

**FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 19H30  
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE MAIN HALL, FISH HOEK**

**1. ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME**

**Present:** Everyone as per the attendance register.

Allen Rose-Innes welcomed everyone, including the guest speakers and Ward Councillors, Ald. Felicity Purchase and Cllr. Aimee Kuhl.

**2. GUEST SPEAKER: RAYMOND MASEKO – MANAGER FOR THE WESTERN CAPE  
INFRASTRUCTURES AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME – PRASA / METRORAIL**

Mr Maseko gave his presentation and gave a brief rundown of the history of Metrorail. He explained that station upgrades are already in process with Philippi being the biggest upgrade as it will become the central command centre for all the Cape Town trains.

Thirty two new sets of trains will be arriving in the Western Cape in 2020. These trains will consist of six coaches per train each having CCTV cameras, emergency stop systems and security on each set. The CCTV cameras will be working on a wireless network and will send all info of any issues happening on the trains straight to the control centre. The maximum travelling speed of these new trains will be 120km/h and can go from 0 to 120km/h within 100m.

***Questions and Answers:***

***How will you keep the graffiti off the new trains?*** The trains will all sleep at Salt River and not at other stations like they currently do. The CCTV cameras should help and security will be able to respond quicker.

***With regards to the damages to the train signal equipment, is there no way that this equipment could not be put underground like they do overseas?*** Unfortunately not, because as the peninsula is surrounded by the sea, the water table is very high.

***What will accommodate trains to run at higher speeds once the new lines have been laid and have you thought about running two kinds of trains? Having a train that runs from Simon's Town to Cape Town which runs as a major express train and not stopping at all stations?***

With the current gauge that Metrorail has the maximum speed that can be reached is 160km/h. Metrorail will increase the design speed of the line to 220km/h for when the new trains arrive. The maximum operational speed will be 160km/h for the new trains. With regards to the second question, there are currently two dedicated lines from Fish Hoek to Cape Town which are called an up line and a down line. What Metrorail have decided to do with the new programme that will be in place, is that signals will not only be facing one way on each track. They will be facing both directions on each line so that either line can be used as an up or down line. The plan will be to run a train that will stop at every station on the up line during peak times in the morning and run the second as an express train, in the same direction, on the down line. This plan will be reversed for the afternoons/evenings..

***How can we, as a community, help PRASA? How can we make trains more popular, more user friendly?*** The community needs to get off the roads and use the trains more but at the moment people have the perception that the train facilities are not entirely safe and also visibly not always clean. When the new trains arrive, it will be PRASA's drive to come to community forums, like this one, to encourage people to use the train services rather than be on the roads. NHW's are welcome to help PRASA as well, for example, in helping to combat crime which happens in their

areas. You, as the community, have the power to dictate to PRASA on how you would like them to use these assets.

***Considering the maintenance issues on the line from Fish Hoek to Simon's Town and the low number of passengers which travel along this route, is there enough volume to carry on using this line?*** It is agreed that passenger numbers are low but the Navy stepped in and said that the line must stay open as the majority of their workforce use the trains along this route for transport to and from work.

To much applause Allen thanked Mr Maseko for his talk and presented him with a gift of chocolates.

### **3. GUEST SPEAKER: MS KIM KRUYSHAAR – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT FOR THE FSPCF AND THE FHVRRA – TIPS ON HOW TO SAVE WATER WITH THE CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE**

Ms Kruyshaar went through her presentation explaining how we, as the community, could all share a part with regards to saving water during our current water situation.

The concern is that the population is growing by 3% each year in Cape Town so water is going to become more of a concern as time passes. Below are a few tips on how to save water in your own homes:

- Install water catchment systems – you do not need to spend thousands of Rands to do this. There are lots of different ideas which you can find on the internet.
- Redesign your garden – Rather plant indigenous plants than plants that need a lot of watering.
- Grey water – Start your own grey water system at home. Catch water from your shower or bucket your water out of your bath to water your garden. Use the water from your washing machine to run out onto the garden and plants as well. Again there are a lot of cheap DIY ideas on the internet on how you can adapt your piping.
- Use gutter water – Use this water to water your plants or fill up your pool.
- Toilet water – save water by filling up a two litre bottle to put in your toilet cistern if you do not want to use a brick. This will save a lot of water with each flush.
- Boreholes/Water wells – Don't overuse boreholes or water wells. This will deplete the water in the earth and will be taken away from the vegetation which needs it to survive.
- Wildlife – Put a small bowl of water down in your garden so that animals can have access to water as well.
- Water meter – Try to read your water meter every day to keep a log of how much water you are using.

*Questions and Answers:*

***The younger generations need to be informed about the water restrictions. Information should be put out on radio stations and possibly announced at schools.*** Agreed.

***Is there any way that notices could be put up at the beach as people have been seen to take long showers there after their swims?*** Council will be switching the water off at the beach soon as other beaches have been switched off already.

Allen thanked Kim for her informative presentation.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2016**

The Minutes were approved.

## 5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Aimee Kuhl was very interested in what Mr Maseko had presented and intends connecting with him further as regards the PRASA plan.

Matthew Gray feels that the City needs to look at developing a backup system with regards to the water crisis. There is a need for more proactive teams within the City. Matthew feels that local plumbers should be contracted to the City so as to shut off water supplies when there is a big water leak. Because there are so few water teams operating for the City, this should be allowed and the water can be switched off until one of the City teams can respond to the complaint.

## 6. TREASURERS REPORT – ALLEN ROSE-INNES

Allen briefly presented the report.

## 7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – ALLEN ROSE-INNES

- **Request for PRASA communication mast on the seaside of the station.** A request had previously been submitted by PRASA for a simple 15m high grey mast for Fish Hoek for their communication systems. A request has now been received for a 25m lattice type mast in the PRASA property which will also cater for Cell C, MTN, Telkom and Vodacom. This is very concerning as it will be 25m and not 15m as per the first request and will be visually obtrusive. The FHVRRA will be reviewing this in more detail and Allen invited anyone who has comments to convey them to him after the meeting.
- **Electrical Depot – new access road from Riverside Road.** Allen has been personally involved with this issue along with the Silverglade residents. An objection needs to be submitted by 14 December on the report that was done by the Environmental Consultants. There is no reason why the existing gravel road from the Kommetjie Road / Sun Valley intersection cannot be used.
- **Presentation of the Transport Study** – A presentation of the draft transport study which is being done for the Far South Peninsula was made to the Far South Peninsula Community Forum. This includes movement within the Far South Peninsula and the movements in and out of the Far South Peninsula. This includes Metrorail and the usage thereof.

### **Questions and Answers:**

***The entrance to the beach is looking terribly shabby. Is there anything that can be done about it?*** Lorraine Lemmon-Warde replied by saying that she gets no reply or response from the City with regards to this ongoing issue. Allen said that the FHVRRA will keep pursuing this issue.

***As a community, we need to put an extra effort into making Fish Hoek more attractive for the tourists. Management needs to be encouraged to do more maintenance at the beach.***

Allen said that the FHVRRA will keep pursuing this issue. It is a continual battle to get the City management to do the things we continually ask for. The beach is the prime asset of Fish Hoek and this needs to be addressed more sternly.

## 8. CLOSURE

Allen thanked Terry Rothwell for providing the sound.

Allen thanked the Girl Guides for serving the tea and coffee after the meeting.

Allen thanked the FHVRRA Exco Committee.

Allen announced that the car guard has been paid and that any extra tip was discretionary.

The next meeting (AGM) will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Now changed to **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**). The meeting closed at 21h40. Allen thanked all for attending.