

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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## **NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE

Date: THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018, Time: 19:30

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies
2. **GUEST SPEAKERS' TOPIC: Does Fish Hoek have a plan?**  
**Mike Schilperoort: Architectural Design**  
**Matthew Gray: Fish Hoek - Next 100 Years**  
**Justin Bonello: Neighbourhood Farm**
3. COUNCILLOR's REPORT
4. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
5. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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**OUR SPEAKERS**



**Mike Schilperoort:**  
Architectural and Interior Design / Developer / Project Manager – 38 years of experience



**Matthew Gray:**  
Architect / Urban Designer – 26+ years of professional experience

**Does Fish Hoek have a plan?**

Several groups have formed in our valley with a view to improving the aesthetics, but many slip quietly away. Lately, guerrilla gardeners have been planting and rearranging rocks. Our Main Road needs a major rethink. What is possible and permitted?

**Neighbourhood Farm** – so how does this concept fit into the plan for Fish Hoek? What is this type of farm all about anyway? See:

<https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodFarm/>

**Justin Bonello:** authored seven recipe books, filmmaker



(Cape Leopards) and presenter (The Ultimate Braai Master, Cooked in Africa, *Chroniques d'Afrique du Sud*); Neighbourhood Farms primary focus is to grow food, minds and community by nurturing children at neighbourhood schools so that they become the catalyst for change into their communities.



We are looking for someone who keeps Fish Hoek rainfall figures. We want to add them to our culvert bacteria data to check for correlations.

**2019 / 2020 City Budget**

We requested our Councillors to include the following:

- High security fence with gate(s), security light and linked camera for Dolphin Park;
- High security fence with gate(s) for Memorial Gardens;
- Convenient well-managed public toilets, always open;
- Upgrade Main Road and pavements through Fish Hoek;
- A full-time social worker for our homeless; and
- A large projector screen for our Main Hall.

**City Loan**

We don't oppose that wastewater facilities need to be upgraded, but we don't see the need to take on expensive foreign debt. Previous foreign loans to the City were taken out at half the proposed effective 8.75%. Local debt would not be subject to foreign credit ratings. Public-private-partnerships (PPP) should be explored. The City needs to more strictly manage what goes into the wastewater system. National Treasury should pay their fair share of the costs.

**City's Sports Facilities Policy**

This is another example where the City says it will do less, but wants ratepayers to do more.

We recommended:

- Maintain the subsidised rate (instead of insisting on being market-related);
- Grant leases that incentivise Clubs to make investment in additional facilities;
- Tailor the detail of reporting requirements in management / user / lease agreements for each club; and
- Manage casual users of sports facilities, especially those with dogs.

**Cape Town – best SA city**

93,8% of households in Cape Town have access to a flush toilet; removes refuse once a week from 87,8% of households; provides safe drinking water to 93,7% of households; lowest unemployment of all metros in South Africa at 22,6%



**Water Situation**

Water restrictions and tariffs moved to Level 5 on 1 October due to increased dam levels. This allows an increase in the personal water use limit from 50 litres per person per day to 70 litres per person per day and a 26.6% water (and sanitation) tariff reduction in the 0 – 6 kL per month bracket. In June 2017 the Clovelly pump station pumped 20 MI per day. In September 2018, it was just pumping 9 MI per day. Brooklands Treatment Works on Red Hill is pumping 2 MI per day.

City to receive R553 million in funding for water projects from national government.



Aerial photograph of Wemmershoek Dam, September 2018

City's Budget for Area South includes:

- R720 million for the Table Mountain Group aquifer project
- R75 million for

the Cape Flats Waste Water Treatment Works refurbishment

**Memorial Gardens**

These gardens may need a suitable Memorandum of Agreement between the City, local residents and businesses similar to Dolphin Park. We are trying to identify the stakeholders in order to call a meeting.

**Need: New Budgeting Process**

There is an ongoing outcry by our residents over the budget and budgeting process of the City of Cape Town and how it impoverishes our poorer citizens. Water and electricity have increased multiple hundreds of percent belying any link with the reality of its impact upon inflation. We recommended a budget freeze, hiring freeze and head count to be decreased, the elimination of non-rates based departments, zero-cost budgeting implemented and the billing system to be fixed.

