



COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Community Meeting of the Richmond Hill Special Rates Area held on Thursday 12 February 2026 at 18:00 at The Anchor of Hope Church, corner Edward and Campbell Streets

1 Welcome

The Acting Chairman, Ed Richardson, welcomed all present.

2 Present

Adams A ,	Adams ,	Botha H,	Bradfield M,
Bryce J,	Bryce L,	Comley R,	Cull C,
De Klerk JHB,	De Vrye L,	Friedemann S	Gelderblom A
Hart C	Hart K	Hart R	Horsveld M
Hugo J	Jeacocks I	Jordan H	Jordaan R
Kotze M	Lyon S	Marais M	McDermid T
Mingutti M	Mouter A	Nicholson Y	Njokweni Sgt
Parkin C	Pretorius M	Pretorius S	Ramsay C
Reid S	Richardson E	Schoemaker L	Slabbert A
Stander T (Ward Councillor)		Terblanche M	Snyman E
Watkins L	Wild T		

3 Apologies

Bastos T	Constant E	Eddy M	Hugo S
Immelman S	Probert L	Richardson F	Warneke C
Warneke A	Wegner T	v d Westhuizen J	

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2025 were accepted as a true record of proceedings. This was proposed by Rochelle Jordaan and seconded by Robert Hart.

5 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

6 Reports

6.1 SAPS -Sergeant Njokweni

Sgt. Njokweni presented a brief crime report, noting that Richmond Hill recorded the lowest number of reported incidents across the three sectors. During February, two drug-related arrests were made in the area.

Residents were reminded to avoid leaving valuables in vehicles parked in off-street parking areas to reduce the risk of theft.

Sgt. Njokweni acknowledged the significant role played by HRG and Magnum Cameras in reducing crime in the area, stating that their support has contributed greatly to improved safety.

Resident: Does SAPS remove vagrants?

Sgt. Njokweni: No, SAPS does not have a mandate to remove vagrants. This responsibility falls under the Metro Police.

Resident: Concerns about noise, public drinking, and people urinating in the street.

Sgt. Njokweni:

- SAPS does not have the authority to arrest individuals for public urination; this is a municipal by-law enforcement issue handled by Metro Police, who can issue fines for such offences (including littering).

- For noise complaints in residential areas, SAPS can be called to attend. If the noise continues after SAPS intervention, they may confiscate sound equipment for the night.

- Noise complaints involving business premises fall under the jurisdiction of Metro Police and Noise Pollution control. Noise Pollution have decibel meters to measure Noise.

Chairperson mentioned that Metro Police must provide the complainant with an OB number and not use the same OB number for each complainant on the same matter.

All issues have been raised at the monthly CPF Meetings.

6.2 HRG Security

- BIG INCREASE in homeless or displaced people. We remove and/or move about 24-28 homeless or displaced people per day/night
- STOP AND SEARCH – We conduct an average of 30-40 stop and searches each month.
- CLIENT/RESIDENT ASSISTS – Average response to client requests of more 160 responses per month
- DRUG RELATED ISSUES – We respond to an average of 18 per month.
- ARRESTS – Numerous arrests made monthly. Some stolen property returned and no case opened
- With Magnum Alarms, we respond to suspicious behaviour of people each night.
- This is very successful as people realise that they are being watched. We have numerous alerts each night, some weekends report over 100 alerts.
- Assisted to extinguish fires monthly
- Report numerous of water leaks weekly
- Confiscate trolleys regularly.
- ON-GOING PROBLEM – Visible property left inside vehicles parked on street continues to be a problem. We also often find vehicle windows left open etc.
- Numerous calls to try and assist with loud noise from properties

Once again, we also kindly ask residents to not feed the homeless or displaced people, as this remains a huge issue. There are feeding schemes that they can refer them too.

We ask resident to call us if they notice ANY suspicious behaviour. Let us rather respond and address situation accordingly.

We have some property issues that has been reported to the SRA and SAPS as well.

Reminder for residents to call if you have an emergency for immediate response. We try to respond to WhatsApp asap, but if we are patrolling, it might take a little longer to get response.

