

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT 10H30 ON THE 5 JANUARY 2017, IN THE PEARLY BEACH CLUB HOUSE, PEARLY BEACH

PRESENT : 31 members – their names are recorded in the Attendance Register attached to the original of this minute.

APOLOGIES : Messrs Jason Stonehewer, Dave Kunneke, Rian Smith & Lindsay Halkett

WELCOME & DEVOTIONS

The Chairperson Shirley Coetzee welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented a slide show as part of the devotions. The meeting was then opened in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated to members via email and had also been posted on the website and village notice board. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Shirley Lamb and seconded by Alan Espey.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson presented her report for 2016. The full report is attached to the original of this minute and can be viewed on the PBRPA website at www.pearlybeachratepayers.co.za

WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Alderman Coetzee opened by showing the audience a sample of water which had been collected from a humidifier at one of the members' homes. He continued by saying that a pre-filtration plant would be added to the Pearly Beach water purification works during the first half of 2017 at a cost of R1.25 m. This would remove colour from the water and reduce the use of chemicals.

Through Mike Lamb, a donation of fynbos plants had been secured. The plants are being propagated by Grootbos and would be planted around the perimeter of the drop-off area. These would be available at the end of March and the municipality would install a drip irrigation system to water the plants.

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Alderman Coetzee will be applying for Blue Flag status at Castle Beach which means the amenities would be improved. This would be the 4th Blue Flag beach in the Overstrand. An experiment has taken place in De Kelders where a stretch of 2 kms has been lightly tarred as a dust control measure. The cost of this product is 1/8 of the cost of normal tarring. The draft budget for 2017/2018 will included an amount of money to continue with this method in Pearly Beach. This also falls under operating costs and not capital expenditure.

The security in our village continues to be a problem. Members have suggested installing surveillance cameras. There are presently 18 cameras in operation in Hermanus which are monitored 24/7 and connected to the municipality emergency room, however the cost exceeds R1.4 million and is not very successful. It was also suggested that we obtain a drone. After investigation it was established that a drone only has a range of 3 kms from its control point and would cost R24 000.00. Another disadvantage is that it only has a 27 minute flying time and extra batteries would be needed. The drone does operate at night but would not be able to take photographs. He stated that the most successful means of improving security is a neighborhood watch. It was reiterated that the current Whatsapp group was to report crime only and should not be used as a chat group.

Alderman Coetzee then opened the floor for questions: A suggestion was made by a member to remove the island at the gully to improve the parking situation.

It was suggested that a meeting be held after the festive season to initiate the neighbourhood watch.

Speeding remains a problem. It was suggested that a "children playing" sign be erected at the village green. It would appear as though the traffic department is not doing their job properly. A member suggested reducing the speed to 40km/h, but Alderman Coetzee responded that speed enforcement can only be controlled above 60km/h. A survey would be done to determine which stop streets were essential and where speed control measures should be placed. This would be undertaken by the Traffic Department during the course of the year.

Fireworks are illegal in Pearly Beach and this year there was an improvement in that it appeared that fewer fireworks were set off on New Year's Eve and over a shorter period of time.

The Chairperson thanked Alderman Coetzee for his input. The Ward Councillor's Report is attached to the original of this minute and can also be viewed on the Association's website at www.pearlybeachratepayers.co.za

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TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer, Peter Burton-Moore then presented the financial report. This report will also be available for viewing on the Associations website.

He thanked his co-committee members for their assistance and confirmed that the Pearly Beach Affaire had made a small profit. He also thanked Seeff for the R1000 donation to the Affaire. He asked current members to encourage friends and family to join the Association.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairperson then called upon Alderman Coetzee to preside as the Electoral Officer for the election of the 2017 committee. Shirley Coetzee was asked to serve another year as Chairperson and she accepted. Gary Muller proposed that the committee remain the same as 2016 if they were prepared to serve again; this was seconded by Ivy Hartman and unanimously approved by the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11h02.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

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