

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.30pm.

## **AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
2. **GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN SCOTT - Topic: "Catwalk Chat"**  
**(John Scott has suggested a voluntary donation in favour of the SPCA)**
3. **MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23.11.2006**  
The full minutes are available at the Fish Hoek Library. Micro-minutes are enclosed herewith.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR**
7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR**
8. **ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2007**
9. **GENERAL .....followed by refreshments**

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**BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2006 (Rands)**

	2005	2006
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses	345	-
Petty cash	-	-
Savings Account	23 316	26 366
Adopt-a-bench fund (loan)	<u>508</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>24 169</u></b>	<b><u>26 366</u></b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Capital and reserves</b>	<b>17 282</b>	<b>22 986</b>
Designated third party funds	407	108
Accumulated funds	16 875	22 878
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>6 887</b>	<b>3 380</b>
Sundry creditors	1 507	350
Subscriptions in advance	3 880	1 530
Provision for legal fees	1 500	1 500
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b><u>24 169</u></b>	<b><u>26 366</u></b>

**INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2006 (Rands)**

	2005	2006
<b>Gross revenue</b>		
Subscriptions	10 472	15 235
<b>Other income</b>	644	1 558
Donations received	100	605
Interest received	544	553
Advertising		400
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>11 116</u></b>	<b><u>16 793</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>13 494</b>	<b>10 790</b>
Bank charges	260	59
Gifts and donations	821	2 321
Hall hire	293	240
Honorarium	2 406	2 600
Legal expenses	2 000	-
Membership drive	457	-
Postage and telephone	3 251	2 641
Printing, photostats & stationery	3 741	2 571
Sundry expenses	265	358
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b><u>(2 378)</u></b>	<b><u>6 003</u></b>

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## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2007

### **Columnist John Scott to address the annual general meeting**

Raconteur and Cape Times columnist John Scott will be the guest speaker at our annual general meeting. Although Mr. Scott now lives up the line, he is well known here, having lived for many years in Clovelly and still having family links in the area. For many years he reported on the political goings-on in South Africa and entertained us with his column, "PS", some of which were published in a book. He had his own foray into politics – on the side of the opposition – but was not elected, fortunately for his readers! He later became the editor of the Cape Times.

### **Election of Executive Committee**

Of the current Executive committee members the following have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election: Allen Rose-Innes, Jan Kriel, Janet Holwill, Lorna Sunderland, Linda Kotze, Pat Schultz, Steve Perrett and Tony Ive. Allen would like to relinquish the chair and Janet has indicated her willingness to consider this later in the year. Pat, presently minutes secretary, is prepared to take on more secretarial duties.

We need new Exco members to provide for new ideas and succession. In particular we need a marketer and area representatives to promote membership, a membership data-base administrator, a newsletter coordinator, a general meeting coordinator (for refreshments, etc). **Please volunteer!**

### **United approach to development proposals**

Development proposals are inevitable in the valley, whether major new developments or re-developments of existing buildings to maximise existing rights. With more developers trying to get the maximum value out of properties, they frequently try to push beyond the limits. Your Association is trying to get the structure plan for the area, which was extensively workshopped with the public about 10 years ago, to be used as a guideline for development. In addition to this, the Association is now working together with the Fish Hoek Chamber of Commerce and the Fish Hoek Central Improvement District (CID) whenever issues of development come up relating to the commercial centre of Fish Hoek. .

Following representations to the City's planning department after the City approved the development on 44 Main Road (next to 7-Eleven) without notifying the Association, the head of planning has undertaken to consider input by our Association before granting commercial development. So far, the Association has been involved in the early stages of planning for the re-development of the Pep stores/Triangle building complex.

The Association will keep in touch with development proposals and if any major departures are requested, will bring the matter to the general meetings.

### **Camera surveillance combats crime**

At a well attended public meeting of the Community Police Forum (CPF), held in the Civic Centre on 30 January, the SAPS, the CPF and the City Improvement District (CID) demonstrated the effectiveness of the surveillance cameras installed on Main Road, First Avenue and Beach Road. Thanks were expressed to the various donors, which includes our Association and individual members of our Association. An amount of R105 000 has been collected and in addition a lot of the equipment has been loaned to the CID for as long as is needed.

