



DOLPHIN COAST RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

(Non-Profit Organisation)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT SIMBITHI COUNTRY CLUB ON TUESDAY

THE 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

DOCRRRA

Deon Viljoen (DV)	(Chairman & MC)
Ken Lever (KL)	(Vice-Chairman)
Flip Helberg (FH)	(Secretary)
Penny Fourie (PF)	
Stephanie Walker (SW)	(Executive Officer)
Mary Kassam (MK)	
Don Forbes (DF)	
Hans Broerse (HB)	

Apologies:

Andy Minnaar (AM)	
Deon Botha-Richards (DBR)	(Financial Manager)
Vanessa Honiball (VH)	
Audrey Eichbauer (AE)	

Ratepayers and Residents Attendance Register & Apologies – Attached (Appendix A)

Number present	:	58
Number of apologies	:	14
Number of proxies	:	4

1. Opening & Welcome

Deon Viljoen welcomed all members and potential members present.

A special welcome was made to:

- Malcolm Samuel – GM Simbithi
- Ward Councilors Tammy Colley, Tommy du Toit & Privi Naidoo
- Ballito and Salt Rock Neighbourhood Watches
- UIP
- DOCRRA committee and Executive Office

It was mentioned that apologies were received and would be included in the minutes.

DV explained the quorum requirements, as per the current Constitution. and that it was met for this meeting

2. Approval of previous minutes

The previous minutes was proposed by DV, were unanimously approved by the members.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that his Report was published on the website and that he would not be reading through it in detail but would refer to specific items.

4. Audited annual financial statements

The Chairman noted that the Financials were published on the website and that he would not be reading through it in detail but would refer to specific items, highlighted below:

- DOCRRA Income has increased by 50%+ over the year but so have costs increased proportionately.
- A significant payment for legal costs of R21 000+ was paid for Townsend Park Advocate advice.
- The significant cost of the website (which has now been totally amended) has been written off.
- DOCRRA reserves have been marginally reduced to R245 000.
- A small surplus of R6 000 was realised for the year.

5. Budget overview

In the absence of Treasurer, Deon BR, DV highlighted the following:

- the Financial Report was read through in detail, including the proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 year, and approved by the meeting.
- The Budget aims for a growth of 20% with the membership fee being increased to R200 per household.
- Corporate membership of Seaward Estates plus 3 of the **Zimbali** Estates, together with Ballito Estates, are pending and should be confirmed within the next month or so.
- A membership drive is to be made for residents living outside of the gated Estates.
- The Budget is aiming for a R25 000 surplus in the coming year.

These were accepted by the meeting. These were proposed by DBR, and seconded by DV, and unanimously accepted by the members.

6. Presentation

DOCRRRA's major ongoing and current activities were addressed highlighting the following:

- Vice-Chair, KL, gave a report on Townsend Park including communication with KDM and our proposal to upgrade the facilities of the Park and intention to partner with KDM on educational upgrade works
- Problems and complications with electricity including street lighting were outlined.
- The good news is that KDM have confirmed the significant introduction in progress of a completely new Eskom line into the main Ballito/Compensation sub-station. Nevertheless, the KDM performance on the repair and upgrading of street lighting is considered totally inadequate and DOCRRRA will continue to exert pressure.
- Chair outlined communication with KDM regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for 2020-2021 and advised that useful discussions had resulted in some meaningful adjustments to the Budget.
- A separate petition had been raised by concerned residents which enlisted 6 000+ signatures objecting seriously to the increased Budget tariffs given the pressures and constraints on individuals and businesses caused by the COVID lockdown.
- An alignment meeting had been held with the residents objection group but no firm objections had been achieved – more work to be done.
- DOCRRRA community activities and invited Mary K to expand and explain forthcoming initiatives – remarkable results have been achieved by the community with the assistance of DOCRRRA and 7 of the gated estates, resulting in over 24 000 litres of soup being made and distributed to the needy during the lockdown period.
- DV raised the concern of DOCRRRA about the KDM intention to raise a bond of R15m for the purchase of 2 floors of an existing Stanger office building – as no background information or explanation has been provided by KDM to DOCRRRA queries.
- DV outlined some long-term objectives of and for DORRA – including much closer coordination and involvement with KDM in the preparation of the annual IDP and Budget.
- DV noted that the Provincial Audit Report on KDM had recorded a very low score of 37% for the provision and maintenance of street lighting.

