

# **FHVRRA QGM 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome**

Brian Youngblood (BY), Chairman of FHVRRA, welcomed the attendees and discussed two administration issues:-

*Minutes* - the minutes of the QGM of 22 August, 2019 were approved (proposed by John Shaw and seconded by Matthew Gray)

*Treasurer* - BY mentioned that Allen Rose-Innes (ARI) would be leaving the FHVRRA area at the end of the year and that the post of Treasurer would be filled by Judy Bean, subject to approval by the AGM in February 2020.

*Subscriptions 2020* - The meeting approved keeping membership subscriptions unchanged at R 80 per family for 2020

### **2. Presentation - "Inspiring Youth to Remain in the Fish Hoek Valley" Andrew Haw, Danielle Bezuidenhout, Olivia Brandt, Jordan Durno, Auran Gibson**

*Andrew Haw (AH) - Introduction*

AH, a teacher at Fish Hoek High School, introduced the four grade 11 speakers from the school as the authors of what he regarded as extremely perceptive ideas about Fish Hoek

*Auran Gibson (AG) - The Generation Gap*

AG identified three components of a generation gap - language, dress and technology. She argued that more should and could be done by both old and young to accept differences in use of language. Dress too required more empathy and technology was a big divide with only a few oldies graduating to mobile phones and Facebook, while the young use Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat. In her opinion, the young could help the old and even the not so young (parents?) a great deal and could even learn a bit in return at community centres, workshops, the internet and even just by socialising.

*Danielle Bezuidenhout (DB) - Hygiene & Social Interaction*

DB felt that the the "hygiene" of Fish Hoek, particularly the Main Road business and station precinct contaminated by litter and pollution required urgent attention.

She also proposed more social integration of the various F H communities which she believed could be achieved via sport and the re-institution of the F H Mardi Gras

*Olivia Brandt (OB) - Tourist & Recreational Potential*

OB quoted all the natural and recreational advantages of F H; blue flag beach, mountains, Peers Cave but believed that these had not been exploited as well as those in Kalk Bay and Muizenberg due, *inter alia*, to the state of Main Road, lack of events and tourist attractions. She proposed upgrading infrastructure, teen and child friendly facilities, such as a skate park.

*Jordan Durno (JD) - Appearance, Facilities and Events*

JD talked of air quality, showed photographs lacking of trees, shabby sidewalks and barren veld, the eyesore police station, the bumpy road entrance to Fish Hoek, the poor beach access all of which compared so unfavourably with Kalk Bay, Muizenberg and Simon's Town, so detracting from all the natural beauties and advantages of the beach, the

wetlands and the mountains. He proposed a revamp of the F H entrance area from the North and the development of F H as a haven for music, culture, a farmers market and a beach with vastly improved food and drink facilities. He also suggested a pavement garden competition and that Fish Hoek High School learners who already do several hours of community service, allocate some of that time to painting and planting.

Carolyn Axmann congratulated the speakers and questioned what had become of the concept of a Junior City Council. She also called on the speakers to “drag” young people and their parents to civic meetings such as FHVRRA GM's

BY thanked the speakers and presented gifts to them.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The chairman made a visual presentation of his report and referred to the quarterly newsletter on the [www.fishhoekratepayers.com](http://www.fishhoekratepayers.com) website.

#### **Dams levels are up, but rainfall is still below average**

On 18 November, dams were 83.7% full. This is our fifth winter of below average rainfall. Although the recent rains have helped, it is mainly due to staying below 650 million litres of usage per day (breached for the past two weeks). So, water restrictions will remain in place.

#### **Brown Water – 5th to 3rd Avenue replacement of water mains**

Planning, budget approvals and final appointment of the contractor is nearing completion. The plan is to commence early in January 2020.

#### **Carlton Road zoning designation**

The matter is still with the City's legal team. The subsequent report will probably not be ready for the Council January meeting.

#### **Solar Lighting on the promenade and Jager Walk**

Maritz Electrical has finished installation on behalf of the City.

#### **21 Sycamore Crescent, Silverglade**

The City's Planning Tribunal has ordered the removal of the second storey that was built without pre-approved plans and is contrary to the Silverglade group housing scheme.

#### **102 Kommetjie Road**

This is a legal structure. For security reasons, it is better to have shop windows that can “see” the street as opposed to its neighbours who have high blank walls.

#### **Expired Medicines**

Dispose of expired medicines properly, not in the bin or toilet. Take them (no charge) to Dischem, Sun Valley or Clicks, Longbeach. Others either charge or do not accept.

#### **Managed Parking Services**

The City wants to extend “managed” parking services in Muizenberg, etc. Comments are due on 13 December.

