

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE VVRA HELD ON ZOOM 18h30 ON 23 JUNE 2021

PRESENT FROM VVRA	Marianne Nel, Paul and Cathy Veltman, Varushka Singh, Wendy Redl
APOLOGIES	Carol Thornton

NOTICE OF MEETING AND QUORUM AND WELCOME

Correct notice of the meeting had been given and there being a quorum present. The meeting was opened by Marianne Nel, who welcomed everyone present.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The 2021 minutes were accepted by Carol Barnes and seconded by Genevieve Russell

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I would like to thank our dedicated sponsors, Wendy Redl, Platinum Residential and Firzt Realt and Heaven's Kitchen who sponsor our cleaner's lunches.

Thank you to the contributors towards our LPR cameras.

Chairperson's report attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current balances:

Savings account R20,819.49 (for a project to benefit residents)

Cheque account R21,582.92

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hein de Kock resigned in the past year and Carol Thornton agreed to take Hein's place. Wendy Redl has stepped down, and we thank her for her involvement over the past year.

The remaining committee agreed to stand for a further year. No nominations were received.

Nominations from the floor were: Kaveer Rangisingh, Thulani Manabe, Genevieve Russell.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How many residents does the VVRA reach and how?

A: We reach approximately 6000 people via email, whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Website

Q: A suggestion was made to have residents contribute towards the VVRA R100 – R120 per year.

A: This will be discussed at the next VVRA meeting.

Q: R20,000 towards a project to benefit the Vorna Valley residents.

A: The VVRA has a cleaner that picks up litter and takes down illegal signs. The chairperson mentioned the beggars sitting on Moerdyk/Harry Galaun, where they do their ablutions against the nearby complex wall and also through their litter all over the pavement. When this complex tried to clean up, these beggars got aggressive saying that it must be left and not cleaned up as they expect council to employ more people to cleanup after them. The chairperson also had a discussion with a company that was feeding these beggars to please do it elsewhere as more and more beggars were coming just to get food. They agreed to keep to places like Midway Mews parking lot.

Residents should look after their own pavements and keep them clean. A suggestion was made that the R20,000 be used to make the Vlei more accessible for residents once the rehabilitation is complete.

Q: Illegal Vendors, does this bring down the value of your property?

A: From property agents: Yes it affects property values. A dedicated area should be given for this like on Bekker but there must also be ablution facilities as no person can sit on the street the whole day without wanting to use ablutions. Vendors sitting at le Roux/Smuts put their ablution into a plastic bag and put it out

for Pikitup to collect. They do not adhering to COVID-19 laws but nothing is done about this. Council either does not care or just does not have the man power to oversee this. A meeting was requested with council and JMPD but the VVRA is getting no response from council. Some that do obtain a license to trade on a pavement get approved without council first going to see if it is in a safe place, do they remove their goods at night, do they remove their food stalls at night, most don't even have wheels so they are left on the pavements.

A council official informed us that all applications first goes to JMPD, who should contact the applicant and go and do an inspection. This never happens.

Q: Vlei View residents want Fireworks banned in residential areas.

A: The bylaws are contradictory and JMPD need to revise them urgently. One can not say "no fireworks near animals or old people" and then say " you can on these festive days and times. Most resident don't have an issue with silent or less noisy fireworks, it is the loud bang fireworks that causes the fights.

To end the meeting photos of the Vlei rehabilitation where shown. The rehabilitation is not what was expected. JRA have done the work to prevent house flooding down the river but the environmental side of it has not been taken into consideration. The environmental department of council had a site visit and will be putting in a report and ask for the work to be relooked at. The VVRA has over the past 2 years since the rehab started, requested the plans as per the meeting that was held before hand, but have yet to receive them. The CLO promised to send them at the walk in the Vlei last week Saturday, but we still have not received them.

THANK YOU'S

Marianne thanked everyone that made the effort to attend, and thanked the remaining committee members for their support over the past few years.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

To be advised in 2022

CHAIRPERSON

DATE