The Chairperson said that all problems have been brought to the attention of the Liquor Board.

The Ward Councillor is looking into the Problem Pubs/Restaurants in the area.

6.3 Traffic department

No report.

6.4 Metro Police

No report.

6.7 Ward Councillor (Terri Stander)

Addressed some of the issues raised.

Vagrants: 90% of the people are not homeless, they have homes and they want to be on the street. If there are spaces at the Shelters, they do not want to go to the said Shelter. SAPS and Metro Police cannot remove anybody from a public space unless they somewhere where they can be moved to. If someone is trespassing, or committing a crimes, SAPS can then be called to remove these people especially from your own property. If it is a person in a Park or somewhere where they have started building structures, Land Invasion are called. They only have 1 flatbed truck for the entire Metro. They would try and do 3 in Ward 5 in a day.

No one is to give these people money, food, etc. Rather give the donations to a NGO. Rather support the organisations than the person on the street.

Noise Complaints: The problematic establishment does not always only have a noise. We need more evidence of Noise, urinating, drinking in public, drunk people.

If people are drinking in public, means from the pavement – that is illegal and that is a SAPS arrestable offence.

A case must be built up. There is no liquor license for the said establishment.

If there was a liquor licence for the property, there is a process where a J28 can be issued. That responsibility lies with SAPS although SAPS say Metro and Metro says SAPS.

Anything to do with drinking in public, noise, urinating in public, cars parked the wrong way, parked in front of driveways, all of this is evidence.

{J 28 can be issued to the establishment by SAPS which is valid for 30 days}. If they offend within the 30 days, the establishment can be shut down.

This is for an establishment which has an existing liquor license.

A lot has been done. We are getting closer to a solution.

When operations are being done, it seems as if the owner is being informed.

Continue in reporting all issues.

Problem restaurants: There was some discussion around what residents can do to address the problem of problem restaurants which play loud music, and which have patrons drinking and urinating in the streets. The affected residents were urged to form a group to tackle the issue.

The RHSRA has approached lawyers to see what can be done through the courts.

6.8 Spluma Application

Owner confirmed this has been cancelled

7 RHSRA Matters

7.1 Protecting the character of Richmond Hil

Project was not addressed due to the absence of Richard, Shalom and Grant. Their letter has been distributed.

7.2 Special Events

Residents urged to makes suggestions/ideas on special events to attract the right people to the suburb and raise its profile.

7.3 Problem Buildings

Student Accommodation

All suspected or problem student accommodations, please send the information through to the SRA Office so that this can be escalate to the relevant department.

The SRA is currently working through a list with the said departments.

Restaurants

Discussed under the Ward Councillor

7.4 Illegal construction

All building alterations must be reported to Sharon at the SRA Office. She will escalate to the relevant departments. These matters are followed up regularly. Notices have been issued and further legal action taken.

Matter in Dollery Street and Newington have been escalated and are being addressed by the Building Inspector/Legal Department.

7.5 Appointing Lawyer to address challenges

The SRA is currently looking to find a Lawyer who can deal with the matter of the Problem Entity. Any suggestions are welcome. The SRA does have the funds to engage a lawyer.

7.6 Cameras Progress (John Bryce)

The SRA have currently installed 70 cameras in our area and have budgeted to install 2 cameras per month.

The cameras are monitored by Magnum from 22:00 to 06:00.

Alerts are sent through to HRG Security to attend to the alert and do the necessary.

7.7 Noise Complaints

Addressed by Sgt Njokweni and Terri Stander Ward Councillor

8 Matters Arising

None

8.1 Conservation Stats

December 2025 and January 2026 :

Bags taken to the tip 3927 - plus boxes, branches, and junk

Kilometres travelled – 3807

Trip to the tips – 64

9 Next meeting

The next Community Meeting will be held at 18:00 on 16 April 2026 at the Anchor of Hope Church.

10 Close

The Chairman thanked all present for attending. The meeting adjourned at 19:05

Approval of Minutes

Chairman

Secretary

Date