

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD AT CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROBERTS ROAD, ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT:                      Rowan White    Chairman  
                                     Dylan Horn    Treasurer  
                                     Pam Read     Secretary

85 Residents

1.        WELCOME:

Rowan welcomed everyone to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, noting that this was the second in person AGM since the pandemic restrictions were lifted and he thanked everyone for their attendance. Rowan extended a warm welcome to Ross Strachan, Captain Dean Jeary, Townhill SAPS station commander, James Martin, Townhill CPF chairman and Rex Boreham, Townhill CPF Exco member.

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

2.        APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Peter Fifield, Bridget Ellis, Rita Wormington, Craig Sadler, Derek Butler, Martin Potgieter, Colleen Nel and 12 others.

3.        MINUTES OF 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 12 October 2022 were circulated after the AGM in October 2022, and again on the Telegram Chat and Security groups, and are also readily available on the Clarendon community website. They were proposed by Rob Evans and seconded by Mark Dent

4.        WARD COUNCILLOR:

The Ward Councillor's report was delivered by Ross Strachan:

Ross said he is positive about some of what is happening in the province but we need to change what is going on in South Africa which needs the community to stand up and be active. Due to poor decision making and political influence our once beautiful city is deteriorating rapidly.

The issue of air pollution that has been raised by concerned residents needs urgent attention. FFS Oil Refinery is currently in a legal battle with the municipality. Ross said that he will be organising an oversight inspection and will raise it at both provincial and national government level.

Worlds View Forest. Since NCT left these forests have been looted and it is important to generate income from our forests. A forensic investigation is ongoing. He said there is an Agreement between Municipality and Safcol to manage these forests.

He said the municipality is heavily in debt and it is important to employ the right people to fix it, but they can spend R27 million on a soccer team.

Ross said 55% of people aged between 18-30 are not registered to vote. He stressed how important it is to vote and we should become active in promoting voting to change the circumstances.

5. CPF FEEDBACK:

The Townhill CPF report was delivered by CPF Chairman James Martin.

He said that the looting which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021, will probably not happen again as everybody took a knock. He is in close contact with the taxi industry and gets real time information pertaining to any threats. The CPF is very active and would be in a position to secure the neighbourhood in a very short space of time in the unlikely event that there is a repeat of the July 2021 unrest and residents should not be concerned.

He said the Townhill SAPS is struggling with a lack of staff and resources with staff absenteeism being a major challenge, and the CPF is doing what it can to help and he meets regularly with them.

He stressed that all crime should be reported as this assists with the deployment of resources to Townhill SAPS; unreported crime unfortunately misrepresents the actual crime statistics.

He said internet fraud is on the increase and everyone must be very careful when making online purchases.

Crime in Montrose has been on the rise and incursions have been taking place from the N3, with an increase of vagrants in the area being a huge challenge. He is working with Mi7 and Magma to install cameras that monitor any suspicious movement on the N3 corridor, with notifications being received by a response group.

He congratulated Clarendon on their crime stats which are the lowest in the Townhill precinct and said they are an example as to how communities should operate.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Rowan welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He thanked all the contributing households in the Clarendon area, 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.

Rowan indicated that crime had been on a steady decline over the past 4 years, and would share comparative crime schematics later in the presentation, but cautioned against complacency.

Thermal and motion sensor camera installations were working well, with the latest installation outside 25 Villiers Drive, comprising of both thermal and motion sensor cameras that monitor this area, which was previously out of the line of sight of the thermal cameras that were monitoring the Villiers Drive conservancy. These camera placements were strategically placed to curb any incursions from Tomlinson Road Bridge which was previously identified as the main entry point from Prestbury into the neighbourhood to break into homes. There has been a vantage point identified at Crestview flats which would be ideal for an additional thermal camera installation that would monitor the railway conservancy below the flats off Roberts Road, but this would need to be discussed and approved by the 2024 committee at the next meeting.

Pothole Paul had been doing his utmost to contain the pothole situation in the neighbourhood but this was an ongoing problem that may be too big for one person to handle and we may need to consider other options for the future and budget accordingly.

Rowan thanked Pam Read, for tirelessly doing what she does to keep the association running and relevant, and to her team for maintaining our common areas and gardens, collecting litter and rehabilitating the mess left by the municipality after water pipe repairs. The aloes that flower every winter in Clarendon have mostly been planted and tended by Pam and will be a mark of her legacy in the neighbourhood forever.

