

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF

SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING:** The notice of the meeting had been duly circulated, twice by email and several times on social media channels and it was assumed due notice had been given.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Over 100 present therefore we have a quorum of over 25 members.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Merle Peckham, Bob Currin, Sue & Gordon Abbey, Rhett and Denise Butler, Andrew and Sandy Wilmot, James and Annie Pickering, Bernie and Melody Vorster, Derrick Matthew, Mrs Solomon, Mr & Mrs Hartman, Richard Moore, Laurance and Eve Mandy, Claire Douglas, Rolf & Sylvia Gudegast
4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023** had been duly circulated and taken as read: Des Erasmus, Dietmar Klein
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Eric Annegarn ran through the financial statements and pointed out that the majority of funds in the SRA account are ring-fenced for projects and have been raised from donations, such as the Library, N. Ridge road pothole scheme the Village Gardens. Income from subscriptions was low, we only invoiced for 50% and fewer paid than in the past. Until we receive income from levies finances are very tight.
6. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024/2025**
 - 6.1. Richard Derman, Rudi de Jager and Craig McDougal have resigned.
 - 6.2. Existing members who are available to stand are:
Paul Longmoor, Brian Dick, Eric Annegarn, Jackie Pratt, Dietmar Klein, Darryn van Aswegan, Allan Woods, Deane Purtell-Massyn, Martie Bothma, Richard Bridgeford, Alan Hall, Stefan Hartman, Laurance Mandy, Claire Douglas, Jurie Snyman, Bruce Burt
 - 6.3. The existing committee was elected unanimously
 - 6.4. In addition Raefe Dyer will attend on behalf of the business Forum and Paul Fleischack on behalf of Conservancy.

6.5. The committee will appoint a new Chairman at their first meeting next week.

7. **MANDATES :**

7.1. Eric asked for a mandate to hold the Town Planning standards on behalf of the community. Agreed Des Erasmus. Seconded Mark Schormann.

7.2. Eric also asked for a mandate to restrict commercialisation of the beaches. Agreed Cleve Walker. Seconded Des Erasmus.

WATER REPORT – By Alan Hall

1. Alan said communication was the biggest problem with various reports from UGU going out on different platforms. SWAT now vet what goes out and it only goes on one channel. Unfortunately Siswe, our main contact at UGU has been on 3 weeks leave. Alan has met with senior UGU officials, they are highly educated with qualified engineers but their hands are tied.
2. It is widely known that the Wild Coast complex is independent from UGU and San Lameer is 80% self sufficient but we do not have access to the sort of funds required to put in our own reservoir. Bulk water is a problem
3. The Telemetry system will monitor leaks which we can follow on a base station, this should help considerably.
4. There is still confusion between who is on HP line and who is on Reservoir. The Reservoir is gravity fed to the lower lying areas, therefore higher lying areas are on HP line. John Kinghorn and Gerhard Uys have been very helpful in assisting us to understand the system.
5. Seaslopes line supplied from the Umzimkulu system has not been maintained, there is insufficient pressure to feed Southbroom. This is tested at the Crocodile farm, 9bar is required there but so far it is not sufficient.
6. The main issue with the Umtamvuna line is there is insufficient power to allow the system to produce at full capacity. It was originally agreed that a power line could be put through from the E. Cape and work started, but has now been blocked as the community are demanding more money. If it was running at full capacity then the holding dam would remain full and feed the reservoirs along the line but frequently the holding dam is very low or empty.
7. The only thing we can do is keep reporting and copy Alan
8. EA said regarding communication use the official SRA WhatsApp group and if you are not receiving eNewsletters give your email address to Darryn after the meeting.
9. Alan thanked Darryn for all the running around he does on behalf of SWAT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT– By Eric Annegarn

See separate document

GENERAL & QUESTIONS

1. Wally Robinson said thanks to Eric and Alan Hall who is a much better SWAT team leader than either he or Craig.
2. Wally said he is concerned about litter, mainly take away containers. Eric said SRA employ Philemon Ngilande to pick up litter on a part time usually from 4am. It is difficult to converse with him they speak through Grey Norton. Going forward it is planned to employ him full time.
3. Mike Chambers – owner Lot 94 South Ridge. He has been in dispute with RNM over the construction of his property for a number of years. He is currently taking steps to rectify the situation but has seen other properties which do not appear to fall in line. Eric said SRA monitor these properties but legal procedures take a long time. It is far better if owners, architects and developers approach RNM and SRA prior to commencing a development.
4. Bob Clark – we need a commitment from the community to re-cycle, he will be working with Conservancy on this subject.
5. Joan Thomson said she had noticed activity at the community centre and asked what is happening there. Eric replied that for many years SRA had control of the centre rent free, then RNM asked for rent and took it over. We have now agreed with RNM to take it back, meantime it has been totally neglected, full of rubbish, overgrown and the back which has become a dump. With the help of SVG vegetation has been cleared and the hall cleaned out. The med/long term plan is to redevelop the entire property: Alan Woods is looking at a Hospice health centre. In the interim it will be let out to community groups such as Pilates and dance groups.
6. Joan also asked what exactly the verge cleaners do, they seem to come at random times. Eric said as far as we know the RNM use various contractors, there seems to be no pattern. Richard Bridgeford keeps an eye on them.
7. Debbie Hughes - Speeding trucks who ride up the pavements are also a big problem. Long term plan to have a village maintenance manager who will be the ears and eyes on issues such as this and many others. Jesjo are currently assisting with the speeding trucks
8. Daniel Moirera asked how he could get a permit to continue with his beach braais. Eric welcomed Daniel back but said he could carry on with the braais but alcohol would not be allowed, there is no way around this.

Eric said if anyone had any issues at all they were welcome to speak to him or a committee member or send an email.

Eric thanked everyone for their attendance – the meeting closed at 10H50.