



A Special Area

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the Harfield Village Association
held on the 14th August, 2013, at 19h00 at The Methodist Church 2nd Ave**

- 1. Welcome** The Chairman of the Association, Mr James Fernie, opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone. He noted it was gratifying to see such good attendance at the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out to support the association. Although Cllr Matthew Kempthorne and Cllr Ian Iverson were unable to attend the meeting, he thanked them for their hard work and support during the year. A special welcome was conveyed to guest speakers. James thanked the church for allowing us to use their premises. He also thanked the past committee, supportive residents and businesses for their work during the year. James stated that the evening proceedings were not going to be about patting everyone on the back for what had been achieved, but was about sharing with everyone the plans going forward to make the village cleaner, safer and more beautiful place. This was warmly acknowledged by the residents in a round of applause.
- 2. Apologies** Cllr Kempthorne, Cllr Iverson, Daniella Leigh, Julian Jackson, Nikki Evans, Melanie Lamb, Caroline Constant, Tina Gough, Ingrid Riemeyer
- 4.Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 30 August 2013 were proposed by Noel Botha and seconded by Gail Brown There were no matters arising from the minutes
- 4. Financial report** James thanked Ingrid Riemeyer for keeping excellent accounting records and noted that the association was in a strong financial position, despite having spent a fair amount on parks and various up-liftment projects in the village. Thanks to the auditors Vassen & Associates. For the Financials attached. The main fund raiser is the Annual HVA carnival and we look forward to a bumper Carnival in March. The membership drive had also made a significant contribution with 60 business members being signed up and many more civic memberships.
- 5.Chairman's** James indicated that the Association Constitution was done in 2000 and the main framework was to maintain the special character of Harfield

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Village. The committee is in the process of consolidating and setting short and long term goals and looking to extend the framework of the committee and invited residents to come forward with suggestions or to stand on sub- committees to assist with this program. Mr Fernie gave a brief overview of the main issues and events which are detailed in the Chairman's report - attached.

Mr Fernie gave special thanks to student, Adam Sutherland who now keeps our database. He is paid a small amount to do this. He also thanked Kate Colsell for assisting with correspondence to new business members.

Thanks were also made to the many Harfielder's who gave so willingly to the Philippi outreach after the flooding and 2 vans of goods were taken to the them. James stated that we would like to continue these outreach programs and would like to take more residents out into the communities we would like to grant support to.

6.Other Business

James requested that all residents make use of the Cities C3 complaint forums to report problems in the village and advised that we would again send out a newsletter on how to go about using these.

The committee was congratulated on the broader perspective, the outreach work and the strategic partnerships that were being formed.

The proposed medical center in 2nd Ave was raised as an issue that should have been objected to by the HVA – the residents did put in an objection but received no response.

Parking and traffic in 2nd ave is an ongoing problem and it was suggested that a letter be sent to council advising that they would be held liable for any accidents due to the failure to address this issue.

The Development in Imam Haron Road will be going ahead and the island in front of Oblivion will be cleared. We need to address the issue of access to businesses in the road as well as in and out of Harfield while the work on the My Citi bus route is underway.

Pick n Pay will also be going ahead and the resulting traffic issues also needs to be looked at.

**7.CID Guest
Speaker Bruce
Burmeister**

James introduced Bruce and stated that the CID proposal was probably one of the most exciting projects that we have on the go and that it would have major long term benefits for Harfield Village.

Bruce is the Chairman of the CID in Rondebosch but has his business in Harfield Village. He has offered to spearhead a similar system in Harfield. Bruce explained the basics of how the system works and asked for a mandate from the residents to engage in negotiations with the main security service providers in the area. A large showing of hands indicated that the community enthusiastically supported this. Bruce will go ahead and report back to the community by the end of September.

The community was asked to appoint street representative who would act as a liaison and who would assist with obtaining information and signing up members to the CID – some members volunteered and were given information packs – more will still be needed in the future.

**8.Forming
community
Guest Speaker
Sheryl Ozinski
of Oranjezicht
City Farm**

Sheryl gave a wonderful talk and slideshow on how the community in Oranjezicht came together, much as we are doing in Harfield and that the Oranjezicht City Farm was a result of the interaction. It has fostered a wonderful community spirit and a better and safer place to live. The message of how we can all bring about change in our daily lives by taking conscious decisions and actioning them was wildly inspiring.

**9.OurHoodApp
Guest Speaker
Emily Skinstad**

Emily gave a brief overview on the free – Our Hood App, that works on your mobile phone, and how it can benefit the community by become a central point of organized communication. She urged everyone to try it out. There are already 30 Harfield users on this app.

**10.Recycling
and Bokashi
Buckets by
Francine Becker**

Following on from Sheryl's message Francine spoke briefly on how we can recycle better in Harfield and that we were starting a Bokashi Bucket system with a strategic partner. Anybody wishing to get involved or know more was invited to speak to Francine after the meeting or to contact her via the committee or Facebook page.

**11. Election of
Committee**

The election of the COMMITTEE MEMBERS was over seen by Damien Mocke.

The following were nominated and voted as new committee members.

James Fernie – Chairman

Andrew Cole – Vice Chairman

Daniela Leigh – Treasurer

Jenny Wolhuter – Secretary

Ordinary members were: Francine Becker and Gail Brown

12. Closure

The meeting ended at 20H30

