

**RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Minutes of the Richmond Hill Community Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October 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**

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

**3) Apologies**

Trudie Wegner, Michelle Barrington, Max Hoppe, Scott Rollo, Arno Van Vuuren, John Hickman

**4) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 09 Sep 2015**

This was proposed by Chris Westran, and seconded by Rory Norton

**5) SRA Matters**

a. Finances Janine Uderstadt

**RICHMOND HILL SRA - NPC**

**04/10/2015**

**BUDGET FOR SEP 2015**

	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Sept</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
1 . <b>Employee Related</b>		<b>31 348,32</b>
2 . <b>Core Business</b>		<b>13 588,24</b>
Cleansing Services & Environment Upgrade		<b>2 329,96</b>
Petrol		<b>8 470,48</b>
Vehicle Maintenance		<b>2 250,00</b>
Vehicle Licensing		
Law Enforcement		

Baytrac Vehicle Tracking	537,80
Branding	
<b>7</b>	
<b>. General Expenditure</b>	<b>58 171,82</b>
Office Rental	1 500,00
Air Time for Cellphone	735,00
Administration and management	1 610,00
Bank charges	4,40
Telephone/fax	
Computer expenses	200,00
PSIRA / ICASA	
Insurance	1 130,22
Marketing and promotions	1 003,20
Motor vehicle expenses and Insurance	449,32
Printing and stationery	24,90
Security Uniforms and Equipment	2 776,82
Peace Officer Course	
Petty Cash	1 262,04
Projects	
Purchase W/T Radio	
Web Design & Maintenance	
<b>MARKET LINK</b>	<b>50 000,00</b>
Start up Costs	
<b>8</b>	
<b>. Capital Expenditure</b>	
Office Furniture	
Computer Equipment	
Office Equipment	
Premises Upgrades	
Nissan NP200 Bakkie + Safety Pack	
Hyundai i10	
Computer Equipment	
Bakkie & Trailer Lease	
<b>9</b>	
<b>. Bad Debt Provision % of Levies</b>	<b>3 500,00</b>
	<b>106</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>608,38</b>

**INCOME****Balance Brought Forward****57 829,46**

Per Month

- 1 . Revenue - SRA Levy
- 2 . Donations / Other

**78 379,63****500,00****TOTAL INCOME****136 709,09****Balance Carried Forward - Current Acc****30 100,71****Market Link: Carried Forward****251 150,52****Transfer to Market Link****50 000,00****Interest****769,78****Transfer from Market Link  
Balance Carried Forward - Market Link****301 920,30****Combined Financial Assets****332 021,01**

Kevin mention that he is taking the place of George and he is now the SARS representative

Account is looking good and we should be getting money from the council shortly

We do not have a round up from counsel, we are not sure if we will get money back from them. It costs us R36, 000.00 for them to collect the money for us, and if we get something back it will be great, if we don't, then he is happy to pay them that a year for collecting the money on our behalf.

Kevin saying even though we struggled for 6 months, it is nice to have the extra money in the market link accounts should the municipality not pay us for a time

**b. Captain Stander**

11 Robbery

3 business robberies

7 assaults

1 House Breakinn

5 Business Breakin

1 theft out of motorvichel

Al lot is at the Post Office, Rink street and Gov Mbeki Street so it isn't with in the SRA area but falls under our sector

30 January Car was stolen in Summerset str. The guy got 11 years in jail

They have had some flak in the news paper, but they don't know what is going to happen about it, so he can not give any feed back on it.

Main thing with Theft out of Cars is valuables left in the cars. Many smash and grabs at Russel road because they can see what is in the car. If you driving rather hide stuff, put you hand bag in the boot.

Don't sit at parking on your phone

**Kevin talking about the "kidnapping "**

He was accosted by Fernando's by 4 policeman with bullet proof vests and taken to New Brighton. Kevin asked him to e-mail him the full story.

He claims that our patrollers would not help him. We have strickt rules on leaving the area, and we are an NPC we do not want public liabilities.

His story is different to our IL

There was more than one guy in this incident.

Our patrollers do not may not leave the area

Kevin states, our guys are not an armed response, we cannot help people as if we are.

**CAPT Stander** says if police pulls you over you have the fullest right to ask for ID, if it is secluded area and get pulled over you may go to a safer place in a slow manner.

**Kevin** would like to meet with Crenel Highland and Gerber he gets the feeling that the Sector vehicles seems to be slacking off, they let people go once our patrollers caught them, they don't take them for profiling or anything.

**Capt. Stander.** Take vehicles no like HW16 and then they are identified, or person's name. They must respond correctly. But they need identification of the vehicle.

