

**Waenhuiskrans Arniston Ratepayers Association
Waenhuiskrans Arniston Belastingbetalersvereniging**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (December 2018)

Your committee's attention since my appointment as Chairman in March has been focused on the following:

- **CRIME**

Crime has for the last four years run rampant in Arniston. (**Refer Crime Overview August 2018**). A process was started to stabilize and pushback on crime and I'm pleased to report that the crime position appears to have settled but much work needs to be done in this regard.

Flowing from WARA's anti-crime initiative is the development and implementation of the "blanket camera surveillance" project currently being undertaken by WARA. (**Refer Crime Overview September 2018**) and (**Camera Surveillance Project November 2018**). This project should be operational in the next **three months** and members will receive updated reports from time to time.

- **COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM**

To have any hope of combatting crime in Arniston it was essential to establish a registered, functional CPF. WARA committee members Cornel van der Westhuizen and Adrian Penny have worked tirelessly over the last year spending hours attending meetings and travelling many hundreds of kms to bring this CPF to fruition. Thanks to their efforts we now have a functional Waenhuiskrans/Arniston CPF – **WACPF**, which enjoys a close working relationship with SAPS Bredasdorp. Much work still needs to be done in building better relationships within our local community but this will be a long term project for future WARA committees.

- **RELATIONSHIPS**

Restoring and developing WARA's relationship with CAM and establishing a working relationship with our neighbours viz Napier Residents Association and Suidpunt Residents Association and Cape Nature. We have spent a frustrating year playing "catch up" as much work and ongoing communication was needed in re-establishing these relationships which were non-existent or had unfortunately been allowed to deteriorate over a number of years. I'm happy to report that significant progress has been made in this regard but here again the new committee will have to continue the process particularly with reference to it's all important future working relationship with CAM.

WARA's ongoing month to month activities other than our main objectives as set out above have, during the past eight months, been covered in detail in the WARA Chairman's updates which were sent out to members.

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I refer to WARA's reports from April to November as listed below, which are to be included as part of this report:

- 25th April – Introduction to the new Committee
- 21 June - Harbour and Vishuis and general matters
- 9th August - Greenbelt
- 14 August - Letter in a bottle
- 28th August - Crime Overview
- 15th Sept – Environmental Matters - whales spotting
- 18 th Sept - Crime and Camera proposal
- 23rd Sept - Pink Buoys and letter in a bottle update
- 15th Oct – AGM information and subs drive
- 7th Nov - Camera Funding appeal
- 29th Nov - Update on Projects

Thank you to my Committee for their support, encouragement and hard work during the year. Mention must also be made of the co-opted members from The Fisherman's Union and to those persons not on the Committee who assisted in various ways during the year viz Caroline Dichmont and her team, Andrew Rudolph and Les Richardson.

To all members a peaceful and restful festive season, travel safely and see you all at the AGM on the **27th Dec 2018**.

Kind Regards,

Alan Butler
WARA Chairman