- KDM will be carrying a property revaluation during the coming year as this happens on a 5-year rotation basis – ratepayers should expect visits from KDM officials. The Property Revaluation Report is expected to be published by March 2021 (COVID allowing).
- Service delivery in the Dolphin Coast area has suffered because of the COVID lockdown period.
- Illegal squatting has increased significantly however stated that R100m has been removed from the KDM Housing Budget in order to balance and align the 2020-2021 Budget – this is of concern to all residents and will only result in increased illegal occupations.
- DV advised that communications and relationships have been established and maintained with OUTA regarding Budgets and service delivery.
- DOCRRA earlier this year met with other Ratepayer Associations in northern KZN, and plans to communicate more with them and W Cape and Gauteng associations in the hope of learning from others' experiences.
- The DOCRRA Benefits Card initiative for DOCRRA members was launched. This was outlined by SW (DOCRRA Executive Officer) and will be offered to all paid up members of DOCRRA on an annual basis.

7. Election of DOCRRA Committee Members

Two members of the existing committee were not available for election:

Current committee member, Andy Minnaar, was not available for re-election. DV thanks Andy for his valuable contribution over the years.

Members available to continue for another term were:

- Deon Viljoen
- Ken Lever
- Deon Botha-Richards
- Flip Helberg
- Penny Fourie

The following co-opted members also made themselves available for nomination as DOCRRA Committee members:

- Hans Broerse
- Vanessa Honiball
- Don Forbes
- Mary Kassam
- Gaby Lyle

These were unanimously accepted by the members.

8. General

FH and HB gave short Reports on security in the Dolphin Coast area – noted that crime had reduced in the Salt Rock area but appeared to be increasing in the Ballito/Shaka's Rock area.

Comments from the floor by Mark Whitehead noted that IPSS and Marshall had been very supportive with security in the Ballito area but that more coordination and cooperation with SAPS needs to be achieved.

Water security was noted and advice from the floor (Malcolm Kensett) was that Hazelmere Dam wall extension of 3 metres still remains to be completed. However, this was in competent hands and further foundation piling is currently in hand – although no completion dates are known. Once completed, Hazelmere capacity will increase by 57%.

A question was raised from the floor regarding street cleaning with specific reference to the amount of refuse and filth accumulating Shakashead. This includes overflowing sewers and street obstructions. The Chairman undertook to investigate and assist where possible including reference to established industrial enterprises in the Shakashead area who may be asked to assist.

9. Close

The meeting closed at 20h00.

APPENDIX A

REGISTER OF RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS APOLOGIES

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REGISTER OF RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ATTENDED AGM

Mark Whitehead CLLR Tommy du Toit (Ward 21) Geoffrey Foster Hans Broerse Deon Viljoen Stephanie Walker Ken Lever Flip Helberg Penny Fourie Gaby Lyle Mary Kassam Don Forbes Stephne Ashworth Bev Jack Gordon Jack Simon Clark Marc McClure (Simbithi)	Steven Akakios Ken Bradshaw Elaine Bradshaw Hugh Tredgold Paine CLLR Tammy Colley (Ward 6) Malcolm Kensett Malcolm Carlyle (Brettenwood) Michelle Larkins (Brettenwood) Tony Hind Elaine Hind Brian Botes Tim Bamber Jenny Bamber Stephan Marais (Sheffield Beach Estate) Susan Marais CLLR Privi Makhan (Ward 22)
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PROXIES



Supporting the Community

RESIDENT/RATEPAYER/ESTATE	PROXY OWNER
Malcolm Samuel (Simbithi Eco Estate)	Marc Mc Clute
Ryan Streit (Dunkirk Estate)	Deon Viljoen
Rob Oosthuizen (Sheffield Beach Estate)	Stephan Marais