



FISH HOEK

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 17 OCTOBER 2024
AT MINOR HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK AT 19h00**

Present

Captain Binza	SAPS FH VISPOL Commander
Captain N. Spreeth	SAPS Ocean View VISPOL Commander
N. Maseko	P.O.C.S
A. Musoke	P.O.C.S SAO
S. Nicholas	City of Cape Town District Chairperson
D. Sias	Wynberg Sub-District Chairperson
I. Mansoer	Ocean View CPF Chairperson
Councillor Francke	COCT Ward 69 Councillor
Inspector Jacobs	COCT Traffic
Other attendees	As per the FH CPF 2024 AGM Attendance Register.pdf

Apologies

As noted on the FH CPF 2024 AGM Attendance Register.pdf

1. WELCOME (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Chairman opened the meeting at 19:14 and welcomed Mrs M Weddephol, the attendees from P.O.C.S. then informed the meeting of his disappointment that the Lt Col B. Gaffoor, FH Station Commander was not able to attend. He welcomed Captain Binza, the FH VISPOL Commander, who was standing in for the SC as well as WO P. Middleton of FH SAPS and other SAPS members who were present before extending a welcome to everyone who was present.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING (DOCS) (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Ms Nontsikelelo Maseko, P.O.C.S, was the appointed Election Officer for this AGM. She informed the meeting that a quorum for this meeting was 50%+1 being ten (10) members) She furthermore confirmed that as fourteen (14) of the eighteen (18) neighbourhood watches, NPO, NGO and businesses and others registered with the FH CPF (based on the final register of FH CPF members database as approved by P.O.C.S, as listed below), were present and be eligible to vote at this meeting, she duly declared the meeting legal and open.

SECTOR 1 NWs

Clovelly NW
Highway Mountain NW
Risiview NW
Silverglades NW
Valyland West NW
Valley North NW

SECTOR 2 HWs

Capri NW
Chapmans Peak NW
DASCRO NW
Sun Valley NW
Sunnydale NW

NPO/NGO/Businesses/Others

Deep Blue Security
Fish Hoek BID
Fish Hoek Primary School
Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Res Assoc
MACH1 Security
Stonehaven Estate
Sun Valley Eco Watch

CLOSING OF REGISTRATION AND NOMINATIONS (Agenda Item 3)

No further nominations were received at the meeting. Registration and lodging of new nominations were closed.

3. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 4)

As noted on FH CPF 2024AGM Attendance Register.pdf.

Apologies from A. Fortuin of P.O.C.S, John Lamont, who served as the CPF's Acting Secretary who could not be here due to a health, Mrs I Sherry, Ward 64 Councillor, S. Edmonds-Bassett (Valley North NW), Sean Moolenschot (Chapmans Peak NW), Maureen Mortimer (DASCRO NW) and L. Malloch (Silverglades NW), were noted.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS SPECIAL SGM 2023 MINUTES (Agenda Item 5)

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2023 were unanimously accepted. This meeting was called to elect a new CPF Chairperson due to J. Mills having resigned to take up a COCT Councillor position in Milnerton.

5. REPORTS

a. Station Commander (Agenda Item 6a)

Captain Binza gave a short synopsis of the crime in the precinct; common assault, theft of and out of motor vehicles were the most prevalent crimes currently and occurring in the Fish Hoek avenues predominantly.

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b. Chairman (Agenda Item 6b)

On the question of resource allocations by SAPS higher authority the Chairperson said that unfortunately because of underreporting of crimes by the community, it has given higher authority the perception that FH SAPS needs do not justify a high priority when it comes to matters of vehicles and personnel. He hoped that with the help of neighbourhood watches, the community can be convinced to take the reporting of crime more seriously. He thanked SAPS for their support under such trying conditions.

Because of the poor SAPS service delivery when it comes to visible policing, he has seen the role played by private security to step in and work with neighbourhood watches to carry out visibility patrolling in the streets. He thanked these companies for their support

He then introduced the outgoing FH CPF members to the audience and thanked them for their contributions and support during his term in Office. He informed the meeting that both Mr J. Lamont (Assistant Treasurer) and Mrs R. Cullen (Treasurer) were both standing down and these positions in addition to that of Vice Chairperson was vacant and that no nominations have been received for them thus far. He is however talking to possible candidates to fill the Treasurer position.

He highlighted the EXCO's work in drawing up a functional Community Safety Plan for which he thanked Glenn Hollands and the establishment of a Victim Support Room to accommodate those with a disability, a project driven by Charlene Law-Brown were notable highlights.

