



FISH HOEK

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 28 DECEMBER 2018
AT FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTER MINOR HALL AT 19h00**

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum of voting members for this meeting. See Quorum below.

Present

Justin Lottring	DOCS	Guest Speaker
Nontsikelelo Gunguluza	DOCS	
Lt Colonel J Johnson	SAPS	FH Station Commander
Geoff Fox	Wynberg Cluster	
Yvette Stephen	Ward 64 Sub Council 19	

Other attendees as per signed attendance list. See FH CPF 2018 AGM ATTENDANCE LISTS.pdf

Apologies

Gunval Store	SCF 1 Chairman	
Michael Latergan	SCF 2 Chairman (pre AGM)	
Aimee Kuhl	Ward 64 Sub Council 19	
Willem Prinsloo	Traffic Department	
	BERG RANGER NW	Accredited
	DASCRO NW	
	Faerie Knowe NW	Accredited
	Mach1 Security	Accredited
	Milkwood Park NW	

Absent

Chapmans Bay NW
Danieldale NW
San Michel NW

Quorum

Nine of the eleven accredited neighbourhood watches made up the quorum for this meeting.

H. Maritz	Capri NW	Accredited
A. Bullock	Highway NW	Accredited
L. Malloch	Risiview NW	Accredited
M. Hesterman	Silverglades NW	Accredited
P. Geldenhuys	Sunnydale NW	Accredited
H. Henning	Sun Valley NW	Accredited
G. Forgan	Valyland West NW	Accredited
S. Sherry	Valley North NW	Accredited
G. Forgan	Valyland West NW	Accredited

1. WELCOME

Chairman opened the meeting at 19:05 and welcomed all present. He apologised on behalf of his original guest speaker, Advocate Van Zyl, who was called to Pretoria at short notice but was pleased to have Mr Justin Lottring, the Deputy Director of Community Policing in DOCS, in attendance at short notice.

2. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies received were read by the Secretary and additional apologies from the floor were noted as reflected in these minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM 2017 MINUTES (Agenda Item 3)

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Agenda Item 4)

The Chairman publically thanked his dedicated CPF committee for their support and efforts over the last twelve months. The work done in particular by Jason Hartman, the Vice Chairman, in maintaining the CPF website and Facebook pages to inform and educate the general public on crime and safety and its use as a means to obtain donations to fund CPF projects was most commendable. His organizational, technical and IT abilities ensured that many projects could be finalized. Ruth Cullen, the Treasurer, has been instrumental in ensuring that the financial affairs of the CPF are carried out beyond reproach and the work in dealing with drugs in schools and making them safer places of learning was most commendable.

The assistance by Adrian Fouché, (Louise's husband) to assist with keeping SAPS vehicles on the road was also appreciated, in the light of the problems experienced with official government channels to deal with these matters.

The Chairman thanked all the sponsors who had contributed to the work of the CPF during the past year. They are listed in the presentation which is available on the CPF website. PRASA remains a concern to the CPF due to their very limited involvement.

Challenges which were identified and are of current concern are:

- the street people and the limited resources to deal with it as this does have an effect on crime;
- the limited SAPS resources;
- the on-going establishment of the Far South Safety Forum, driven by the COCT, to provide a more cohesive approach to deal with the safety concerns in our mountains, on our beaches and in our streets;
- the neighbourhood watch radio network; and
- the registration of neighbourhood watches in line with the current policy.

a. The Safer School Project

This project was implemented in the CPF area of responsibility two years ago by Louise Fouché, a CPF member, and WO Peter Middleton of SAPS. He stressed the problems in schools, the country in general and in the communities in this area in particular.

He said that by allowing one child to take drugs in a school and influence other children would lead many children down that path, so the importance of preventing this and identifying the culprits was one of their challenges. The good working relationships with headmasters and others had resulted in many successes during the past year.

The role of parents to recognize these issues and to deal with it remains one of the biggest challenges he stated. Compounding the issue is the fact that a lot of ex-students are involved in drugs and hang around outside schools, trying to win over the pupils or selling drugs, under the guise of being friends.

