

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FISH HOEK VALLEY
RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024 AS A
HYBRID MEETING**

	Minutes	Action
1.	<p><u>Present & Welcome:</u></p> <p>Members, Councillor Simon Lielcock, Guest Speaker Trent Gunther Apologies Ald. Felicity Purchase, Ossie Gonsalves.</p> <p>Peter Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave a brief tribute to Councillor Aimee Kuhl, who had resigned.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Approval of minutes from General meeting: 2 November 2023</u></p> <p>The approval of the minutes was proposed by Brian Youngblood and seconded by James Ricketts, and taken as approved.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Guest Speaker: Trent Gunther KTT Solar Solutions and Cassandra Gentz from FOX ESS and JA Solar</u></p> <p>Since 1st October, all residential Solar powered systems had to registered with the City of Cape Town. A battery only back up system gave no cost benefit. A solar system offered a cost saving on your power requirements, and the City is now offering a buy back system, of 87c/Kw and an additional 25c/Kw incentive. When having a solar system installed it is important to do the background checks on the contractor doing the installation for you. The Electrical Contractor should have WC and IE numbers. Additional CSD or CIBD registration was optional. FOX ESS systems and JA Solar offered batteries from 5 to 20 KW. Trent advised property owners intending to have solar installed, to consult with an expert in the field, as he had inspected many substandard installations. Installation of a full solar system would take about 2 days. Trent offered to go to resident's homes to give advice.</p> <p>Questions from the floor :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can one connect a solar panel to a trolley type inverter. Yes, but with no more than a 15 amp charge rate. 2. What would the cost be for a normal 3 bedroom house – R160 000 for a 5Kw inverter, 6 solar panels, and a 5Kw battery. 3. Will systems become less technical to operate – yes, it is possible for new systems to be fixed remotely by the installation company. <p>Peter Scott presented the Guest Speakers with a gift from the FHVRRA.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Treasurer's report:</u></p> <p>The Audited financial report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The treasurer , Judy Bean explained that there was a net surplus for the year, of R15 327.98, this after an expenditure of R12 255.72 on media equipment.</p> <p>The report was accepted.</p>	

4.	<p><u>Presentation for Helen O' Reagan</u></p> <p>Brian Youngblood gave a tribute to Helen O'Reagan who was leaving the committee after 18 years of service to the FHVRRA. Helen had monitored the sea water quality reports at the stormwater outfalls on the Beach. Peter Scott made a presentation to Helen O'Reagan. Peter Scott also thanked Brian Youngblood for chairing the committee, through some difficult times.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Election of Exco:</u></p> <p>Peter Scott relinquished the chair to Councillor Simon Lielcock, to facilitate the election of members of the FHVRRA to the Executive Committee (Exco). Councillor Lielcock read from the Constitution's Section 6.1, which follows below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPOSITION OF THE EXCO</p> <p>The Executive Committee may consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other members up to 12, all of whom shall be nominated, seconded and elected by majority vote of (half (1/2) plus one) members in attendance or by proxy vote at the Annual General Meeting, plus such members as may be co-opted throughout the year by the Executive Committee by majority vote, not exceeding the current number of Executive Committee members. Certain offices may be combined.</p> <p>Each of the following were nominated, and accepted by the members present :</p> <p>Peter Feasey : Chair</p> <p>Peter Scott : Vice-Chair</p> <p>Judy Bean: Treasurer</p> <p>Brian Youngblood : Exco</p> <p>James Ricketts: Exco</p> <p>Ossie Gonsalves : Exco</p> <p>Councillor Lielcock congratulated the returning Executive Committee Members.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Address by incoming Chair</u></p> <p>Peter Feasey spoke to the members, briefly about what the Executive Committee has been doing, and thanked the outgoing chair Brian Youngblood for the past 7 years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the association.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Questions from the Floor</u></p> <p>1. Gwynn Phillips – Complaints of speeding on the mountainside Roads –</p>	

	<p>Councillor Lielcock said that poor driving standards were unfortunately a country wide problem, due to lack of visible enforcement. It was hoped that when the new demerit system came into force, that this may help to improve driving habits, as it had worked in other countries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Parts of the beach were reserved for dogs only – who decides this. Councillor Lielcock suggested taking this matter up with the subcouncil. 3. Brigit Donovan – told by estate agents that the municipal valuation of her property was higher than the market value. The municipal value is based on a willing buyer and willing seller process. 4. Problems with refuse collections since December – a new contract would come into effect on 1st April 2024. The City Council Depots had taken over after one of the Waste Contractors cancelled their contract. 	
	<p><u>Meeting Closure</u></p> <p>Peter Scott closed the meeting at 19:45. Members were invited for tea and coffee after the meeting. Donuts very kindly supplied by Vida e Caffè.</p>	