**Kevin** we should try and get more involved with sector 2 with John Hickman. Swop communication with them, with this huge MBDA security in Central we may see an influx of people coming to our side.

**Finacials have been audited and they will go up on the web page**

**Web page RHSRA.co za is up and running, thank you Chris and Jan, You did a great job. NiCE PICS THANKS TO Max and Sue Hoppe**

**Cleaners have uniforms and sun hat, cleaners out there 3 days a week.**

○ **General Update**

- AGM 11 Nov 2015 18h30  
We have some membership form for the AGM, and we are having our AGM 11 Nov. Seems now that we are up and running, we only have a core of 30 – 50 people and seems that this is how it will be going for the meetings. Down side is we have 1400 properties. Seems we will have s lot of sleepers and they will be happy not to get involved in the membership or management teams. Please get your application forms in to Elaine

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- Website big thanks to Jan and Chris. [www.rhsra.co.za](http://www.rhsra.co.za) it's great work considering it is all volunteer work.
- Cleaners have Uniforms, sun hats, t-shirts. Robert is our head man. And we have cleaners just about every day. We are looking good.
- Knock and Drop went out- Thanks to Mike and the Cleaners
- We were donated a weed eater by Mariska and we have started cutting grass in RH with the weed eater. We will be buying a petrol mover and a 16l back pack to spray weeds, with the help of Danie to get to a fair amount of places, if someone has contact for chemicals. We are looking at tackling the bad areas like Glen street etc.
- Meeting regards car guards with Sean Britto and Stanley street businesses, it is a very sensitive point, the businesses has brought a lot business and revival to the area and with that the undesirables has come in, and we need to get something sorted out, we will be involved more in a mentor state, but only in a small way, we will not be running it, we want restaurants to run it. Mark for Fusion is bringing it together and have 3 permanent guys already but we are looking at having perhaps 4 guy in the day per block, that is crim tested with uniforms, and to up skill them. The restaurants are putting money aside for uniforms and badges that Elaine is collecting at the office. Challenge is to try and get good people for the nights and we want to get it going and keep it a little under the radar of SPIRA to see how it can go  
 Person mention Kevin mentioned that head man gets a radio or something, to help the good guys like Headman and the 2 guys at Vovo Telo to have them also in. Rory worried if the radio falls into the wrong hands it will be a problem.  
 Maybe put a radio at a restaurant  
 Stanley street business group started a WhatsApp group, and perhaps to integrate I to 1ARH group.  
 Reaction time is very important, this is the big thing.  
 Would like to see Stanley street clean up interms of car guards.  
**Mrs asks** if Nature calls where do they go? **Kevin** the card guards should have access to the restaurant toilet if they are good guys.  
**Megan** perhaps to get a porta potty in one of the lanes. **Kevin** it will depend on money coming in.  
**Megan** it will make us all safer if we have better car guards

- Meeting unavailing Sector 2 Take back the City Kevin and Rob went there, there was a lot of money thrown at it, but if was not a political thing. We should again work closely with John Hickman it can only be good.
- Discuss Richmond Hill Park –

Lets take some money and put some furniture / jungle gym and stuff. Plant trees strategically. Fencing will be to expensive. Uplifting should be done.  
 Mr mention Pierre Voges mentioned that he will get MBDA involved in park area. To get some benches ect. Park was a graveyard, and maybe to linke it to commemorate it.

Kevin wrote to Pierre about the recycling / dump but so far no luck, we are hoping Pierre will “donate” us the stuff to get that at the bottom of Richmond Hill road. We are hoping Pierre will donate the stuff to start the site.

**Mr stating** regards black bags, a bit of me feels we are aiding and abetting because it is always the same people and the residents that are responsible. **Kevin** this is were Rob is qualified as a peace officer and he should be able to give the fines BUT he has not been issued his badge.

**Morne** we only have 3 Rangers for the whole metro, there is no budget for more officers, no man power to do something about enforcement. We need to empower Rob to get his badge and to enforce the law.

**Kevin** Rob did his course but doesn’t work for municipality, so the council is saying whi will he depart to. Kevin has written to Annalisa and say he will report to Jusef, but they just cant get it right. They just can’t issue the letter to give Robert the book and badge to issue fines.

Soccer games, **Mrs** says it is happy noise, what is the problem, it’s a play park.

**Kevin** – I don’t have problem with them playing the problem is that they come from out of the area, and they are ruining the grass. Not with Studded shoes.

**Athol** – He has a problem, we are inners city, where do people go in the inner city to enjoy playing games in a concrete jungle.

