

PENNINGTON RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - PRRA

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

29th of May 2014 at the Relton Hall, Pennington

The Chairman, Jan van Hilten, welcomed everyone and formally introduced the Committee.

1. Apologies were received from the Municipal Manager and 12 members who were unable to attend but had returned proxy forms. A total of 46 members were present with 7 having joined at the door, making a total representation of 58 in all. The Chairman pointed out that the total Membership now exceeded 180, a very satisfactory situation but there was always room for further improvement.

2. Minutes of the March 2013 General Meeting had previously been circulated and were duly approved, proposed by Anton Hawkes and seconded by Jane Downey

3. The Chairman's Report was illustrated by a Power Point presentation that highlighted the key issues:

- The general approach being taken by the Association in its dealings with the Municipality, i.e. co-operation and constructive engagement, preferably on a person-to-person basis.
- The fact that the Association is a-political and cooperates with like-minded bodies such as the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, the Conservancy, Positive Pennington etc.
- The status quo of the Dolphin Drive Pump Station project, currently expected to be completed somewhere around July 2015 due to further complications encountered, including the need to permanently shore up the excavation.
- The continued Ingress of storm water into the sewage system and the apparent inability of UGU to provide details of existing connections, making it difficult for both the Municipality and the PRRA to take this further but, the Association would persevere nonetheless. Mention was also made of the fact that UGU's much publicised Water Pressure Management System was not working in parts of Pennington.
- The resurfacing of Pennington Drive and construction of the walkway, as intimated at the March 2013 General Meeting, was well underway/in part complete which was very satisfying.
- The PRRA's response to the proposed expanded Umdoni Point development had been previously circulated. It was pointed out that the overriding principle should be that no one is against expansion of the rates base provided such expansion was in conformity with all applicable regulations and that the Community was given the opportunity to provide its input. The Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs or DAEA had meanwhile instructed that the compilation of the comments made by Interested and Affected Parties be submitted to these Parties for further comment before being transmitted to the Department.

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4. Pennington Maintenance issues were presented by the PRRA Secretary, Mrs Olive Goll who emphasized the need to keep the Association informed of any complaints Members might lodge with the Municipality themselves since 'if we do not know, we cannot assist'. Complaints can be lodged through the Ward Councillor, Mr Kenny Armugam, or directly with the Municipality. Matters of interest include

- defunct street lights
- deteriorating road conditions – potholes
- uncut verges and blocked gutters (here there is much we can do ourselves as well!)
- illegal dumping (please take pictures if possible to identify those responsible)

We cannot assure members that we can resolve issues but we can and will continually draw attention to them.

5. The Treasurer Mr Allan Cooper then presented the Annual Accounts, also previously circulated, that indicated a surplus carried forward of R 11,046.00. More than enough for the Association's current needs and as such the Committee had decided not to ask for membership fees for 2014, with the proviso that new Members however pay the membership fee. The accounts were duly accepted as per the proposal of Olive Goll, seconded by Liz Edmonds

6. Election of Committee Members.

6.1 Messrs Lennox, Cooper and van Hilten retired by rotation with the latter two being available for re-election but Mr Lennon had indicated his wish to stand down. Continuing members were Mesdames Downey and Goll and Mr Anton Hawkes. The Secretary thanked Mr Lennox for his valued services over the years and expressed the hope his experience and expertise would still be available to the PRRA from time to time. The meeting applauded Mr Lennox and wished him well.

6.2 Mr Dorian Dowsett who had previously been co-opted to the Committee was duly confirmed as a full member by a show of hands by those present.

6.3 The Secretary, Mrs Olive Goll, then read out the names of potential Committee Members who had been duly proposed and seconded as follows: Mr Allan Cooper, Mr Jan van Hilten, Mr Marcel Verleur and Mr Michael Eardley. These were duly confirmed as incoming Committee Members by a show of hands by those present.

6.4 The Secretary, Mrs Olive Goll, then read out the names of the 2014/15 Committee: Mesdames Downey and Goll, Messrs Cooper, Dowsett, Eardley, Hawkes, van Hilten and Verleur. Officers of the Association would be elected at the first Committee meeting and Members informed accordingly.

7. Policing Forum. Mr Gordon Lennox presented an overview of the crime statistics as made available by the South African Police Service or SAPS. The Chairman then announced that following Mr Lennox's retirement the Forum would be part of the PRRA with a PRRA Committee Member taking responsibility for it. He advised that SAPS were keen to repeat the security briefings for

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domestic workers – the one held on May 20th was well attended and was considered to have been a success.

8. Festive Season Controls. The Chairman advised review and discussion with relevant parties was continuous and ongoing but made it clear that any decision to introduce controls or close beaches was entirely the decision of the SAPS. In response to a question as to why the Municipality did not make such decisions it was pointed out that the staff complement of the Umdoni Protection Services is far too small to be able to enforce any such decisions and as such depends on the SAPS for back-up.

9. Any other business. The Treasurer, Mr Allan Cooper, referred to continuing questions around the use of monies collected by the previous Association for policing support. He therefore had reconstituted the accounts in question which demonstrated that total receipts during 2007-2011 for what was known as Bobbies on the Beat had been R 39,178.00 in various forms. The total expenditure had been R 37,385.00 which left a balance carried forward to the new PRRA of R 1,793.00. The incoming Policing Forum Representative would explore with the SAPS what assistance if any the Association could provide them for the 2014/15 Festive Season.

The Chairman then thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 18.45 PM.

Signed

Chairman