Rowan thanked Kevin Cockcroft for all the assistance given to Pam with all the neighbourhood maintenance needs, ensuring that CCA gardener Patrick was fully equipped, hydrated and fed, enabling him to tend to the Taunton Rd bank and Villiers Drive lookout point, among other areas.

Rowan thanked REMAX Midlands for sponsoring the labour costs for maintaining the Taunton Rd embankment upward from Tanner Rd. Patrick can always be seen hard at work every Wednesday on the Taunton Rd embankment.

Rowan extended thanks to Haloprop for sponsoring the maintenance of the Villiers Drive lookout area, he said that there has been a vast improvement and will it will be a spectacular sight in years to come when all the indigenous trees, which have been established by Kevin, Pam and the team, have all matured. He said that all of those who plant trees knowing that they may never stand in their shade have truly discovered the meaning of life.

Rowan thanked our treasurer, Dylan Horn, for keeping all the association finances in-check.

He extended thanks to all the committee members namely Jim Read, Dion Curtis, Rob Evans, Derek Butler, Chris Withers, Brett Croeser, Chris Norman, Mark Dent, Noel Thompson, Rouen Bruni, Marlene Daly, Karen Rosenberg who have all given so freely of their time to offer input during committee meetings, decision making processes and all the unseen duties affiliated with the smooth running of the Clarendon Community Association.

He thanked Ross Strachan and Jack Mthethwa, our Ward Councillor and Assistant Ward Councillor, for their support of the Clarendon community and ever-present hand in holding the municipality accountable. While not always readily noticeable on the chat groups, communications regarding community issues have been attended timeously and their commitment towards the community unwavering.

7. FINANCE: DYLAN

7.1. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Dylan present the Financial Statements for which Rowan thanked him.  
They were proposed by Jim and seconded by Craig Smith.

8. MATTERS ARISING:

8.1 STREET LIGHTS:

Rowan said that it while it is recommended that everyone check on and report faulty street lights outside of their respective property's, we have developed a street light fault template that is given to the Magma patrol team to mark all the faulty lights, at the end of each month, with all faults being highlighted and submitted to the municipality as well as a copy sent to a contact person in the street light section. This seems to have been successful and he said that a well-lit neighbourhood is a safe one!

8.2 LITTER

Rowan asked that residents are to please ensure that their verges are clear of litter and to collect at least 3 items of litter, while out walking and discard in provided bins in Villiers Drive lookout and outside Clarendon Primary School. Unfortunately visitors to the area seem to feel nothing to discard litter even around the litter bins. He asked that all domestic workers and gardeners be asked not to discard litter and rather use the bins available.

8.3. POT HOLES

Pothole Paul has previously been financed monthly through the CCA to look after and repair any developing potholes but the problem appears to be too big for one person to handle and we will be investigating further options and budgeting accordingly.

8.4. WATER LEAKS

Major water leaks that have been reported have been attended to timeously and any leaks can be reported through 0333482106 or 0333482118, or via the Safe Community App which sources a reference number that can then be sent to the ward councillor for escalation. Minor water leaks are still a problem but we will continue to report on them.

8.5. RECYCLING

All Residents living in free standing homes, complexes and flats were urged to seriously consider recycling. Not only does it ease pressure on the landfill site, clearing waste is much easier in the event of a municipal strike and importantly we would be supporting a local entrepreneur by the name of Musa who collects recycling every Tuesday without fail. Tetrapacks, polystyrene and glass is collected by Pam Read and delivered to Wildlands, at the Hilton quarry centre. If you need list of all recyclable items that Musa collects, please contact Pam, and the list can also be published on the Telegram group and website.

8.6. KEEP PMB CLEAN ASSOCIATION

Lara Edmonds from KPCA had been on a crusade to reclaim the city one street at a time and has been instrumental on getting business on board to take ownership of their streets and street frontage. She presented a slide presentation introducing KPCA together with the mandate and future projects.

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9. WORLD'S VIEW CONSERVANCY INITIATIVE

Donovan Boshoff presented his clean up initiative of trails throughout the World's View Forests. These trails will be available to all members of the public and will hopefully become self-sustainable in the future through races, school trips and other initiatives. Sponsorship is required in the short term in order for the project to become successful.