**Civic Participation By-Law**

We have joined with several other civic bodies in supporting a City By-Law that requires a proper public participation process in order to rebuild trust, transparency and inclusiveness. Capital budget criteria would be defined. Politicians would be removed from the Planning Tribunal, thus eliminating the possible influence of developers.

**Packaging SA Industry Waste Management Plan**

This is an integrated plan across several industries, but contained wasteful, uncoordinated overlaps. Although the total collected recyclables of 58% may seem commendable, we asked about the other 42% that is landing up in our landfill sites, rivers and oceans. South Africa is the 11th worst plastic polluting country in the world. We want to see a 10% reduction per year from the 2017 tonnage with immediate banning of non-recyclables and harmful products. We would like to see the used edible oil converted into bio-diesel fuel. We are concerned that some of the annual fees might be unaffordable for some of the smaller players. Inclusiveness is more important.



<p><b>Eskom’s Integrated Resource Plan 2018</b></p> <p>With grid electricity consumption down to 2007 levels, Eskom has adjusted its scenario modelling. No new coal plants are planned. Many of these plants will require “extensive emission abatement retrofits to ensure compliance with the” Air Quality Act. The models reflect that renewable power generators are cheaper, cleaner and provide local jobs. No nuclear plants are being planned.</p>	<p><b>Crime Stats</b></p> <p>Murder increased by 12.6% (418) from 3311 to 3729 in the Western Cape, almost double the national increase of 6.9%, but KwaZulu Natal (4382), Gauteng (4233) and the Eastern Cape (3815) have higher numbers. 83% (808) of all gang-related murders in South Africa (973) are recorded in the Western Cape. Robbery at residential premises are at a 10-year high at 2787 Burglary at residential premises are at a nine-year low</p> <p>Also see: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fhcpf/">https://www.facebook.com/fhcpf/</a> as the Fish Hoek Community Police Forum has started posting local statistics.</p>
<p><b>National Health Amendment Bill - MP: Deidre Carter</b></p> <p>This bill is about living wills or advanced directives. The Act needs legal clarity from prosecution as doctors and family members are currently over-riding the patient’s wishes. The doctors’ protocol prevents them from allowing the patient to refuse life-sustaining medical treatment when they become incompetent, thus preventing death with dignity. This could incur catastrophic costs whilst alive, but brain dead. Durable power of attorney for healthcare according to a living will needs to be given to suitable agents. We encourage this bill <b>be enacted</b>.</p>	<p><b>Registration of TC1507 x NK603 Maize</b></p> <p>As weeds become resistant to weed killers, even if humans don’t, plant life licensing companies now want to combine two different weed killer tolerant genetically modified (GM) organisms (GMO) into one. This will allow the side effects of both weed killers to be sprayed far too late into the growing cycle before harvesting, thus affecting consumers. It must be pointed out that South Africa is the only country in the world that allows GM varieties of its national staple food, white maize, to be grown commercially. A recent California Senior Court ordered Bayer (Monsanto) to pay \$289 million in damages to a cancer patient exposed to RoundUp. A judge has ordered the California Department of Food and Agriculture to stop using chemical pesticides. Our GMO Act #15 of 1997 is supposed to limit possible harmful consequences to the environment, reduce potential risks and establish appropriate procedures for the notification of specific activities. Where is the GMO labelling on our food retailer shelves?</p>
<p><b>Dan Plato...</b></p> <p>is City of Cape Town’s mayor again and promises to fix 99% of the problems in Cape Town [DA] caucus by November.</p>	<p><b>Pick n Pay Fish Hoek</b></p> <p>Their appeal was heard by Judge Deon van Zyl on 11 October. The Liquor Tribunal defended their rejection for an off-sales licence application by stating that in terms of public interest, they had received 250 objections and no support. Judgement is reserved.</p>
<p><b>Road: Four-ways (Kommetjie – Ou Kaapse Weg Area)</b></p> <p>When weather permitted, the chemical stabilisation process with cement was undertaken by Martin and East. Your patience and understanding was appreciated during the associated machine and compaction vibration noise, sometimes into the early evening hours. The pipe trenching and cable laying work has been completed in this area. Electricity outages are no longer anticipated.</p>	