

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD AT SURELINK WEALTH OFFICES ON MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT:                      Rowan White                      Chairman  
   Dylan Horn                      Treasurer  
   Pam Read                      Secretary

Jim Read, Rob van Heerden, Rob Evans, Greg Dreyer, Chris Withers, Dion Curtis, Mark Dent, Mike Kretzmann, Samantha Green, Noel Thompson, Marlene Daly and Chris Norman.

1. WELCOME: Rowan welcomed all present to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Clarendon Community Association and due to Covid-19 regulations it was decided that the AGM would be restricted to committee members together with proxies to obtain a quorum. The Minutes and Financials from the meeting would be circulated to the membership via email and displayed on the CCA website. Rowan made a special welcome to Samantha Green and Mike Kretzmann.

Proxies were received which constituted a quorum according to the CCA Constitution.

2. APOLOGIES: Craig Smith, Derek Butler, Rouen Bruni Wayne King and John Kassner.
3. MINUTES OF THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 10 NOVEMBER 2020: These having been previously circulated were taken as read. They were proposed by Jim Read and seconded by Mark Dent and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT :

Rowan thanked all present at the meeting and acknowledged the committee members who have been part of all the decision making processes of the CCA as well as all contributing households in the Clarendon area, without whom we would not be able to fulfil all the duties of the association and attend to all the neglected municipal obligations and responsibilities, together with the safety and security needs of the community.

Clarendon experienced a significant spike in burglaries from November 2020 to February 2021 with a total of 15 reported burglaries in that period, with 3 in November 2020, 3 in December 2020, 7 in January 2021 and 6 in February 2021, and a reduction in incidents with 1 in March, 1 in April, 1 in May, 1 in June and July respectively, at the same premises where a suspect was apprehended by Magma armed response officers. A note of concern is that, of all the 24 burglaries that have taken place in Clarendon, only one residence had an alarm and was contracted to an armed response company. However, by comparison to the period from October 2019 to October 2020 where we experienced 31 reported burglaries, it appears that crime in our area was significantly reduced.

Thermal and infrared motion sensor camera installations have been completed and monitor any movement in and from the Villiers Drive conservancy, with instant notifications being sent directly to the Magma patrol vehicle for appropriate action. There have not been any incursions through this area since this installation was completed; however the fence line, along Villiers Drive and below Hilltops Office Park has been cut on a few occasions with a positive burglary being recorded from this area. Options to fortify this particular area will be considered.

The July unrest was nothing that anyone could have imagined possible, but the social unity and cohesion that emerged amongst residents from the chaos was something very special. We were able to secure the Clarendon neighbourhood, through the efforts of volunteers and strangers,

who arrived to man roadblocks at the Roberts Rd Bridge and Prestbury entrance to the neighbourhood, 24/7, and ensure that the neighbourhood was secure and our families safe. The efforts of everyone who sacrificed sleep and family time at these points and those who supplied food and warm drinks to the roadblocks need to be acknowledged. There were a few significant people who really stood out in terms of the structuring and organisation of the roadblocks and the patrols; Derek Butler, Dion Curtis, Rob Evans, Michael Kretzmann were all thanked for their efforts.

A motion sensor camera, sponsored by Conrad Thatcher, owner of Athlone and Victoria Pick n Pay out of gratitude for helping secure his shops during the unrest, was installed between the Willows and Eldorado flats off Cordwalles Drive. This camera now monitors any movement and incursions between the flats from the stream, which is accessible from under the Roberts Rd Bridge and affords access into the heart of the neighbourhood. Magma and Mi7 will monitor alerts from this camera.

Pam Read and her team were thanked for maintaining our common areas and gardens.

Dylan Horn was thanked for keeping all the association finances in-check.

Rowan thanked all the other CCA committee members namely Jim Read, Greg Dreyer, Dion Curtis, Rob Evans, Derek Butler, Chris Withers, John Kassner, Chris Norman, Mark Dent, Noel Thompson, Rouen Bruni, Marlene Daly, Rob Van Heerden who have all given so freely of their time to offer input during meetings, decision making processes and all the unseen duties affiliated with the Clarendon Community Association.

Rowan extended well wishes and thanks to Rob Van Heerden who has resigned from the committee, due to relocating, after many years in service of the Clarendon Community.

Ross Strachan, our ward councillor, was thanked for his support of the Clarendon community and ever present hand in holding the municipality accountable.

## 5. FINANCE – DYLAN

### 5.1. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS :

Dylan presented the Financial Statements, attached hereto.