#### **Lighthouse Stormwater Quality**

We met with the Professors to collect more water samples on 21 November and met with the City today to walk the stormwater system from the lighthouse upstream.

### City's Development Charge

We recommended adding a “departures” tariff to the six bulk engineering service. It is possible to design built developments that do not depart from the Municipal Planning By-Law. Departures also require additional human resource costs to the City for the Planning Tribunal and Appeal processes.

### Spatial Development Framework

This document provides the future development strategy. We may have to further drive the Sub-Council 19 wards to provide input.

### City's Organisational Performance Management System

We commented that the City set itself targets that were too easy to meet and that were not under their control. The City needs to set targets such as streamlining their processes. Many indicators were not measured against a plan. One purpose should be to lower crime and not just measure the number of new CCTV cameras installed.

### City's Traffic By-Law

This document proposes that bicycles can no longer have flashing lights.

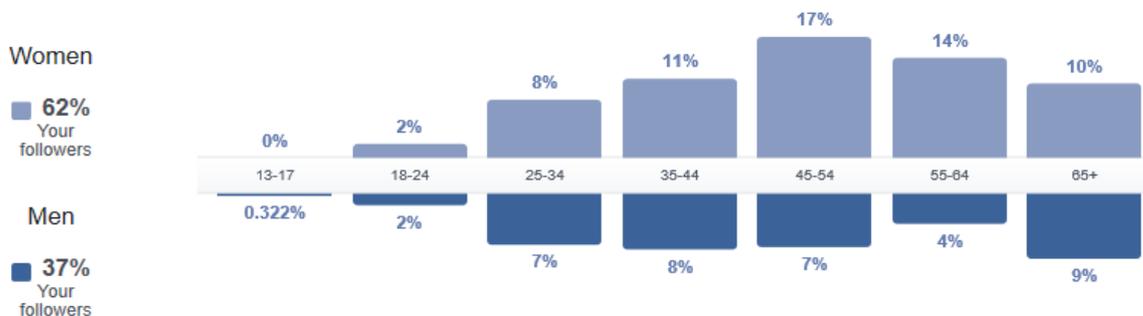
### Drunk driving accounts for nearly three-quarters of weekly arrests in Cape Town

### Valyland Tops (Spar) has applied for an Off-Premises Liquor Licence

### Do you play chess?

Our library is encouraging everyone to play or teach others to play. They are also looking for chess club organisers in order to compete in next year's City libraries chess tournament

### Age profile of our ~300 FHVRRA Facebook followers (shifting younger)



## 4. Issues

James Ricketts, a FHVRRA Exco member, then chaired an “Issues” session during which attendees were able to raise any civic issues.

### 4.1 Junior FHVRRA Exco (BY)

BY stated that although FHVRRA could only propose Junior Councils for the City, a FHVRRA Junior Exco will be created.

Matthew Gray emphasised the importance of civic organisations as a means of reinforcing true democracy since community interests enjoyed priority over political and ideological issues

Dimitri Philippides emphasised that the audience at the QGM represented the 20% grandparents in the community, the speakers the 30% of youth with the key 50% of parents missing. It was these missing 50% that need to become involved in civic affairs.

#### 4.2 *Lyn McLean (LM)*

LM raised the fibre installers inadequate restoration of pavements / sidewalks. Helen O'Regan provided the relevant City contact details to LM. However, general dissatisfaction prevails with the management of the fibre installers by the City.

LM also proposed that the parking fee collection system at the beach be improved and the money allocated to upgrading the beach. However, FHVRRA believes that the parking fee should be scrapped with the traffic hazard eyesore tollbooth being removed.

#### 4.3 *Donald Moore (DM)*

DM expressed his appreciation for the City's rapid response and repair of potholes.

#### 4.4 *Norman Greenfield (NG)*

NG requested an update on progress in addressing the sewage pollution of the stormwater outfalls on F H beach. Peter Scott described the inspections and sampling work done on various occasions by groups consisting of City officials from various departments, Professors Barnes and Petrik and FHVRRA Exco representatives. Although the source/s of sewage pollution had not been fully established and/or eliminated yet, several projects such as camera inspections of piping and inspections by environmental health officials had been initiated.

#### 4.5 *Ian Hovey (IH)*

IH requested street lighting for Abington Crescent as a step on the path to an improved entrance to Fish Hoek. He also suggested trees be planted on the barren land near the Crescent and in front of the police station.

Karen Gray Kilfoil informed the meeting that City Parks would supply trees, but to survive they needed 40L of water once per week for two years.

#### 4.6 *John James (JJ)*

JJ requested additions of "No dogs" to the beach signage on Jager Walk.