The role of law enforcement and the K9 dog drug unit has been instrumental in the many successes achieved during the past year. On-going workshops on drugs, talks at the seven registered schools in the area and interaction with the community, neighbourhood watches etc., has assisted in identifying problems and getting the message through to the target audiences.

b. Fish Hoek CPF Achievements and Plans

The Chairman reported that this had been a difficult year for the CPF for various reasons, some being the problems of adequate police staffing on the ground, the crime impacting on the residents and visitors to this region in our mountains, on our beaches and in our streets and the increase in homelessness displaced persons in the area. The FH CPF had carried out various projects in the year to promote morale upliftment and team building at the Fish Hoek Police Station.

Many station improvements were carried out including CCTV camera to assist with Station security, repair of entrance gates and access to the cells and more recently the on-going project to revamp the CSC area where the public interact with the police staff.

The full list of projects and achievements are available in the Chairman's Presentation on the FH CPF website.

c. DOCS EPP

The DOCS EPP program is an important source of funding to enable the CPF to fund its projects. There are matters relating to payments by DOCS to the CPF but these are being address with DOCS. He thanked those involved in the preparation and submission of this document each month to DOCS and in particular thanked Jason Hartmann for his efforts.

5. STATION COMMANDER'S REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

Lt Colonel Johnson introduced the HF SAPS management team to the audience and gave a brief summary of the SAPS compliment pertaining to crime fighting. She highlighted the crime situation of the past year presented in her crime report. Fish Hoek is a residential area in the main and this crime category showed a decrease although business crime increased by 30%. Theft out of Motor vehicles was down by 8% although recent months have showing an increase in this category. The Fish Hoek CBD and the Avenues are the main areas of crime in this regard. Fraud related crimes are on the increase; people's gullibility in this regard contribute to these figures being high as in many cases goods are sold by them without proper checks on the funds actually being in their accounts. Drug related crimes show a 50% increase. The serious trio crimes, which include house and business robberies, have shown a decrease of 64% and 15% respectively.

She highlighted the successes with arrests made during the year. The wanted list for people of interest to SAPS currently stands at around four-hundred but about three hundred plus of these relate to 1995 – 2000 and specifically the Ocean View area. One of the challenges in this regard is that the detectives involved with tracings are in many cases working outside the Fish Hoek area because the suspects are not from this area. The CPF commended the SAPS detectives for their hard work and successes, as this figure was in the region of 690 last year.

The CPF website was an important facilitator in bringing the Station's top ten most wanted criminals to the neighbourhood watches and public's attention, which had thus far resulted in two arrests being made as a result of this.

A summary of arrests made during specific SAPS and integrated operations during the year was also provided.

In closing, she thanked the CPF for the various projects carried out by them that ensured SAPS could function with increased efficiency and safety. She acknowledged the support received from her Station's staff, their crime partners which include the neighbourhood watches, security companies, the community, businesses in the area, those providing spiritual care, victim support and many others.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT (Agenda Item 6)

The Chairman presented the financial report for 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, which was approved unanimously. A copy of this report is available from Treasurer on request. Although the EPP program brings in a steady income, the FH CPF has, with success, obtained substantial funding, based on donations, on a project basis.

7. GUEST SPEAKER'S ADDRESS (Agenda Item 7)

The Chairman welcomed Mr Justin Lottring, the Deputy Director for Community Policing from DOCS. He thanked the Chairman and those members for their presentations, which were not only informative but

showed the high level of involvement and dedication being shown by all in community safety and crime fighting.

He briefly explained the focus and purpose of the National Development Plan, which has a safety vision for 2030 and involves:

- strengthening of the criminal justice system;
- demilitarization of the police
- making the police professional
- building safety using an integrated approach
- building community participation in community safety

The latter two bullet points are of particular relevance to this group and are referred to as WOSA (Whole of Society Approach).

The role of DOCS is to provide oversight in this regard and support role players in achieving these aims. In the Western Cape the aim of the Department of Community Safety is to build a safety resilient community and community participation to reduce alcohol related crimes, injuries and alcohol related social ills. This is considered to be the “game changer”.

