

MINUTES OF THE 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, HELD AT CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROBERTS ROAD, ON THE 15TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT :	Rowan White	Chairman
	Dylan Horn	Treasurer
	Pam Read	Secretary

Committee members: Jim Read, Mark Dent, Rob Evans, Marlene Daly, Noel Thompson, Karen Rosenberg, Chris Withers and Brett Croeser

Plus 44 residents

1. WELCOME: Rowan welcomed everyone to the 18th Annual General Meeting of the Clarendon Community Association and thanked them for their attendance. He extended a warm welcome to Councillor Daniel Kemp who was standing in for Ross Strachan, our Ward Councillor; the Townhill CPF Chairman, Brett Teichmann and to the Magma, Mi7 and AET representatives.

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, which was been achieved with 44 residents in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES: 11 apologies were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 9TH OCTOBER 2024: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 9 October 2024 were circulated after the AGM last year, and again on the Telegram Chat group and they were also readily available on the Clarendon community website, www.clarendoncommunity.com.

It was proposed by Ivan Scholtz for adoption and seconded by Brett Croeser.

4. WARD COUNCILLOR: Councillor Daniel Kemp read a report compiled by Ross Strachan and tendered Ross's apologies due to unforeseen circumstances.

Feedback Report from Cllr Ross Strachan

Clarendon Community Association AGM – Ward 26

Good evening Chairperson, members of the Clarendon Community Association, and residents of Ward 26,

Firstly, I'd like to extend my sincerest apologies for not being able to attend tonight's AGM in person due to a prior family commitment. Nonetheless, I am grateful for the opportunity to submit this brief report and to thank you all for your continued engagement and support.

As always, I want to acknowledge the unwavering commitment of the Clarendon community to ensuring our suburb remains safe, clean, and united. Your dedication to holding leadership accountable and actively participating in solutions is what keeps Clarendon thriving.

A special word of thanks to Rowan White and the committee – your consistent leadership, hard work, and sense of purpose are the bedrock of this beautiful community. You get things done, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

Serving this community over the past 10 years has been both a pleasure and a privilege. We've faced many challenges together – at times navigating incredibly rough waters – but we've always stood in solidarity, and that's what has carried us through.

One of the long-standing infrastructure challenges has been road maintenance, and I'm pleased to report that, after years of sustained pressure, we have finally managed to get our main arterial roads and several others resurfaced. While the quality of workmanship and reinstatements in some areas has not met our expectations, please be assured that we will continue placing pressure on both the contractors and municipal officials to ensure these issues are rectified properly.

As we approach the upcoming local government elections, it is no exaggeration to say that we are at a crucial crossroads – not just for Clarendon, but for Msunduzi Municipality as a whole. We face a clear choice: one direction that leads to further decline and another that gives us the opportunity to rebuild and restore this City. There is only one viable path forward if we are to save Msunduzi, and we must take it.

Our team of Councillors is working around the clock to engage with residents, raise awareness, and empower communities with the knowledge they need to make informed, responsible decisions at the ballot box. The future of this city depends on it.

The wolves are indeed at the back door — and we simply cannot afford to let them in.

Thank you once again for your tireless commitment to Clarendon and for the opportunity to continue serving you. I look forward to engaging with many of you on the ground in the coming weeks.

With gratitude and respect,
Cllr Ross Strachan
Ward 26 – Msunduzi Municipality

5. TOWNHILL CPF FEEDBACK: Rowan gave the CPF feedback: The Townhill CPF holds a meeting on the second Wednesday of the month where crime stats are presented, crime trends and mapping are shared with private security companies in order that resources are deployed to crime hotspots. This deployment of private security companies has dramatically reduced crime in the Townhill precinct, and he implored those residents who were not contracted to a security company to seriously reconsider, in order that this level of law enforcement is sustainable and economically viable. The previous chairman, Darryl Schoeman had recently resigned for personal reasons, and he thanked Darryl for his tireless efforts and contribution to the CPF during his tenure. Brett Teichmann had taken the reigns and is the current chairman of the Townhill CPF and he wished him well on this important community position. Rowan stressed the importance of the community policing forum is the link between the community and Townhill SAPS within our sector where we can feedback challenges faced by the community to the station management for follow up, be kept up to date on challenges faced by the station as well as crime trends and occasionally a traffic report. There are 4 public meetings held at the community hall in Athlone which residents are encouraged to attend, there are also some new enthusiastic members who have joined the CPF, and he thanked them for their commitment to this important forum. The Clarendon Community Association is constituted as a subforum of the Townhill CPF, so it is imperative that the CPF is functional and relevant.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Rowan said that it was so nice to see everyone and thanked them for taking the time to attend the AGM. He also 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 ensuring that Clarendon remains one of the safest neighbourhoods in Pietermaritzburg. He thanked Clarendon Primary School for availing the school hall and projector for the AGM.

He said that crime in Clarendon has been significantly lower compared to previous years and said that he would share comparative schematics later in the presentation but said that it would be foolish to become complacent particularly in these trying economic times, together with the approach of Christmas. He said that he would also run through some security recommendations that he urged everyone to integrate into their homes and behaviour.

Rowan said that the thermal and motion sensor camera installations were working well, with the motion sensor cameras outside Crestview flats having intercepted a few burglary attempts.

He said that Clarendon now showcases some of the most pristine roads that were resurfaced recently but potholes are an ongoing challenge in other areas in Clarendon where there was significantly higher volume of school traffic, particularly Dan Pienaar Rd, which was recently attended by Wykham School, but there are a few other areas that we will be able to attend to, with the major thoroughfares being new. He stressed that the pothole budget was small, and we would need to be very strategic in terms of what repairs need to be prioritised. He thanked Rob Evans and Noel Thompson for heading up this portfolio.

Rowan thanked our evergreen Pam Read, for keeping the association running and relevant, and to her team, Xolani, Paulina and Patrick, for maintaining our common areas and gardens, collecting litter and rehabilitating the mess left by the municipality after water pipe repairs. He said that the aloes that flower every winter in Clarendon have mostly been planted and tended by Pam and her team and will be a mark of her legacy in the neighbourhood forever.

He thanked Haloprop for sponsoring the maintenance of the Villiers Drive lookout area and Taunton Rd, which was looking very good.

Gratitude was extended to our treasurer Dylan Horn for keeping all the association finances in-check although previously his services have been free of charge, we will be discussing a compromise to offset any expenses that he was currently incurring since attending to additional association duties.

He thanked all the committee members namely Jim Read, Rob Evans, Derek Butler, Chris Withers, Brett Croeser, Chris Norman, Mark Dent, Noel Thompson, