

RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, 18 August 2016 at 19:00

Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

Minutes

1 Welcome

The chairman, Scott Rollo, welcomed all to the meeting, with a special welcome to Sandile Rwexwana (the new Ward 5 Councillor) and the SAPS.

2 Attendees

As per the attendance register.

3 Apologies

Margo Bastos, Jan De Klerk, Michael Dougans, Jacques Jordaan, Margie Miller, Nele Rosemeier.

4 Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the Community meeting held on 9 June 2016 were accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Alan Mounter and seconded by Liana Janse Van Vuuren.

5 Crime update

5.1 SAPS – Capt Ackerman

Stats are from 1 July to August 18 - a 6-week period. Robbery with a firearm - 6. This was high because 4 people were robbed in succession and 2 suspects were arrested - with a toy gun. Theft out of motor vehicles - 26 - an increase. Hot spots are mostly on the borders, but sometimes they do enter the suburb. Burglaries and assaults seem all under control. SAPS was short staffed during the elections, as many were sent to Butterworth. Some big operations will be happening in the next month which he can't discuss but it will spill over from Central to Richmond Hill.

Tanya Brunner reported a large amount of blatant drug dealing at 13a Clarendon Crescent. Capt Ackerman said they had raided the premises and made arrests before - but twice their dockets "went missing"!

It was reported that there is quite a criminal element in the house across the road from 42 Campbell Street – with many people and very loud music. Capt Ackerman has arrested people that live in that house. A complaint should be laid against the owner.

6 Municipal Matters

6.1 Ward 5

Sandile Rwexwana thanked the meeting for the opportunity to address them. He looks forward to working with the community and to assist in solving problems. He will hold a meeting with stake holders to check on what the problems are in the ward.

Scott requested that people send their complaints through the SRA office to streamline matters.

6.2 SRA

Elaine Lloos reported that a list of items that needed attention had been sent to the Ward 5 office. The list of items not yet dealt with will be sent through tomorrow. Some items that have been fixed are:

- Water leak at 41 Irvine Street
- Water leak at 62 Irvine Street
- Water leak in Dickens Street
- Street light at 48 Campbell Street
- Street light in Burgess Street

7 SRA Matters

7.1 Finances

Janine Uderstadt reported on the finances. Please see attached.

7.2 Arbour Day

Arbour Day will be held from 10:00 - 14:00 on Saturday 3 September 2016. We have received 20 trees from the Parks Department for planting. The holes will be

dug for us by the municipality, so no hard labour is required. Wors rolls will be on sale in aid of the RH Furry Friends group. Everyone is invited!

7.3 Road marking

The repainting of road markings has started. This will be a long-term, on-going process.

7.4 New office hours

The new SRA Office hours are 12:00 – 16:00 weekdays.

7.5 Music Festival

Positives from the 2016 Music Festival are that Alliance engaged well with the SRA, the event was well organised and Alliance took ownership of the event. It was always supposed to be a French-flavoured festival, but it got hijacked by the promoters. Alliance put it on with no funding, even though there was a municipal budget of R12 m for arts and crafts. There was apparently a contract signed between the promoters and the municipality for R200 000 pa for 2016/2017/2018, but those promoters did not deliver anything for that money. This issue will be taken to Council. Alliance is an integral part of our suburb and, notwithstanding some negative feedback, we look forward to next year.

7.6 Neighbourhood patrols

We have been trying to get the Neighbourhood Watch up and running again. The vision is to set up 5 patrols so that you only have to do 1 hour every 5 weeks. We want it to be more flexible, so that if you have free time, you can do patrols. An email has been sent out regarding the Ttrumpet App. This App allows one to see exactly where things are happening in real time.

7.7 WhatsApp

The incessant chatter on the 1ARH WhatsApp Group hinders the Patrollers in their work. Please keep the communication to only that which is absolutely necessary.

Rory Norton stated that 1ARH was established not just as a direct line to the patrollers, but also to your neighbours.

7.8 Additional Patroller

There are no suitable applicants to fill the additional community patroller position.

7.9 Peace Officer

Robert Brewers has his Peace Officer shoulder lapels and should receive his fine book shortly. He will be able to issue fines for various transgressions, including illegal dumping, but not traffic bylaws unfortunately.

7.10 Human Settlements

A meeting will be set up with the new mayor regarding human settlements and all its attendant problems. The Spaza shops are high on our priority list.

7.11 Community projects

Residents are encouraged to initiate and take on projects within the community. The SRA would assist with funding, where possible. The cemetery was one such project - and a great job was done, thanks to Michael Hutchinson.

8 Matters arising

8.1 Mariska Spoormaker asked why outsiders don't contact the SRA when they do work in the suburb. Tree Master did good work in the Wild Park, but made no attempt to communicate with us.

8.2 Building was done at 20 Hartman Street and the rubble is still lying around.

8.3 The derelict building in Tulla Street is being worked on, the vagrants have been removed and crime levels should reduce.

8.4 Plans have apparently been approved for a 75-apartment block on Erf 5077 in Tulla Street. The SRA will investigate the matter.

8.5 Kevin Slattery asked that people consider standing for positions in the SRA.

8.6 Liana Janse van Vuuren asked that the financials be sent out.

8.7 Mariska Spoormaker has also requested 20 trees for planting in the Wild Park.

9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 October 2016.

10 Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20h02.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

Richmond Hill SRA
Trial Balance
As of 31 August 2016

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Trial Balance

	<u>31 Aug 16</u>	
	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Petty Cash	R 10,899.70	
RH SRA NPC	R 7,546.24	
SRA Market Link	R 366,297.09	
Accumulated Depreciation		R 34,000.00
Computer Equipment	R 9,344.94	
Equipment - Environ. Activities	R 5,395.00	
Leasehold Improvements	R 3,519.00	
Motor Vehicles	R 198,400.00	
Trade Debtors	R -	
Accounts Payable	R 1,291.72	
Accrued Expenses		R 6,800.00
Salary Liability:Salaries - Net Pay		R 0.01
Salary Liability:Salaries - Tax to pay SARS		R 746.69
Salary Liability:Salaries - UIF to SARS		R 689.48
Share Capital Account		R 631,187.21
Unrestricted Net Assets		R 18,361.75
Levies Received		R 50,159.09
Bank Service Charges	R 440.00	
Computer Expenses	R 400.00	
Equipment/Consumables:Equip - Environmental Cons.	R 975.60	
Equipment/Consumables:Equip - Patrollers Consumables	R 2,681.60	
Equipment/Consumables:Equip - Uniforms	R 1,187.97	
Equipment/Consumables:Equip/Cons - Office	R 629.90	
Insurance Expense	R 2,493.46	
Interest Expense	R 178.79	
Office Expense	R 264.54	
Printing & Stationery	R 575.70	
Project Expenditure	R 995.00	
Rent and Rates	R 6,600.00	
Staff Costs	R 495.00	
Staff Costs:Staff - Casual Wage	R 10,540.00	
Staff Costs:Staff - Refreshments	R 107.24	
Staff Costs:Staff - Salary Cost	R 72,196.88	
Staff Costs:Staff - UIF company contrib	R 721.97	
Staff Costs:Staff - Workmens Comp	R 12,942.60	
Telephone:Telecomm - Cellular	R 1,753.50	
Vehicle Expense:Vehicles - Fuel	R 17,651.95	
Vehicle Expense:Vehicles - Licensing	R 366.00	
Vehicle Expense:Vehicles - Maintenance	R 7,049.22	
Vehicle Expense:Vehicles - Tracking Fees	R 1,075.60	
Interest Income		R 3,071.98
TOTAL	R 745,016.21	R 745,016.21