**Morne** – Annalisa if we can get signage on there saying how we can play like no studs.

**Kevin** the school should be part of the RH initiatives with hugely underutilized space. Scott also taking about an after care for kids to do homework.

### c. SRA

Thanks given to Megan Kelly for capturing the crime stats.

Megan reports the following stats as per the incident logs:

Description	TOT
Robbery with Fire Arm	3
Robbery with Weapon, not Fire Arm	3
Robbery Common	3
House Robberies	
Business Robberies	
Truck Hi Jacking	
Bank Robberies	
Cash In Transit	

Car Jacking	
Murder	
Attempted Murder	
Rape	1
Assault Grievous Bodily Harm	
Assault Common	2
Housebreaking Residential	4
Housebreaking Business	1
Theft OF Motor Vehicle	1
Theft OUT of Motor Vehicle	6
Theft FROM Motor Vehicle	
Illegal Possession of Fire Arm	
Drugs	4
Drunken Driving	
Stolen Vehicle Found	
Search No Problem	197
Search Weapon Removed	40
Search Drugs Removed	12
Public Indecency	3
Illegal Goods Handed to SAPS	5
Vagrants Removed	3
Arrests Made	10
OTHER	120

<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	418
	115
418	303

Stats seemed to have gone up. But it is only because more searches have been done, and that is good, so people walking through know that they could get search and to stay out of the area rather. Black bags 1559 collected 38 trips to the tip.

## 6) Municipal Matters

### a. Ward Councillor Morne Steyn

Richmond Hill Park lights are working.

Cutting saga – Verges a problem over the whole metro Richmond Hill only has budget for 9 cuts in 12 months cycle

5 st Philips – application has been received and it will go on to the human settlements then to council, I did try get building plan directorate for them, unfortunately the plans were approved in Oct 2014

28 Raleigh Street they have reported it to Land planning they have not yet received the report back yet

Vovo Telo – liquor license they did not apply to extend that but that they applied for land usage changes, to regularize the usage being a bakery but yet a restaurant – Matt assured Morne that Beer Yard will not be going there. Vovo Telo will stay the same.

Church ramp still there this can take a while but it is at the legal department.

Illegal crèche at 91 Mackay is the same stages as above, it must go to legal department.

Unkind words in the area for newspaper. There are challenges with street sweeping. He had the head of that department in his office because he gets numerous complaints from this area. He has given him the whole schedule for this area and he will make it available if anyone wants to see it.

They guys have no capacity for more street sweepers, a lot of the street sweeping people have been moved to trucks, so there work force has been depleted to a certain extent, The Municipality has put an absolute stop on any more employment in the department, they will not be filling those vacancies while they are given Golden Hand Shakes to municipal managers of a R1000, 000.00. SRA not responsible for Municipality's work , we need to work together and see hot spots

**Athol** – comment regards letter in newspaper – He bought here because he likes the area, it is and SRA area. He does not want his presents in the area to be issue where people can hang there grievances on. There are major issues he does she and would like to highlight as a member of the SRA. He walks to office glass on our streets is a lot, more than he has ever seen and he has never seen a street sweeper in the 6 months he has been there – people sweep their own pavements

Also we are members of SRA must not be mulaent by people who want to hand there problems on – Kidnapping is a SAPS charge not SRA , SRA are here to make it better. Levy is small and manageable, he is worried about the crime stats.

**Kevin** Athol the Hot spots is Irvine and Campbell we should invest capital to put bins down there, we need at least 10 bins in, but we should not be cleaning it. Waste with bottle, plastic and grass banks there. We should go to the school to do a little campaign. They should be educated.

**Bruce** SRA should write letters to Herald and get a response.

**Margie** – I was away for 6 months she can see a BIG improvement. Well done SRA Lady proposes to have recycling, we saying we are trying to do that. We would like to get that going

10 Sherlock street- huge problem – Vacant plot, privately owned.

Elaine Municipality is busy legally busy with it. Our crime stats is better than Summerstrand

Kevin Municipality is just full corruption and wrong dealings so you cannot get any help from them, and if you do it cannot be taken seriously.

Overport a problem, Eastern Cape does not have the by law that Cape Town has that the property can be taken away but with the help of Warren they served the owners with a section 51 and they thought they would get there properties taken back and that got them going. No 10 Sherlock street and Tulla ect Should be fenced in. BY laws are problem in EC

Margie to do the Carrol service  
Social for the people

Thank you Liana for stepping up in helping Elaine with the Financial report to the municipality.

**7) Date of next meeting**

11November, from 17:30

**8) Meeting Closes**

Meeting closes at 18:48

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**Approval of minutes**

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Date

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