

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD AT 10:30 AM ON 30 DECEMBER, 2014, IN THE PEARLY BEACH CLUB HOUSE, PEARLY BEACH.**

**PRESENT** : 18 members and 3 visitors - their names are recorded in the Attendance Register attached to the original of this minute.

**APOLOGIES** : Alan & Juliana Espey; Mike and Shirley Lamb; Lawrie McFarlane; Andrew Smith & Mr Hanekom

**WELCOME & DEVOTIONS**

The Chairperson, Shirley Coetzee welcomed everyone and led a short devotion from Psalms 8 & 19. The meeting was then opened in prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM had been circulated to members via email and had also been posted on the website and village notice board. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Dudley Coetzee and seconded by Nelia Muller

Cllr Coetzee was then asked to discuss the proposed changes to the Constitution. The meeting was advised of the changes proposed by the committee and these were accepted by those present. Proposed by Nelia Muller and seconded by Alan Rennie. The updated Constitution will be available for downloading from the Association's website after the meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairperson congratulated the following members of the RPA's committee on their achievements during 2014:

Nelia Muller was voted Estate Agent of the year by the company who employs her.

Jason Stonehewer received acknowledgement from the Mayor of the Overstrand for his active participation in nature conservation and the conservation of our marine ecology.

Cllr Dudley Coetzee was congratulated on his appointment to the Mayoral committee and on taking up his new responsibilities for the portfolios of Finance, Local Economic Development and Tourism.

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Shirley thanked the entire management committee, who had worked together throughout the year, many of them behind the scenes and the screens for the benefit of our village.

Isolde Smith was thanked for performing her duties as Secretary so conscientiously as well as Steve Peck as Treasurer for keeping the books up to date, for his work on the PBRPA's website and for his interest in the upkeep of the Village Green. The Chairperson also expressed her appreciation to Theo Coetzer for helping maintain the infrastructure in the village.

It was noted that the boardwalks at the beaches have been repaired.

Residents and holiday makers were requested to observe municipal by-laws and to dispose of household refuse in a responsible manner, making use of the drop off facility. A baboon has been observed on the dune at the Resort and just outside Pearly Beach on the R43. The Chairperson cautioned the meeting, warning that irresponsibility with regard to household refuse would attract baboons and create a problem in the village that could not be eradicated.

The municipality was thanked for their courtesy and willingness to assist in maintaining the village.

The Chairperson's full report can be viewed on the Association's website.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Steve informed the meeting that Bennie Smit who has been auditing the RPA's books for many years would be leaving the village and would not be available to assist the RPA in this capacity again. Steve proposed a vote of thanks to him for his assistance and hard work over the years. The Treasurer then asked that if anyone was prepared to undertake the auditing of the books that they should contact him.

Steve then presented the financial report. This report will also be available for viewing on the Association's website at [www.pearlybeachrarepayers.co.za](http://www.pearlybeachrarepayers.co.za). He drew attention to the fact that the cost of running the Association is also increasing and proposed that membership fees be increased from R30 to R40 for a single member and that family membership be introduced at an annual cost of R60.00. A family would be two members who occupy the same property. This proposal was seconded by Vernon Potter.

## **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson asked Cllr Coetzee to preside as Electoral Officer for the election of the 2015 Committee.

Cllr Coetzee proposed that the same procedure be followed as was implemented in 2014 where the Chairperson was appointed by the meeting and then a number of committee members. The other office bearers would be appointed by the committee at their first management meeting. This was agreed to by the meeting. Cllr Coetzee then called for nominations for Chairperson. Shirley Coetzee was nominated by Steve Peck and seconded by Jason Stonehewer. Shirley's appointment was unanimous. Gerald Henrici suggested that the committee remain as is for 2015. This was proposed by Alan Rennie and seconded by Denise Nothnagel. Cllr Coetzee asked if there were any other nominations for members to serve on the committee, there not being any, the proposal that the 2014 committee serve another term in 2015 was approved by the meeting. .

## **GENERAL**

The meeting was then opened for questions

- ♣ Gerald Henrici enquired why the outside showers at Castle Beach have been removed. Cllr Coetzee replied that he was not aware that these had been removed, but that there was probably vandalism involved and undertook to investigate the matter.
- ♣ Beatrice Bollman mentioned the problem of the Peacocks. The Chairperson stated that Sandra Prinsloo had been approached and has no objection to arranging for the relocation of the Peafowl, since their safety appears to be threatened. Shirley advised the meeting that a pair would be relocated on a farm in Laingsburg during 2015. The RPA would also approach the owner of the farm on the R43 where other Peafowl have been sighted with a view to resettling the remainder of these birds there.. She agreed that it is important to consider the well being of the animals, but at the same time to also respect the needs of holiday makers and residents alike.
- ♣ The Nuclear Power Station question was referred to once again. Cllr Coetzee stated that the Government seems determined to go ahead with the construction of nuclear power stations despite the fact that the country cannot afford it. It has been stated that they would no longer build a road from Saldanha but would upgrade Gansbaai harbour to handle the abnormal loads. Distributing power from Bantamsklip is very costly so it remains last on the list.
- ♣ The possibility of keeping the waste transfer site open over the weekend in order to accommodate weekenders was discussed. Cllr Coetzee reported that this system had previously been implemented but had unfortunately been abused by residents and had therefore been discontinued.

- ♣ A complaint about the taste and smell of the water in the village was raised by Gerald Henrici. Cllr Coetzee requested that if residents are experiencing problems with the quality and clarity of drinking water that a sample should be given to him for testing. Nelia Muller complimented the Chairperson on way in which the previous water problem was followed up and rectified in early January 2014.
- ♣ The fact that the Milkwood trees along the entrance to Pearly Beach have been planted so close to the road was queried. Cllr Coetzee replied that if these trees were planted further back, they would have interfered with the Telkom fibre optic cable.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:35.

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