

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, HELD AT CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROBERTS ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT:                      Rowan White                      Chairman  
                                      Dylan Horn                        Treasurer  
                                      Pam Read                         Secretary

And 80 Residents

1. WELCOME:

Rowan welcomed those in attendance to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. He welcomed our Ward Councillor Ross Strachan and the previous councillor Glenn MacArthur, who he formally thanked for the assistance in cutting up a huge tree that had fallen across Villiers Drive the previous night. He also welcomed the current Townhill Community Policing Forum Chairman James Martin, and the other CPF representatives, Rex Boreham and Louise Madgwick and security company representatives. Rowan mentioned that the previous AGMs for 2020 and 2021, were held with only the committee members present due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions, with proxies received to attain the necessary quorum as stipulated by the CCA Constitution. The Minutes and Financials from the meetings were circulated to the membership via email and displayed on the CCA website.

2. APOLOGIES:

10 Apologies were received.

A quorum, as stipulated in the CCA Constitution shall be no less than 10% of the total membership or not less than 10 members, whichever is the greater. A quorum was attained.

3. MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 27 September 2021 were circulated, on 29 October 2021, directly after the AGM held last year, and again on the Telegram Chat group on 4 October 2022. Minutes were signed by the Chairman, proposed by Rob Evans and seconded by Mark Dent.

4. WARD COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK:

Ross Strachan gave an overview of what is happening in the municipality and some feedback from his side.

He said we have had a couple of tough years and this country has suffered with COVID and the July unrest, where residents were required to protect themselves and their communities. As South Africans, we have become resilient.

Our municipality has gone backwards and Clarendon is looking after themselves. Msunduzi municipality is still under administration and we now have our fourth administrator. National Treasury is running with a financial recovery plan.

Ross concluded by thanking everyone in this community for their support. Rowan thanked Ross for his report.

5. CPF FEEDBACK:

The CPF Chairman, James Martin, gave a brief overview of the functions and responsibilities of the CPF. He also mentioned that members of the CPF had been actively involved in improving the gardens around the police station, repainting walls and repairing the damaged roof, all of which has restored our relationship with SAPS, but our main focus is on crime. He said the CPF is also in discussions with SANRAL. The CPF has a good relationship with security companies and are on standby for any future unrest.

He congratulated the leadership in Clarendon as a community and the support for the CPF.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Rowan thanked everyone for their attendance, he formally thanked all the contributing households, without whom the CCA 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. He emphasized the importance of the association having the capacity to finance a private contractor to remove refuse on 5 October 2022, during the illegal municipal worker strike. He urged residents to remind the waste collectors, when they come knocking for their Christmas bonus, that it was spent on the 5 October 2022 when they were busy trashing the city centre.

Rowan said that crime has been on the steady decline in the past 3 years, and he would present comparative crime schematics, later in the presentation.

Most thermal and motion sensor camera installations have been completed and all movement is monitored in and from the Villiers Drive conservancy, with instant notifications being sent for appropriate action. There is further motion sensor and thermal camera installation, scheduled at 25 Villiers Drive that will provide further coverage of the conservancy. These camera placements have been strategically placed to curb any incursions from Tomlinson Road Bridge, which has previously been identified as the main entry point from the Prestbury side into the neighbourhood during burglaries.

A motion sensor camera, which was sponsored by Victoria Pick n Pay out of gratitude for helping secure his shops during the July unrest, was installed between the Willows and Eldorado flats off Cordwalles Drive. This camera monitors any movement and incursions between the flats from the stream, which is accessible from under the Roberts Rd Bridge and affords access behind the flats in Roberts Rd and into the heart of the neighbourhood. He said that he would show a schematic of the cameras later in the presentation.

Rowan thanked Pam Read, for all that she does to keep the association running and relevant, and to her team for maintaining our common areas and gardens, and arranging to have all the waste collected during the municipal worker's strike, on 5 October 2022.

He thanked the Treasurer, Dylan Horn, for keeping all the association finances in-check.

He extended thanks to all committee members namely Jim Read, Greg Dreyer, Dion Curtis, Rob Evans, Derek Butler, Chris Withers, Brett Croeser, Chris Norman, Karen Rosenberg, Sonya Carrol, Mark Dent, Rouen Bruni, Marlene Daly, John Kassner and Noel Thompson 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.