They were proposed by Chris Withers and seconded by Mark Dent and adopted.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING:

### 6.1. RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MARRC has been in the news of late and have really been busy trying to gain relevance and respect from the municipality. They planned picketing outside the city hall protesting the sponsorship of Maritzburg United. We discussed our reservations about the effectiveness of picketing and will need to establish the community's opinion pertaining to a more effective way of protesting, possibly a collective delay in rates payments.

Sam Green has recently been co-opted as our MARRC representative and reports as follows:

Samantha reported on MARCC. Their focus was on trying to prevent R27 million being donated to the soccer club. MARCC proposed picketing and she conveyed her concern that this would not be effective.

She said she was keen for residents to consider collectively delaying rates payments and has spoken to a lawyer who has advised that he can't see that the municipality would cut services.

Rowan reiterated that the only way we can make a difference is by collectively manipulating our rates and utility payments but unfortunately withholding rates is illegal.

Rowan thanked Samantha for her report.

6.2. STREET LIGHTS:

The municipality had given assurance that the street lights would be attended to on 27 September 2021 but there was no sign of any municipal electricians or subcontractors in the neighbourhood at the time of the meeting.

6.3. POT HOLES :

Potholes repairs were undertaken recently after repeated reporting to the municipality, who ironically began repairs to the main thoroughfare roads, on the same day as Duzi asphaltting were busy in Clarendon.

Moreland Road: Noel suggested that before we fix the potholes the large stones should be removed as they may be the cause of the potholes opening up prematurely.

7. CLARENDON CRIME STATISTICS :

3	Theft
5	Fraud
13	Attempted burglary
6	Vehicle theft
2	Robbery
24	Burglary

8. SECURITY REPORT: Dion reported and said that he was humbled by the way the community got together in such a short space of time during the recent unrest and looting and thanked each and every one involved. He said that the SAPS were overrun and didn't have the basic necessities to attend to the level of unrest. The number of neighbourhood patrollers grew from an initial team of 65 to 141 overnight.

Emergency response teams have been established consisting of 30 people, with the neighbourhood being divided into 2 sectors, namely Voortrekker Rd East (Clarendon/Wembley) – Sector 1 : Voortrekker West (Prestbury) – Sector 2. We are organised and ready to shut down and secure the neighbourhood, should we encounter any further problems in the future.

Magma and Mi7 guards – We are very grateful to have both prominent companies in the neighbourhood. Acknowledgment and thanks were conveyed to all of the people who donated food and coffee at the roadblocks. The reason we don't have active neighbourhood patrols currently is that we have Magma, Mi7 and Peters Security in the neighbourhood who patrol our area regularly. Should there be any sign of crime escalating then we will activate and structure formal rosters and regular patrols, based on accurate intelligence and need assessment. Thanks to Mike Kretzmann and Warren van Niekerk who have brought fresh ideas and knowledge to our security committee.

9. TELEGRAM GROUPS :

Security currently has 460 members and the Chat group 512 members.

10. Mi7 and MAGMA :

The MAGMA patrolling initiative is still working well and our crime stats bear testimony to our ongoing security program.

Mi7 have also emerged as a serious force in neighbourhood security and certainly made their mark during the unrest. We would encourage all residents who do not have an armed response company to seriously also consider Mi7 as their preferred security company, as it will serve in the interest of the greater Clarendon community to have an additional security company, together with Magma, securing our neighbourhood and homes. We would like to encourage a sufficient number of homes to contract Mi7, to ensure that patrolling our neighbourhood is a financially viable initiative for Mi7 well into the future.

11. CCA MEMBERSHIP: Pam said current membership stands at 318 which represent approximately 58% of all the homes in Clarendon.

12. COMMITTEE 2022 :

Chairman – Rowan White

Treasurer – Dylan Horn

Secretary – Pam Read

CPF representatives – Rowan White and Jim Read

Security Committee – Rob Evans, Greg Dreyer, Dion Curtis, Derek Butler, Warren van Niekerk and Mike Kretzmann

Street lights – Craig Smith

Potholes – Mark Dent and Chris Norman

MARCC representative – Samantha Green

Worlds View – Chris Withers

Committee: Marlene Daly, Rouen Bruni, Rob Evans, Noel Thompson

Rob van Heerden and John Kassner both tendered their resignations.

13. GENERAL :

FORESTS – WORLDS VIEW: Chris Withers said there are two security companies who have increased their presence in the forest above Wykeham Collegiate.

14. CLOSURE: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 18h45.

CHAIRMAN : .....DATE : .....