

Waenhuiskrans Arniston Ratepayers Association Waenhuiskrans Arniston Belastingbetalersvereniging

Notule van 2014 Jaarvergadering op 30 Desember 2014 at 09h30 in Munus-saal,
Waenhuiskrans

Minutes of 2014 AGM held on 30 December 2014 at 09h30 at Munus Hall, Arniston

1. Welcome

Murray van Heerden welcomed the ratepayers and thanked them for their support.

2. Apologies

Brad Liebl, Paul Krynauw and John Lee on behalf of Nyaminyami Investment Trust.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman, Murray van Heerden, tabled the Chairman's annual report.

3.2 Murray van Heerden stated that he had met with Mr O'Neill to discuss various issues in Arniston. Mr O'Neill advised that there was litigation against Verreweide and Robert Haarburger regarding erf 599. Mr O'Neill applied to evict Verreweide and Robert Haarburger and Verreweide and Robert Haarburger argued regarding their claim. Verreweide and Robert Haarburger were evicted. The demolition order was set aside and Mr O'Neill confirmed that the Municipality was appealing this. The Appeal will probably be heard in July 2015.

3.3 Murray van Heerden thanked the members for their involvement regarding the objections to Cape Nature's proposal to close the roads to the Beacon and stated that we were now again where we were 5 years ago.

3.4 Murray van Heerden highlighted the Harbour Street Housing progress and thanked Marius Diemont for his work in respect of "The Arniston – A Village Remembers". The proceeds of the book will go to the Waenhuiskrans Community Trust which assists over 60 students.

3.5 Proposer: Mike Pitt, Seconder: Johann Smal.

4. Financial Report

4.1 The financial report was tabled.

4.2 Proposer: Mike Pitt, Seconder: Johann Smal.

5. Minutes from the AGM held on 27 December 2013

5.1 The minutes from the AGM held on 27 December 2013 were tabled.

5.2 Proposer: Peter Gird, Seconder: Ian McIntosh.

6. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1 Ad Paragraph 6.1

6.1.1 Keith Higgins mentioned that the Committee undertook to look into the financial implications of erf 599. Murray van Heerden responded that there is no obligation on the ratepayers regarding litigation.

6.1.2 Bruce Handley requested the audit pack a week in advance and raised the fact that the letter from our auditors states that an audit is required.

6.1.3 Murray van Heerden directed Bruce Handley to the top paragraph of the second page which states that an audit has not been performed for the past 17 years and that they have not been able to establish why an audit is required.

6.1.4 Gavin Hau stated that he is a chartered accountant and an audit is a term simply used by auditors. The word "audit" was inserted in our Constitution unbeknown what issues it would cause. Gavin Hau suggested the removal of the word "audit" to be replaced with the words "accounting check" in order for the accountants to give an accounting opinion.

6.1.5 Murray van Heerden suggested that perhaps we accept the past financial history of the association as acceptable to date.

6.1.6 Robert Haarburger stated that you cannot amend the Consitution willy nilly and Murray van Heerden responded that this is correct but that it can be included on the agenda for the new committee.

- 6.1.7 The members present unanimously agreed that the financial statements, as presently presented and as they have been for the past 17 years, were adequate and no audit, whatever that may mean, beyond what has been done in the past, is necessary. Therefore there is no need to change the constitution.

7. New Committee

- 7.1 Murray van Heerden, Casey Hofmeyr, Rod Lloyd and Peter Hofmeyr retired and were reinstated.
- 7.2 Proposer: Colin Bird, Seconder: Ian McIntosh.
- 7.3 Gavin Hau thanked Murray van Heerden, Casey Hofmeyr and Peter Hofmeyr and stated that they are well seconded by the ratepayers.
- 7.4 The WARA Committee is Peter Hofmeyr, Murray van Heerden, Casey Hofmeyr, Sam Lawrence, Rovina Europa, Rod Lloyd, Trish Robertson and Christine Craven.
- 7.5 A Chairman is nominated at the committee's first meeting.