The Community Safety Act of 20113, which formalized the roles of neighbourhood watchers and the MEC in this regard, forms the basis of the CPFs Constitution. The Head of Department of DOCS and his staff has the task to regulate, train and guide CPFs and neighbourhood watches to play their part in crime reduction.

He outlined the legislative framework that defines the statutory functions of CPFs and the accreditation of neighbourhood watches. The Expanded Partnership Program (EPP) provides for a measurable outcomes methodology to encourage CPFs meet their statutory and functional responsibilities and thereby receive financial reward/ support from the Department of Community Safety, on a monthly basis.

He commended the FH CPF for the part it is playing in lifting the morale of the SAPS members and improvements it has made to the working conditions under which they function in Fish Hoek. The Community Safety Plan, he said, was a critical tool in identifying the issues and gaining solutions to the problems that exist.

In closing he stated that to achieve the aim of community participation in community safety, the individual in the community needs to adopt a greater sense of responsibility to assist the police, channel their complaints and issues in a formal way and develop a closer working relationship with the police.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS (Agenda Item 8)

- a. **FH CPF Project Co-ordinator:** As only one nomination was received for CPF Project Co-ordinator and no objections were received the nominee, Mr Patrick Bernade, was unanimously elected into the position. No objections were noted.
- b. **SCF2 Chairman:** Before voting in this matter could proceed, the question of how nominations were to be handled was discussed. The question on the table was “can a member in one SCF nominate a member to a functional position e.g. Chairman, in another SCF position?”. It was agreed, under the guidance of Mr Geoff Fox and Mr Lottring, that as the SCF is a sub-section of the CPF, only the neighbourhood watches who are accredited with the CPF in which the vacancy is present, can vote for office bearer(s) who will represent their SCF. Accredited security companies and other groups are excluded from voting.

It was agreed that a nomination for a SCF position could come from any SCF within the Fish Hoek Police area of jurisdiction but that the nomination would have to be ratified by the SCF in which the vacancy occurs.

It was confirmed that as two of the three accredited neighbourhood watches in SCF2 are present, being Capri NW and Sunnysdale NW with Faerie Knowe having excused themselves from the AGM without a proxy, they will be allowed to vote on this matter this evening. It was duly unanimously agreed that Michael Latergan, the only nominated candidate, be duly elected as the SCF2 Chairman.

9. QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 9)

Mr Mark Prowse of Clovelly NW highlighted his concern of accreditation, adherence to SAPS and CPF requirements to provide detailed lists of residents personal information, patrollers, the need for finger printing, police clearances of residents involved in the NW. He questioned the role of the CPF in this regard and raised the question of who is in charge of who and who and the voluntary aspects of this NW involvement. He felt that his neighbourhood should function without accreditation as a neighbourhood watch and some of the requirements being put on neighbourhood watches by the CPF, SAPS and DOCS.

In response Mr Lottring said that Advocate Norris who deals with neighbourhood accreditation should be approached to address the matters raised by Mr Prowse. Lt Colonel Johnson informed Mr Lottring about her two failed attempts to get him to address her Joint Ops Meeting and requested my Lottring to assist in making this happen.

Mr Brendon Jenna thanked the Chairman for a most informative AGM. He informed the meeting about a local service provider about a smartphone application which can assist any individual in a crime/ safety situation. He was asked to speak to the Chairman at a convenient time after this meeting.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the printed brochure dealing with community hand outs and preventative issues around bin pickers, which has been drawn up by the Fish Hoek Sub-Council.

Presentation - RADIO REGISTER FOR FH CPF

A brief presentation of the digital radio register, which the FH CPF will be using to control administrative requirements for neighbourhood watch radio, was present by Sidney Osborne. In it he stressed the minimal approach to collection of person's personal information and highlighted the information necessary to meet the requirements for proper administration purposes.

10. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 21:10. Next meeting will be held at a date and time to be announced.



Chairman - Andre Blom

4 December 2018

Date