He thanked Ross Strachan, our Ward Councillor, for his support of the Clarendon community and ever present hand in holding the municipality accountable.

7. FINANCE:

Dylan presented the association's finances which were approved and signed.

8. MATTERS ARISING:

8.1. Street lights: Rowan urged all residents to regularly check on street lights outside their homes and to report any faults via WhatsApp to Mark Dent on 0834426360, and to please title the message with 'Clarendon Street lights'. A well-lit neighbourhood is a safe one!

8.2. Litter: Rowan asked all residents to ensure that verges are clear of litter, both from an aesthetic perspective but also one of security, and while out walking to please try and collect at least 3 items of litter that may be lying around and discard in the bins. We unfortunately have visitors to our area that discard litter in the area even around the litter bins. Please also educate staff members to please not discard litter and rather use the bins available, it really is a big problem.

8.3. Pot holes: Rowan said that potholes repairs were recently financed by Konica Minolta, and extended thanks to them, and the most recent repairs and speed hump installation were undertaken by the CCA, after repeated reporting to the municipality. Painting of all the humps in the area would be undertaken soon.

8.4. Water leaks: Rowan said that there are a number of water leaks in the area that have been reported constantly but there does not seem to be any urgency on the municipality's part unless there is a major pipe burst. These leaks include 159 Villiers Drive, 73 Roberts Rd (Holland Hill), 14 Roberts Rd (Monaco flats). He said that should there be any major pipe bursts to please report it via the safe city App or through the call centre, and put a notice out on the chat group with the reference number together with photos and or videos, in order for Ross to follow up with the relevant managers for attention.

8.5. Recycling: Residents in free standing homes, complexes and flats were urged to seriously consider recycling. The volume of refuse that had to be removed on 5 October 2022 was astounding and the mild inconvenience of recycling is well within reach of all homes. Recycling has multiple advantages, easing the pressure on the landfill site, clearing all the residual waste is much easier in the event of a municipal strike and importantly we will be supporting a local entrepreneur, Musa, who collects recycling consistently every Tuesday from 08H00. Tetrapaks, polystyrene and glass is received by Pam Read and delivered to Wildlands, at the Hilton quarry centre, on a monthly basis. Should you require a list of all recyclable items that Musa collects, please contact Pam, we will also publish this list on the Telegram chat group.

9. CLARENDON CRIME STATISTICS:

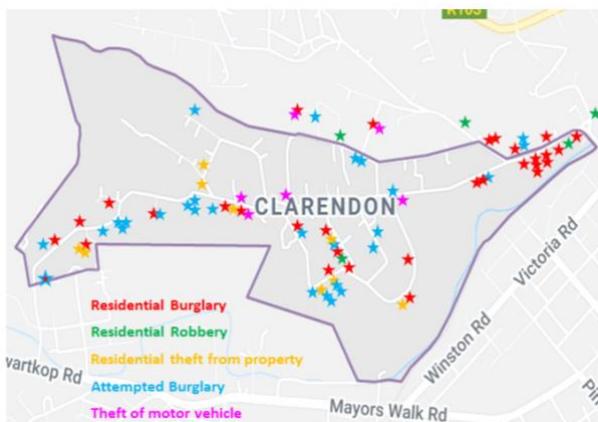
Rowan said that we were in a very fortunate position where we have 3 prominent security companies that visibly patrol and have vehicles stand-off in the Clarendon area, namely Mi7, AET and MAGMA. He encouraged residents who do not have an armed response company to seriously consider one of these companies as their preferred security provider; their presence has definitely made a massive impact to the crime in the area. In acknowledgment of the commitment to patrols and the visibility of their vehicles, he said that the association offered

a discounted association fee if contracted to one of these companies, in order to keep security costs low and the safety of the family as a priority. Rowan stressed that security should be made a priority before becoming a victim of crime.

Rowan presented comparative crime schematics for the past 3 years which has shown a very impressive decline and a fair reflection of where we stand as a community with all our crime fighting initiatives.