8. New Matters

- 8.1 Crime
- 8.1.1 Mike Beamish questioned whether the Committee states that crime hasn't increased and Murray van Heerden responded advising that crime has increased substantially.
- 8.1.2 Mike Beamish stated that he has been burgled 5 times and reported it each time. He stated that he received an sms from the police advising that the docket cannot be located. Mike Beamish stated that the police told him that they have a good idea as to where the stolen items are stored as well as who the culprits are. There are only 4 detectives in this area and the observation that he wanted to make is that crime is prevalent. If you don't have a blue light indicating that your house is alarmed then you have a strong chance of being burgled.
- 8.1.3 Gavin Hau stated that Suidpunt Security has looked after his house for 15 years and he has not had any issues. The alarm costs about R2,000.00 per year which is not a lot of money.
- 8.1.4 Mike Beamish replied that he has had to resort to security and a blue light which doesn't cost a lot.
- 8.1.5 Danie van der Westhuizen advised that if you don't have an alarm, people can enter your home and take their time in taking what they want. Crime has increased dramatically. He with Mariaan of Suidpunt Security have started a Neighbourhood Watch which is R50.00 per house per month. They work with the police and numerous people have been caught and placed in jail.
- 8.1.6 Gavin Hau asked how much they receive from the ratepayers and Danie van der Westhuizen advised that 4 people contribute per month.
- 8.1.7 Edward Marthinus stated that they have 4 members but that they look after 50 house. If they could get more members, it would help immensely. Edward Marthinus stated that he would circulate their banking details.
- 8.2 Additional Steps and a Promenade
- 8.2.1 Steven Boers suggested a promenade for the children and a couple more benches at the Hotel Beach.
- 8.2.2 Murray van Heerden responded saying that the committee has raised this with the Municipality and received no reply and that the committee will raise it again.
- 8.3 Erf 599
- 8.3.1 Mike Dichmont stated that there is a petition going around about preventing the rezoning of erf 599.
- 8.3.2 Murray van Heerden stated that in early January he will circulate the application to the ratepayers and will tell them how to comment. The more people that comment the better and the comments must be in writing.
- 8.3.3 Mike Dichmont stated that the bare details of the rezoning application for erf 599 are that it allows 100% coverage, a 16 metre height building restriction, an over hang over the road of 3 metres and any type of business will be allowed.

- 8.3.4 Ian McIntosh asked what the deadline is and Murray van Heerden responded to say that it was 19 January 2015 but that this date had been extended to 31 January 2015.
- 8.3.5 Gavin Hau stated that as long as there is a structure on erf 599, there is going to be an issue. Everytime there is an order of court, it somehow seems to be attacked. Last year he proposed bringing in a war chest to fight these legal issues. We lost Bob's Shop and we lost Dollas Downs. If we don't fight erf 599, we will lose it and regret it. He asked if it is possible for the committee to spearhead the erf 599 issue.
- 8.3.6 Christa Joubert stated that she has a photograph of what erf 599 could look like if the rezoning application is approved.
- 8.3.7 Murray van Heerden stated that he will arrange for the photograph to be distributed with the Application to the ratepayers.
- 8.3.8 Murray van Heerden asked the ratepayers if the Committee can oppose the Application.
- 8.3.9 Sally Rowand said there was a report which was circulated allowing for business rights and the adjusting of the building. She asked if there was not some form of compromise.
- 8.3.10 Murray van Heerden responded saying that we can consider a compromise and that he will appoint a sub-committee.
- 8.3.11 Gavin Hau stated that it concerns him that the Municipality has put erf 599 out to tender. His understanding is that government land is to be sold by public auction. If it goes to auction, surely that would be the fairest way. If one person puts in a tender, a group of us will need to put in another tender.
- 8.3.12 Paul Moxley stated that as far as the development goes, ratepayers often lose because it becomes fragmented. He thinks that the development will go ahead but that we must try and agree on a way forward. He suggested possibly forming a sub-committee within the ratepayers to manage this particular site, especially given the deadline of 31 January 2015.
- 8.3.13 Mr Domnisse advised that the aesthetics committee of WARA should have a say in the building and that this aesthetics committee must set the standards.
- 8.3.14 Murray van Heerden agreed with this.
- 8.3.15 Sally Rowand stated that until the sub-committee have met, we should not do an outright petition.
- 8.3.16 Murray van Heerden responded that ratepayers must only sign the petition if they want to and those that don't want to sign the petition must then refrain from signing it.
- 8.3.17 Sally Rowand responded saying that a co-ordinated approach is the best chance we have of success.
- 8.4 AGM Pack of Documents
- 8.4.1 Robert Haarburger stated that he wanted to carry on with what Bruce Handley said.
- 8.4.2 Murray van Heerden responded saying that what Bruce Handley said earlier has been noted.
- 8.4.3 Robert Haarburger stated further that the AGM pack of documents should not be left for the door.
- 8.4.4 Murray van Heerden responded saying that he has noted this.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting, which finished at 10:45.