

**Minutes of EXCOM - MARINA DA GAMA ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
AT 18:00 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MDGA ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes**

- 1) Welcome and apologies – Angus Hemp and Scott Attfield apologised  
Lise Kargaard, Peter Allen, Patrick Mc Kenna, Paul Higgins, Valerie Benson, John Lubbe,  
Lathif Gafoor (Zoom), Richard Midgley  
**Visitor** Nick Bode
  
- 2) Approval of agenda; confirmation of approval and adoption of minutes of meeting – 9<sup>th</sup>  
March 2021 - Confirmed unanimously
  
- 3) Correspondence - Brief discussion of e mails received. Our Standard response to  
members that are outstanding with Subscriptions was communicated to members.
  
- 4) Portfolio reports
  - 4.1 Treasurer
    - Bank Balances
  - 4.2 Communications
  - 4.3 Waterways
  - 4.4 Events
  - 4.5 Archcom
  - 4.6 Standards
  - 4.7 Environmental
  - 4.8 Parks and Gardens
  - 4.9 Security
  - 4.10 Long-term projects
  - 4.11 General

Auditor appointment – Special Resolution sent out Notices and Proxy – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April – confirmed we are receiving Proxy's via e mail and dropped off at Office.

Exco approved expenditure of R6800 to upgrade Pastel to 2019 version 2021. As with all software – there is no out right purchase but an annual license fee.

AGM – Date approved 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – at the Masque Theatre – Notices, Agenda and Proxy forms being processed and will be distributed by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 (15 working days prior to AGM)

ZPAAC Nominations – Exco approved Lise Kargaard and Paul Higgins as MDGA nominations – MDGA to communicate to ZPAAC

Security – concern was raised by the spike in over the wall break ins in Uitsig. RM, LK and PA to meet on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to formalise additional response to secure the Public Open Space from North Wall to Coniston Park

General discussion regarding the proving of solutions to problems and the empowerment that this gives to Exco, to be part of the solutions. NB – close to agreeing to join Exco.

Meeting finished at 18.20

- 5) Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 18h00

## PORTFOLIO REPORTS – 13 April 2021

Treasurer	3
Long-term projects	3
Archcom	3
Standards	4
Communications	4
Waterways	4
Environmental	5
Parks and Maintenance	5
Security	6

## TREASURER REPORT

### **Bank Balances: as at 09/04/2021**

Cheque A/c	R	75 841.43
Archcom A/c	R	328 678.33
Money Market A/c	R	655 736.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>R 1,060,256.01</b>

## LONGER TERM PROJECTS – LATHIF GAFOOR

a. PAROLE BOARD - REPRESENTATIVE: I had raised this concern at a Parole Board meeting in Vrygrond held by the Vrygrond Community Development Forum- VCDF last year. It was as a result of long term prisoners being paroled without input from the community. We are cognisant from past experiences that a certain category of long term prisoners are not fully rehabilitated and continue with their nefarious behavior when released back into society. In context, I therefore motivated that a person from the community serve on a consultative basis on the Parole Board in order to have a say before prisoners are paroled. To this end I followed up the subject at the last meeting of the CPF at which meeting Colonel Naidoo and Councillor Kuhl were present. Heidi, the CPF Secretary confirmed that the Parole Board has counter proposed that we could nominate a member of the community to be trained to serve as Parolee monitors. The meeting nominated that I serve on the Board.

I'm including this in my report as the release of prisoners also impacts on the safety of the Marina

- b. CLEANING OF STREETS - follow up - Councillor Kuhl requests that this should be reported directly to the department concerned if and when the service is required
- c. Outstanding issues reported in previous reports remain unaddressed by the departments concerned

## ARCHCOM – PAUL HIGGINS

Archcom meeting was held on 18 March 2021 attended by Eduardo, Gordon and me.

Five new plans were submitted, and three plans were approved. Two plans need minor additions before they may be approved.

An objection to an application for departure for alterations of No 13 Waterside Close was submitted.

## **STANDARDS – JOHN LUBBE**

Current Radaar movement: -

5 Additions

3 Edits (Reminders)

3 Resolved

## **COMMUNICATIONS – PATRICK McKENNA**

The Communications team has been working closely with Janine Avery to develop and launch the new Marina blog, which has replaced the Marina da Gama News magazine. The blog went live on 9 April with an announcement in the weekly email newsletter. Over the next month, we will be focusing on adding more content and images to make the blog a go-to online destination for our members.

## **WATERWAYS – ANGUS HEMP**

There is presently an outpouring of complaints about the condition of Zandvlei and our canals. This is with good reason as, if one looks at the vast areas of uncleared floating algae, at the colour of the water and at the volume of litter entering the vlei, and if one smells the not infrequent sewage odours, then clearly we have a crisis on our hands.

There is now a petition, promoted by an American company, Change.org, circulating. Most of the problems that they highlight and most of the questions that are asked are pertinent. Many of the statements are critical of the council employees working directly in the Nature Reserve, in Stormwater and Drainage and in Sewage. Some of this is justified, but, in fact, these people are left sitting between a rock and a hard place: all of us complaining on the one side and on the other an overly controlling head office that allows little or no delegation of authority in matters such as acquisition of necessary supplies and equipment, or in arranging for the repair and/or replacement of equipment.