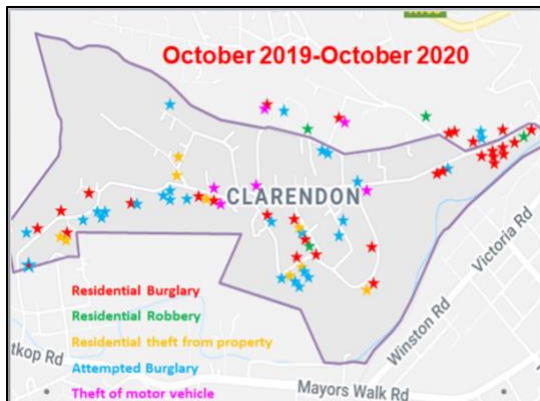
10. CLARENDON CRIME STATISTICS

Rowan indicated that we were in a very fortunate position where we have 3 prominent and reputable security companies that patrol and stand-off in the Clarendon area, namely Mi7, AET and MAGMA, with Fidelity ADT showing an interest in Clarendon.

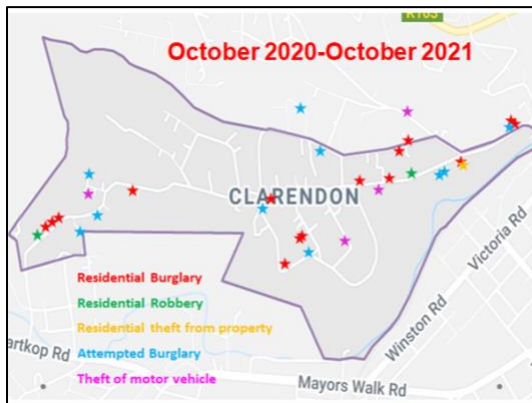
He encouraged residents who do not have an armed response company to seriously consider contracting one of these companies as they have made a massive impact to the crime in our area.

He said that we have seen a definite decline in reported crime over the past 4 years.

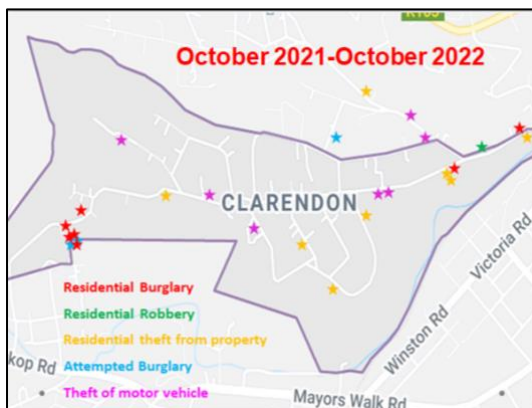
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Slide 15      October 2020-October 2021



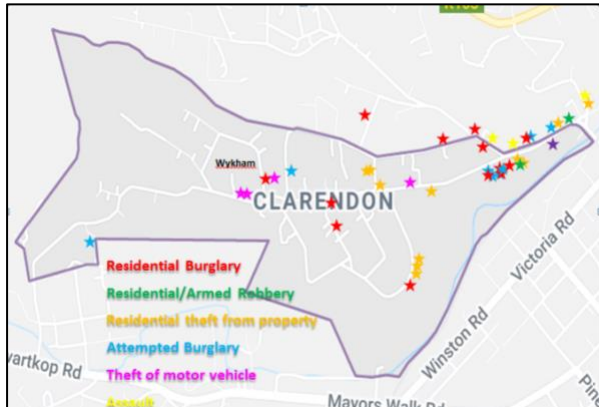
Slide 16      October 2021-October 2022



8 motor vehicles stolen

7 residential thefts  
7 burglaries  
2 robberies

Slide 17      October 2022-October 2023



4 motor vehicles stolen (4 down)  
11 residential theft (4 up)  
13 burglaries (6 up)  
1 attempted burglary  
2 robberies

#### 11. 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, such as beams, Roboguards or motion sensor cameras, should be installed and functional  
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 very effective during load shedding  
Ensure that inter leading 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  
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  
Keep documentation of all past and present employees

#### 12. TELEGRAM GROUPS

The community groups have been restricted to contributing homes only.

Security      502  
Chat          504

13. THERMAL & MOTION SENSOR CAMERAS

Thermal and motion sensor cameras have been installed to monitor the conservancy below Villiers Drive. Motion and thermal cameras have also been installed outside 25 Villiers Drive to monitor the area out of sight of the main Villiers Drive thermal camera. A 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. A vantage point at Crestview flats has been identified for a potential thermal camera installation in order to monitor the Railway conservancy below Roberts Rd, and limit access to the flats that have been targeted by criminals.

14. CCA MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 56% membership; residents were urged to encourage neighbours, who are not members, and new residents to consider joining the CCA.

15. COMMITTEE 2024

Chairman	Rowan White
Secretary	Pam Read
Treasurer	Dylan Horn
CPF representative	Jim Read

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

16. CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19h44.

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