Four Pan, Tilt and Zoom cameras and one fixed camera. have been installed. Furthermore an infrastructure to add more wireless cameras within a seven kilometre radius of the repeater station has been installed. The control room has been equipped with monitors, recorders, computers, control keyboards, etc. The control room is manned twelve hours during the day and recording is carried out twenty-four hours each day.

At the meeting the SAPS explained how the CCTV system had helped their efforts in fighting crime. Recorded snippets of shop lifting, glue sniffing and suspect robbers watching the banks were shown. Pictures were also shown of the weapons and tools used by the criminals

We are of the opinion that cameras should be installed at the entrance to Fish Hoek at the Clovelly Corner and we again appeal to members to make donations to the Fish Hoek Community Forum - to Account Number 62029572345, Fist National Bank, PO Box 22481, Fish Hoek 7974 - marked CCTV CAMERAS.

### **Dogs on leashes on the Clovelly beach**

Law Enforcement has advised us of various problems associated with "free-running" dogs on the beach from the "lighthouse" at Fish Hoek to Clovelly corner -

- faeces not being picked up
- attacks between dogs, leading to conflict between owners
- incidents involving dogs urinating on beach-goers towels and bags
- beach-goers being charged and scared by barking and snapping dogs

Law Enforcement has therefore submitted a proposal that dogs should be kept on the leash from 1 November to 30 April. This matter will be put to the floor at the AGM for feedback to Law Enforcement.

### **Beach parking stalemate**

Nothing has come of the motion passed by the Sub-council that part of the beach parking takings be allocated to the CID, supported by this Association, for upkeep of the beach. The city says that in terms of the Municipal Finance Act, the CID would have to "come on board as a service provider". Our councillors are following this up with Council. With appropriate funds we could give attention to an overall beach plan which would include consideration of the future of the beach huts.

### **Station precinct continues to deteriorate**

The upgrading of the station precinct needs to be a priority and the FHVRRA together with the F/H CID and Chamber of Commerce will be addressing this matter with Intersite and the City. The City has decided to demolish Bayside Bazaar and convert the area back to parking, with the addition of a small number of lock-up stalls along the back of Jimmy's Sports.

### **Relocation of squatters**

The proposed relocation of the Clovelly/Peers Hill squatters continues at a slow pace, but at last an alternative relocation site has been found for the squatters, a precondition for their eviction. The squatters illegally occupying the council buildings (adjacent to the sports fields) have also been served with eviction notices.

These buildings are to be refurbished as a driving testing station. The FHVRRA supports this move as it does the return of all municipal services eg. building survey, removed from the area. Fish Hoek is a logical hub for the Far South Peninsula.

### **Unlawful businesses**

Following a letter from the chairperson of De Waal Heights to the FHVRRA about a noisy motor vehicle and motorcycle repair business operating at 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Crescent, the matter was taken up with Law Enforcement and the business was closed. There are regulations as to what businesses may or may not operate in a residential area, in particular, those businesses creating a disturbance. Be mindful and keep the FHVRRA informed so that it can take the matter up with the necessary authorities where necessary.

### **Proposed development of Dassenberg to be evaluated under new regulations**

This site, with Ou Kaapse Weg as its boundary, overlooks Sun Valley and Hazelwood Park. It is presently zoned agricultural. Following a public scoping meeting the Environmental Consultants submitted a Final Scoping Report to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). Since new EIA Regulations under the National Environmental Act were promulgated on 1 July 2006, it was decided to restart the process in terms of the National Environmental Act and the National Heritage Resources Act.

Four development proposals will be assessed -

1. A total of 130 dwellings units on plots of approximately 700 m<sup>2</sup> (the developer's preferred alternative).
2. A minimum subdivision size of 4000 m<sup>2</sup> per plot as permitted for this Agricultural Zone.
3. A total of 170 dwellings on plots ranging in size from 750 m<sup>2</sup> to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>.
4. The use of the property in accordance with existing rights, which permit a range of agricultural uses e.g. equestrian facilities with large paddocks and stables and horse trails. .

The Consultant's Draft Scoping Report is available in the Fish Hoek Library and a public open house meeting will be held in the King of Kings Baptist Centre on 15 February (16h00 - 19h00). Comments are due by 9 March 2007. The comments to be submitted by the FHVRRA will be formulated at the AGM.