Having rigid supply-chain management is one of the reasons why the Cape has little corruption and always receives clean audits, in contrast to the rest of the country. However, when a simple repair to a weed-harvester conveyor cannot be effected without the approval of some high council official (whom I imagine has other important things to do); when the acquisition of a new harvester which was agreed to years ago has still not occurred; when someone building a wooden walkway must use unsuitable iron nails instead of the correct stainless steel screws; and when someone cannot get the correct batteries for his devices because supply-chain management will not allow it, then we have an unacceptable level of frustration and inefficiency. Somehow the city needs to work out a way of satisfying the objectives of both efficiency and transparency of procurement.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL – LISE CARSWELL**

### **Sewerage spills**

12 March – Park Island spill, reported by Nick Bode. It took unusually long for Reticulation to respond, even though the spill was bad.

6 April – Spill reported in Battleridge. Reticulation responded extremely quickly and checked all pump stations. No spills found. Kyran came to inspect and feel that it isn't sewerage but rotting algae. Residents report dead fish and crabs crawling out of the water. Kyran and his team spend the day doing testing. Oxygen levels are found to be extremely low in the Battleridge Canal. Several other

places within the Marina waterways are also very low, while the main waterbody is unaffected. Stormwater have agreed to open the vlei mouth. That was on Tuesday and nothing has yet been done.

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On a positive note, there has been an upturn in the bird population. I counted 48 coots outside my house. Other residents have reported the same.

### **Feedback on ZPAAC meeting:**

- Lockdown had a huge effect on work for the ZENR as only 3-4 people were permitted to work. However no water quality issues over the lockdown period.
- Dredging was done in June and September. More dredging will be done.
- Brackets have been installed at the Sand River to catch and dam any sewerage spills. The honeysucker then comes and takes away any spills. This has been very effective. There has been no significant sewerage spill from the Sand River this year.
- The new Sewerage plant at Seawinds is near completion.
- The average response time from reporting a sewerage leak until response from reticulation is about 3 hours. A team has been put together, with members from different departments. Response time is critical, so this has had a positive impact.
- Signage for the vlei has been a long time coming. Apparently we can expect it soon.
- There is a new eco-monitoring plan, paid for by money from Councillor Kuhl's allocation. A probe will be purchased, which will be able to give instant results for salinity, turbidity, water quality, oxygen levels and phosphates. This will allow, not only fast results, but also easier to collate data and share results with other similar waterbodies.
- A new wetland restoration project is about to start on Promenade road in the section between the road and the railway. This will act as a link between the Vlei and the Table Mountain National Park.

### **Park Island**

The new dog park is taking longer than initially anticipated. They are waiting on the fencing contractor to start work. Hopefully this will be finalised soon.

It was mentioned that there are 5 grysbok on the island and that the lamb that was killed was the first evidence of lambing on the island. It is felt that this was due to lockdown and the closure of the park. Please do not walk your dogs off-lead on park island.

## **PARKS AND MAINTENANCE – SCOTT ATTFIELD**

**SECURITY – PETER ALLEN**

MDG Crime Report March/April 2021

Uitsig	Shearwater	HBT	07.03.2021	Between 02h00 and 04h00	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect/s came over wall, managed to force open window and stole laptop and other small goods through the window. Alarm was not activated.
Uitsig	Pelican Dr	HBT	07.03.2021	Between 02h00 and 04h00	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect/s came over wall, broke into flat, took car keys and stole goods out of car. They then put car keys back entered main house through unlocked front door and stole laptop and cell phones.
Uitsig	Shearwater	ATT HB	07.03.2021	Between 02h00 and 04h00	No	Suspect/s tried to gain access to house through the dog flap in door. Daughter saw the suspect and he ran away.
Uitsig	Red Roman	HBT	14.03.2021	05h20	Yes Muizenberg	Suspects came from canal and left same way
Uitsig	Cormorant	ATT HB	14.03.2021	00h10	No	Resident heard noise in yard 5min after load shedding started. Shouted and suspect ran away
Uitsig	Shearwater	HBT	14.03.2021	Between 00h00 and 02h00	Yes Muizenberg	Garage broken into.
Uitsig	Shearwater	HBT	17.03.2021	Unknown	Yes Muizenberg	Garage broken into
Uitsig	Shearwater	Theft Common	19.03.2021	05h00	Yes Muizenberg	Jewellery box with jewellery taken through open window
Uitsig	Oudevlei	ATT HB	22.03.2021	03h30	No	Suspect ran away when outside beam triggered
Uitsig	Coot	ATT HB	27.03.2021	21h08	No	Resident's mom heard someone in the yard, made a noise and the suspect ran away
Cannon Island	Cannon Island Way	ATT MURDER	31.03.2021	00h11	Yes Muizenberg	Resident's wife heard a noise and her husband went to investigate. He found the suspect in the yard, suspect then attacked him with a knife and stabbed him in the arm, hand and leg. DBS notified about screaming by neighbour. Upon arrival the officer jumped over the fence and caught suspect in the yard with bloody knife still in his possession. Case opened, suspect arrested.
Uitsig	Conifer Close	ATT HB	01.04.2021	03h19	No	Resident heard someone in the yard. Suspect fled when lights was switched on.
Uitsig	Shearwater	HBT	05.04.2021	03h01	Yes Muizenberg	Garage broken into.
Uitsig	Shearwater	ATT HBT	07.04.2021	01h09	No	Resident heard someone in the yard.
Uitsig	Coot	HBT	07.04.2021	01h45	Yes Muizenberg	Forced garage window. Nothing taken.

There have been 62 LPR alerts with 9 unique new vehicle alerts and many alerts on the same vehicles = 53