The dissolving of the improperly constituted Fish Hoek Central NW also took much of the EXCO's time but was necessary in order to preserve the good name of NWs in the precinct. He reminded the meeting of the group known as Team 22, which arose in the early 2000's out of the 21 neighbourhood watches that existed. This group ensured good working relationships and cohesion between neighbourhood watches and as a result they ensured that neighbourhood watches played meaningful and practical part in community policing, and civic emergencies.

They were also driven to dealing with matters that required action so that a broken window syndrome did not result in a breakdown of community safety and urban decay. Community safety requires a caring and observant community who are willing to report deficiencies and issues using the proper reporting avenues and he hoped to encourage them to play a greater role in incident reporting. He thanked the law enforcement agencies who have responded to such complaints and Inspector Prinsloo and his team were particularly helpful in many instances.

Over the years it has become obvious that active neighbourhood watch patrolling has lessened or given way to private security companies carrying out this function, WhatsApp has replaced handheld VHF

radios and there has been a diminished appetite for getting involved. Although the use of more affordable cameras has been rolled out by communities in certain areas these have limited value if they are not monitored and used proactively. He cited the good example of the use of cameras and monitoring by the Sunnysdale NHW Camera watch team and their example is one that can easily be replicated elsewhere.

c. Financial (AGENDA ITEM 6c)

The financial statement, trial balance and ledgers for the FH CPF was tabled and presented covering the period 9 March to 16 October 2024 was tabled and presented. Copies of the financial documents are available on request. No questions or objections to these reports were raised.

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6. GUEST SPEAKER’S ADDRESS (Agenda Item 7)

The Chairperson introduced Mrs Marti Weddepohl to the meeting. She is experienced as an NPO when it comes to dealing with disaster relief and humanitarian aid. Since 2016 she has worked with communities affected by civil disobedience and assists companies and communities to identify trigger points and risks and identify mitigating actions.

Mrs Weddepohl titled her address “When the Sky Falls” and proceeded to paint a very concerning picture of the state of South Africa and the problems brought about by joblessness, malnutrition, poor education and the cost of living amongst others. She cited the impact of rioting in Natal in 2021 on the community, business and infrastructure and the need for the Government to take meaningful steps to address these issues if they are to avoid another “When the Sky falls” moment.

Closer to home, she touched on the danger of poverty, spiralling food and energy prices and joblessness being able to trigger such an event out of very poor communities such as Masiphumelele or the tragedy of increased suicide particularly amongst the elderly and youth or the unemployed in this area.

In closing, she hoped that the lessons learned in Natal will be a wakeup call to everyone from the political leaders to the community that now is the time to put one’s house in order when it comes to creating opportunities for all and fixing the brokenness that prevails.

It is a call to arms, figuratively speaking, to recognise the signs and take actions to mitigate the threats and to work as a team with key stakeholders for the common good of the whole community.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS (Agenda Item 7)

Mrs Maseko, the presiding election officer for P.O.C.S, received no further nominations from the floor and therefore proceeded to deal with the six nominations she was given earlier by the FH CPF Secretary. As there was only one candidate nominated per portfolio, she read out each candidate’s name and having received no objections from the floor, she accepted and confirmed the nominee into the position, as listed below.

Elected Members to EXCO 2024-2029

Chairman	Andre Blom – only candidate, elected without objection
Secretary	Sidney Osborne – only candidate, elected without objection
Project Coordinator	Charlene Law-Brown – only candidate, elected without objection
Community Safety	Glenn Hollands – only candidate, elected without objection
Youth and School CO-Ordinator	Louise Fouché – only candidate, elected without objection
Public Relations Officer	Mikaela Fouché – only candidate, elected without objection

The following posts were not filled

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Assistant Secretary

Elderly and Vulnerable Representative

Before closing the voting, she informed the meeting that the post of Assistant Secretary can be filled by a SAPS member if required. She congratulated the new committee and said that she was pleased with the balance of the CPF membership and stakeholders and wished them success going forward

8. QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 9)

There were no questions forthcoming from the floor.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Gifts of appreciation were given to Mrs Weddepohl and Mrs Cullen. The Chairperson invited Mrs S. Nicholas to say a few closing words and she duly praised the great leadership that is evident in this district. She agreed that there is a need to work as a collective. She gave an example of a community who let its voice be heard regarding detective shortages and vehicles and as a result received the action required!

It was as a result of the CPFs pushing 18 months for a stronger collaboration between the City, Provincial Government and SAPS when it comes to dealing with crime that today the stats show that serious crimes such as extortion are being addressed.

She echoed the message of the guest speaker saying that if the community of Fish Hoek wants change for the better, then they must also play their part and report crime and unacceptable issues that impact on their safety to the proper authorities, through their NH structures, the CPF etc. as highlighted earlier by the Chairperson. The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50.

Next meeting will be held at a date and time to be announced.



Chairman - Andre Blom

22 November 2024

Date