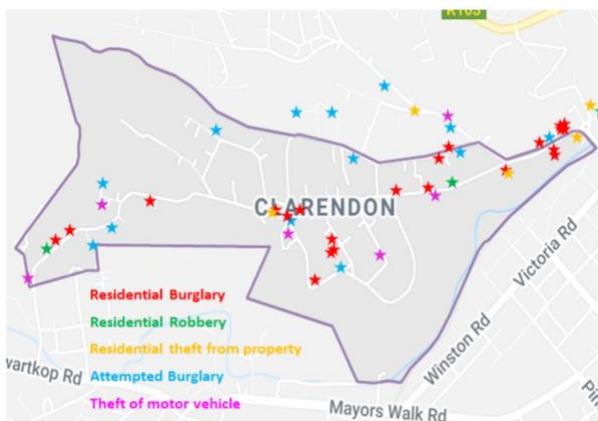
### October 2019-October 2020

- 30 residential burglaries
- 3 robbery
- 6 residential theft
- 21 attempted burglaries
- 6 theft of motor vehicle



### October 2020-October 2021

- 20 burglaries
- 2 robberies
- 8 residential theft
- 5 theft of motor vehicle



### October 2021-October 2022

- 7 residential burglaries
- 2 robberies
- 7 residential theft

- 4 attempted burglaries
- 8 theft of motor vehicle



10. SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Store all valuables in a safe place and out of sight from windows.

Ensure your alarm is armed while sleeping or away from home, test it regularly.

Early warning measures are installed and functional, these include beams, Roboguards or motion sensor cameras.

Discuss remote panic buttons with your security company

Never exit your property to investigate noises outside, always contact your security company.

Ensure that there is adequate lighting around your house; rechargeable globes are cheap and very effective during load shedding.

Ensure that interleading doors are locked when away from home to restrict free access in the event of a burglary.

Ensure your verge is free of any litter, crime syndicates have been known to mark properties for burglaries with items left on the verge.

Check on neighbours' alarm activation and barking dogs.

Advise your neighbours when you are away from home.

Ensure your boundary fencing is a sufficient deterrent, especially if you live adjacent to a conservancy.

Report any suspicious vehicles or behaviour, on the Telegram security group.

Keep documentation of all past and present employees.

Consider installing gate motor anti-theft brackets.

11. TELEGRAM GROUPS:

The Telegram groups have been restricted to contributing homes only, the Security group had 475 members and the chat group had 479 members.

12. THERMAL AND MOTION SENSOR CAMERA INSTALLATION:

Thermal and motion sensor cameras have been installed to monitor the conservancy below Villiers Drive. These cameras have been strategically positioned to monitor all incursions that emanate from the Tomlinson Rd Bridge. Tomlinson Rd is the first road to the right off Mayors walk as you pass under the railway bridge heading into Prestbury, the bridge is located at the end and frequented by vagrants and Whoonga addicts. There is an access road from the bridge that leads right up to the property's in Villiers Drive below Hilltops office park. This area has been historically used to get into the neighbourhood and break into properties particularly in

2019/2020 where properties in Gloucester Rd were targeted. Another motion sensor camera has been installed to monitor the stream opposite Voortrekker School which gives access to the flats located in the lower Roberts Rd area. Notifications are received by the Magma patrol phone and selected residents.

13. CCA MEMBERSHIP:

Currently stands at 320 members and Rowan said this equates to roughly 56-57% of the neighbourhood being members. In order for the association to survive and to maintain standards, membership needs to be increased.

14. COMMITTEE FOR 2023:

Rowan took the opportunity to thank Greg Dreyer, who is unfortunately moving out of the area. Greg has been a very active member of the committee and instrumental at setting up the original neighbourhood watch and other security initiatives that we enjoy today.

The committee for 2023 includes:

Chairman	Rowan White
Secretary	Pam Read
Treasurer	Dylan Horn

Committee	Rob Evans
	Rouen Bruni
	Chris Withers
	Marlene Daly
	Karen Rosenberg
	Dion Curtis
	Derek Butler
	Mark Dent
	Jim Read
	Chris Norman
	Brett Croeser
	Noel Thompson
	Craig Smith
	John Kassner

15. CLOSURE:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 19h25

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