

RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes of the Richmond Hill Community Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2015 at 17:30 at the Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

1) Welcome

Kevin Slattery welcomed all to the meeting.

2) Attendees

30 people were in attendance, as per the attendance register.

3) Apologies

Megan Kelly, Chris Parkin, Sarah Edgecomb, Dave Edgecomb, Jonathan Mercer, Elize Mercer, Wilmien Green, Warren Myburg, Morne Steyn, Max Hoppe, Sue Hoppe, Edward Nell, Bruce Wigg, Scott Rollo

4) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 8 July 2015

Liana pointed out that the finances recorded in the previous minutes had a typing error in it and needs to be corrected as follows:

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General Expenses	R 21 318.81	R21 461.81
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Current Account Balance	<u>R 249 126.10</u>	<u>R248 983.10</u>

After the changes above were made, the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8 July 2015, were accepted as correct. This was proposed by Nadeema Musthan, and seconded by Michelle Berrington

5) Crime Update

- a. SAPS Representative – Captain Stander gave feed back to the community. Sector 1 best of
 - i. Stats for last 4 months (April to end of July)
 1. Robbery from person 29 (93 for Sector 2)
 2. Housebreaking business 13
 3. Housebreaking residential 24
 4. Theft of motor vehicle 6 (Colour of vehicles targeted are main white at this stage)

5. Theft out of mv 66 (including smash & grabs – Gov Mbeki is a hotspot for this) – please also remove GPS holder criminals tend to break in to check for GPS if they see a holder

6. Stander thanked the patrollers for all their help especially for with illegal fire arm.

ii. Kevin thanked SAPS for help with the derelict building known as Overport (at the Russel Road end of Campbell Street)

1. Captain Stander compiled cases for last 3 year. Submitted to asset forfeiture unit. Including what was confiscated (stolen items & Tik issues) in building

2. Thanks were given to Warren Myburg, a lawyer and management member of the SRA, for his help and legal advise

iii. Residents asked the following of Captain Stander:

1. Is it true that SAPS patrol vehicles are taken away to patrol in other areas if Richmond Hill's Crime rate is very low?

Captain Stander assured the resident that every sector still gets allocated a SAPS vehicle no matter the crime rate. Additional vehicles are dispatched to areas when needed.

2. What can be done regarding our (SRA) patrollers that have to go to Humewood Station to give statements?

It was agreed that statemnets should be given to SAPS in the area if possible

Captain Stander was asked to please give this arrangement through to all the SAPS vehicle

3. Do patrollers have to give statements and be witnesses in court? Can the police not be the arresting person and handle the court matters

Even if SAPS officers arrest a suspect that the SRA patrollers saw committing a crime the SRA patroller will need to be a witness in the court case and testify

b. SRA

Thanks given to Megan Kelly for capturing the crime stats.

Kevin reports the following stats as per the incident logs:

- Robbery with Fire Arm 1
- Robbery with Weapon, not Fire Arm 4
- Robbery Common 7
- Assault Grievous Bodily Harm 2
- Housebreaking Residential 2
- Theft OUT of Motor Vehicle 10
- Theft FROM Motor Vehicle 1
- Drugs 6
- Drunken Driving 1
- Stolen Vehicle Found 2
- Search No Problem 67
- Search Weapon Removed 15
- Search Drugs Removed 4
- Public Indecency 1
- Illegal Goods Handed to SAPS 3
- Vagrants Removed 2
- Arrests Made 2
- OTHER 103

6) Municipal Matters

a. Ward Councillor

i. Liana gave feedback on behalf of Morne Steyn in his absence

1. Illegal shop at 5 St Phillip Street

The matter has yet to appear on an Municipal meeting agenda and we are unaware of when the next meeting will be

was scheduled for last week but this matter was in any event not on the agenda

2. Suspected Liquor Sales at Shop 28 in Campbell Street
With regards to liquor sales the SAPS liquor officer is to deal with same
3. Derelict Property at Tulla Street and 10 Sherlock Street
Unfortunately the status quo remains with the owners having responsibility we will remain attempting to deal with the matters from a health department perspective should a health risk arise
4. Khulumbani School littering issue
We will attempt to meet with school management to resolve the matter in the interim we have alerted waste management to request clean up and possible fines to school itself
5. Ramp at Doxa Deo
The matter has been reported previously and we are attempting to have same dealt with but have no feedback to report at present

b. SRA

i. Cleaning

The SRA has taken 28 loads of 1005 black bags and 7 loads of vegetation to the tip during July.

