

PLETTENBERG BAY RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
ON 14th DECEMBER 2021 AT 17h30
AT THE PIESANG VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL

WELCOME:

The Chairman, Peter Gaylard, opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors.

ATTENDANCE:

A quorum, being a minimum of 50 members present, having been achieved the meeting was declared Constitutional and able to proceed.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from 17 members were noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 19 DECEMBER 2019:

The Minutes of the AGM of 19 December 2019 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true copy of proceedings.

Proposed by: Oliver Rissik Seconded by: Christo Vlok

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Peter Gaylard delivered his year-end report which covered the major activities of the Association for the past two years –

Municipal Governance: It has been a busy couple years as corruption and bad governance has escalated ...

Council Priorities: We realize that the new council has their hands full, but we believe there are actions council needs to attend to urgently

Supporters: Implementation of a "Supporter" membership affiliation to involve, and enable us to represent, ALL of Bitou

Signal Hill: Among many town planning issues, the development of a boutique hotel just below Signal Hill is being closely monitored.

Airport: Discussions were held to find the way forward to re-open the airport, and as a result, commercial flights have resumed.

Voter Education: It is council's performance as a whole that we are concerned with, not just the ruling party's.

Thanks: We express our appreciation for the work done on our behalf by Martin Brassey in handling and guiding our legal and litigation activities over the past two years.

Thanks and appreciation to all the members of the EXCO for their time and expertise to attend to the affairs of the Association and to the monitoring of the performance and service delivery of the municipality.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports for the year ended 31st December 2019 as well as 2020 were presented by the treasurer, Genevieve Frost and approved.

Proposed by: Steve Pattinson Seconded by: Peter Pyke

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022

It was RESOLVED to maintain the membership fees for 2022 at R600 per annum.

RATIFY SUPPORTERS RESOLUTION

The resolution circulated and approved by members in September was unanimously ratified.

RATIFY POSTPONEMENT OF 2020 AGM

It was resolved to retroactively approve last year's 2020 AGM postponement due to Covid restrictions.

ELECTION OF EXCO MEMBERS FOR 2022:

The following EXCO members were duly re-elected for the year 2022: Peter Gaylard, Debi Nicholson, Len Swimmer, Peter Pyke, Steve Pattinson, Stuart Comline, Genevieve Frost, Christo Vlok and John Williams. Peter Gaylard thanked all the EXCO members for their willingness to serve another term of office.

Oliver Rissik having served on the EXCO for the past 10 years indicated he will take retirement. Peter Gaylard paid tribute to him for his many years of exemplary service. He will be sorely missed for his knowledge and expertise. We wish him well in his retirement.

Guest Speaker Martin Brassey SC. Mr. Brassey spoke about the RA's outstanding litigation, that the three cases accomplished what we intended, and we are now approaching the new council to settle the cases to save ratepayers further expense.

Questions and Answers: Concerns were raised about the appearance of Plettenberg Bay and its safety, including non-functioning Main Street street lights, municipal buildings in need of paint, more effective speed humps on Longships, dead carcasses on the beach, etc.

There being no further business Peter Gaylard closed the meeting at 18:15

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHAIRMAN