Letters have been prepared to be sent to all non-contributing blocks in Phase 1. It will clearly set out which of their neighbours are contributing while they are enjoying the benefits of their neighbour's commitment to improve Sea Point.

10. **Upliftment Programme** JL
- 10.1. Sponsorship Update
Lizaan continues to seek new sponsors.
- 10.2. Checkers collaboration
Juanita created the advertisement for the SFB collaboration with Checkers. Should Hannes approve of the wording she can go ahead to get the project off the ground.
11. **SFB PlanComm** VM
- 11.1. Update
Victor provided positive feedback. The committee invited Councillor Ramsay to a meeting and she echoed Victor's sentiment. She found the meetings to be well run and efficient. Very professionally done and found the committee to be objective.
12. **PR, Marketing & Communication** MvE/JL
- 12.1. Meeting with Saatchi (Educating the Community)
Marco, Juanita and Lizaan met with Bill Stephens from Saatchi. In the meeting it was clear that the residents don't know what our responsibility is, what we do, the extra responsibilities we take on board. Bill specified that he never heard of such a transparent ratepayers association who take on so much but in the same breath, we are "fingered" by our own success. It seems as if the residents are frustrated with The City and now shine their light on us. We will embark on an informative campaign. We will commit funds to this campaign and will be responsible with the expenses and not be wasteful. Saatchi will charge us their NPO rate of 50% discount. Exco will receive feedback at the monthly Exco meetings. Juanita find that we are not using the tools we have and that we are not providing the community the information effectively. We need to be proactive and not reactive to situations. Suzanne suggest we continue to use Renee to manage our website and she can recommend affordable copy writers should we need them for our campaign. We need strategy, structure and a budget.
13. **Events** – list attached
14. **General**
- 14.1. Printing
Lizaan mentioned she needs a colour printer that can print building plans in A3 and Marco suggestion she ask at the next Planning Committee meeting.
15. **Next Meeting**
20 September 2018
17:00