ii. Other

- 1 Abandoned Vehicle - Reported
- 4 Dumping incidents - Warning issued
- 1 Blocked Drain - Cleaned
- 6 Broken Down Vehicle - Assistance given
- 3 Door / Gate left open - Closed & left notice
- 2 Dumping issues – Fines issues by Town Rangers
- 3 Fires - Extinguished
- 1 Fire - Reported to Fire Brigade
- 2 Illegal Parking - Reported to Traffic Control
- 1 Lost Dog - Assistance given
- 1 Medical Emergency- Phoned Ambulance
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accident - Alerted Authorities
- 1 Municipal Fault - No water: Reported to NMBMM
- 2 Vehicle lock out - Assistance given
- 2 Water Leaks - Reported to NMBMM

7) SRA Matters

a. Finances

i. Kevin: Welcome new treasurer, Janine and thanked the previous treasurer George, for all his hard work

ii. Financial Report for July 2015 (first month of new financial year)

<i>Opening Balance:</i>	<i>248,983.10</i>	
Income:	66,500.00	
From the NMBM etc.	70,000.00	
Minus 5% Retention	- 3,500.00	
Expenditure:	157,228.95	
Employee Related	38,430.30	
Core Business	9,565.29	
General Expenses	5,081.80	
Capital Expenses	104,151.56	N1
Current Account Balance:	<u>158,254.15</u>	
Market Link (Savings) Account		
Opening Balance	150 076.07	
Interest on Account	524.24	
Closing Balance	<u>150,600.31</u>	

Notes:

N1 Capital Expenditure includes R95 000 spent on the purchase of the new Hyundai i10 as well as upgrades to the patroller facilities to allow the patrollers access to 24/7 bathroom and coffee facilities.

b. General Update

i. Kevin updated the meeting on the following matter regarding the SRA work during July

- 1) Renting at 15 Stanley Street
- 2) Upgrades were done to the bathroom facilities for patrollers
- 3) Liana resigned as office worker for the SRA and will be finishing at the end of August. CV's are welcomed for her replacement

- 4) Parks and Green spaces Committee needed.
This committee will deal with issues like: How do we deal with soccer in the park, upgrading up the park, park benches etc.
Residents are invited to join in on this meeting and asked to contact the office for more information or to volunteer.
- 5) Webpage
Kevin thanked Jan de Klerk for helping Liana with the website content
There will be a request issued to the community for more pictures for the webpage
The aim is to have the website up and running within the next month.
- 6) Welcome to Richmond Hill leaflet
The matter of distributing this leaflet was discussed and it was decided that community volunteers to help will be asked to help with distribution as well as job seekers at MES.
- 7) Cleaning and waste
If council cannot give go ahead for skip site and or recycling then MBDA may be able to help
MBDA has helped a lot already to put us in contact with the right people
The SRA is looking at a recycling program where we pick up the recycling from each home
Another meeting regarding this and various other matters will be held with MBDA in the coming week
- 8) AGM
The date of the AGM will be determined by the completion date of the audit.
Two months' notice must be given before the AGM is held.
Please remember to apply for membership as only members can vote at the AGM.
As per the MOI, Directors to be elected at the AGM.

8) Matters arising

- a. Residents raised the following matters:
 - i. Hall in the cemetery wall
 1. This falls under the municipality's responsibilities
 2. The matter will be reported to the municipality again

- ii. School kids smoking in the uniform – is their not a policy/law against this?
 - 1. Another resident pointed out that some of the children are also smoking Dagga in uniform
 - 2. It was suggested that the SRA speak to the shop owners and remind them that selling cigarettes to underage children is illegal. Robert (patroller) agreed to take the matter up with the shop owners.
 - 3. Residents encouraged each other to speak to children when they see them smoking or littering

- iii. Overgrown Tree in Sherlock street - how to get it trimmed?
 - 1. Another residents offered to help with the matter

- b. Kevin encouraged residents to send feedback on SRA/Richmond Hill matters to the SRA so that positive changes can be made.
- c. Kevin reminded the meeting a fund raiser is being held on Saturday (organised by a resident, Megan Kelly) for Save-a-Pet and Cat Care. He encouraged everyone to join in. Details are on the Richmond Hill Face book pages.

9) Date of next meeting

9 September, from 17:30

10) Meeting Closes

Meeting closes at 18:30

Approval of minutes

Chairperson

Secretary

Date