

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** HELD AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL AND SPA ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2016

1. Welcome & Apologies

Warm welcome was extended to Cllrs Marlene Viljoen and Leon van Wyk as well as the chairman of the Hoekwil Ratepayers Association, Mark Rostance. Apologies from: Marjorie Raubenheimer, Casey & Gail Nooteboom, Erna van Wijk, Tony & Evie Bowen, Dirk Ackerman, Rudolph Pretorius, Yvonne Barnard, Mel & Ann Toerien, Ernest & Anneke Harper, Peter Joubert, James & Trish Gordon Lewis and Ulrike Niesler.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, and matters arising therefrom.

Minutes were unanimously adopted Mr Getz asked for it to be noted his disappointment on the changing of the date of the AGM to February.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his Annual Report as circulated to members prior to the meeting. During the presentation, the following discussions/points of clarity were made:

- Under the Town Planning Portfolio, Christo Fabricious suggested that, in response to the proposed development on erf 2486, WRRRA should host a public participation process in regard to future projects and developments in Wilderness. Hugo Leggatt questioned that when objecting to applications, if the changing of zoning on any erf, and the subsequent changing of the village feel, if this is taken into account. The chairman responded that this was an important factor as WRRRA would not want to see ad hoc and widely distributed rezoning in Wilderness.

- Don Cameron noted that years ago WETA was formed to prevent the type of development that is happening in Wilderness. Mr Cameron would like WRRRA to look into the decisions that were made in those days, which he thought should still apply today.
- Under the Safety and Security Portfolio, Peter Mundell requested that it be minuted that WRRRA conveys to W/O Bennie Boshoff for his work and dedication to the people of Wilderness.
- Under the Wilderness Heights Portfolio Sue Lindley mentioned that private busses are going up to the informal settlement and asked about the Go George busses. The chairman responded that busses will not be going to the area until Heights Road has been upgraded.

Councilor van Wyk further advised advised that the development of erf 329 (the informal settlement) is a difficult situation, but as previously indicated, the decision has been made that the people can stay. The main concern is the cost of the infrastructure, which is in the region of R 140 000 per stand. Clarification of the timing and where the money will come from is still needed. An eco-friendly village is being looked at by provincial government, in line with other projects throughout the country. There are projects in Pacaltsdorp and Thembaletu which are also to be started soon and it may be that Wilderness Heights will only be considered once the other two projects have been completed.

When concluding the presentation the chairman thanked the committee and Cllrs Leon ban Wyk and Marlene Viljoen for their support and assistance during the year.

4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Audited Accounts.

Financial statement review –

The chairman presented a summarised financial report which was unanimously approved.

5. Ratification of Annual Subscription.

As proposed by the Committee, subscriptions will remain R 150 for 2016.

Subscriptions will increase to R 160 for 2017

Unanimous agreement to increase was received.

6. Election of Executive Committee.

Sue Ledger, Chris Boshoff and Paul Nicolas were not available for re-election.

Cornel Barnardt will be joining the committee to take over the portfolio of business and road signage.

The committee still needed two people to fill the Roads and Tourism portfolios. No nominations were forthcoming and the Committee will therefore need co-opt members to fill these vacancies. The following members were elected in 2015 and will hold office until the next AGM in 2017: Neville Ewing, Ronald Board, Ian van Rooyen, John Miller and Donald Goldfain

The following committee members retired this year because they have served their two year term of office or were co-opted during the current year and offered themselves for re-election:

Niel Viljoen, Vanessa Hau-Yoon, George Markgraaff, Chris Burlock and Cornel Barnard.

All retiring committee members were re-elected for a further two years.

7. General

There were no additional items raised from the floor.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 19:05

Per Vanessa Hau-Yoon
Secretary