

PRINCE ALBERT

Ratepayers' & Residents' Association
Belastingbetalers- & Inwonersvereniging



Annual General Meeting

20 September 2016

Minutes

In Attendance:

Rai Verran, Mark Steyn, Di Steyn, Suzelle Koorts, Andre Goosen, Mari du Toit, Trudy Brain, Vic Tickner, Anneleen Vorster, Stephanus de Kock, Carol Tissiman, Eric Ahrens, Richard Waterston, Julie Lavender, Sandra Meyer, Ian Canning, Sandy Farmer, Barbara Castle, Barbara Gorniak, Mariana Botes, Dorrien Tissiman

1. Welcome and Apologies

PARRA Chairperson Hugh Forsyth welcomed all present and thanked members for their attendance. Apologies from Lydia Barella and Linda Jaquet were tabled. The Chairperson extended a special welcome to Anneleen Vorster representing the Prince Albert Municipality (PAM).

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 15 September 2015

The minutes of the AGM held in September 2015 were confirmed.

3. Housekeeping Note.

The Chairperson reminded those present that as a matter of housekeeping at the end of the meeting members would be required to elect office bearer's for the year to follow, as well as renew their membership for R20.00.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that as at the 20th September 2016, PARRA membership and finances were as follows:

Paid Up Members	13
Opening cash balance	R 284.40
Plus Membership Fees	R 260.00
Total	<u>R 544.40</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Hire of hall	R 200.00
Donation to Neighbourhood watch	R 135.00
Total Expenses	<u>R 335.00</u>
Closing cash balance	R 209.40
Savings account balance	R 552.00

6. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson delivered his report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annexure "A"

7. New Business raised by Members

7.1. Leaking Leiwater furrow Nuwe Street

Sandy Farmer raised the issue of the continued leak of the leiwater furrow in Nuwe Street. It was agreed that the Kweekvalleij Water Users Association (KWUA) would look into this. The cleaning of the leiwater furrows was also raised, and the Chairperson of the KWUA pointed out that the association was responsible for the maintenance of the furrows, not for removing litter from the furrows. She suggested that it is a civic responsibility of the community to remove litter from the furrows as and when necessary.

7.2 Municipal By-laws regarding loitering

Ferdi Coetzee raised the issue of continual loitering of individuals outside the Spar Supermarket. The latter harass customers as they enter and exit the shop, and management are continually asked by customers to do something about the situation.

After extensive discussion in this regard, during which it was pointed out that there also is harassment of patrons outside certain restaurants and coffee shops, Anneleen Vorster from PAM advised that there were no promulgated by-laws regarding loitering, and she pointed that this should be raised as an issue for inclusion in the IDP.

7.3 Presentation from Aneleen Vorster on behalf of PAM

7.3.1 Ward Committees

Ms Vorster gave an informative presentation on the PAM's initiative to make the Ward Committees more effective in representing civic and community issues. She pointed out that each ward would be divided into geographic blocks, and representatives of these Blocks needed to be nominated by the community. It was noted that not all residents had received notification of this initiative, and Ms Vorster undertook to rectify this. The deadline for nomination of Block representatives was 23rd September 2016. (subsequently extended to 30th October 2016).

7.3.2 PAM Social Media Communication Initiative

Ms Vorster pointed out that the "knock & drop" communication methodology previously adopted by the PAM was not effective. She advised that accordingly the PAM would now communicate with residents via social media channels such as cell phone texting, email and Facebook, where possible.

7.3.3 Radio Gamka weekly slot

Ms Vorster advised that the PAM had secured a weekly slot on this radio station specifically for the PAM. She pointed out that this was a method whereby residents and the community could hold the PAM accountable for its mandate.

7.3.4 Integrated Development Planning Meetings

Ms Vorster appealed to residents to please attend these meetings, as the input of residents and the community at large is critical.

7.3.5 Additional By-laws

Ms Vorster advised that two new by-laws would be promulgated shortly, namely the Credit Control Policy and The Land Use Scheme.

7.3.6 Domestic Animals

Ms Vorster reminded residents that in terms of municipal by-laws, dogs must be on a leash when walked in public spaces, including koppies and mountains. She also reminded residents that in terms of the applicable by-law, a maximum of two dogs per household is permitted.

7.3.7 Land Use

Ms Vorster advised that in future municipalities will be compelled by law to institute court proceeding against individuals or parties who do not adhere to land use zoning regulations.

7.3.8 Adult Parks

Ms Vorster urged all residents to make us of the numerous recently completed adult parks.

7.3.9 Access Centre

Ms Vorster pointed out that the previously much maligned Access Centre equipped with significant resources, and she urged residents to make use of the centre.

7.3.10 Prince Albert Drought Area

Ms Vorster reminded residents that Prince Albert remained in a declared drought area. She added that the PAM had received

7.3.11 Joint project between PAM and University of Stellenbosch

Ms Vorster advised that the abovementioned parties are in a joint initiative to identify a project which will stimulate the local PA economy and benefit the entire community.

7.3.12 Road closures

Ms Vorster asked that when residents request that roads be closed for functions (such as the visiting Porsche Motor Car Club) and other functions, the PAM be given adequate lead time to make the necessary arrangements and announcements. She pointed out that the closure of public roads is not a simple matter.

7.3.13 Water restrictions

In response to a question regarding the construction of the new water reservoir at the southerly end of town, Ms Vorster reminded residents that water restrictions are still in place. It was suggested to Ms Vorster by residents that it would be prudent for the PAM to send out a communication to residents in this regard as it appeared that many residents are not adhering to the restrictions.

8. Election of Office Bearer's

The following office bearers were re-elected:

Hugh Forsyth	Chairman
Richard Waterston	ExCo Member
Eric Ahrens	Secretary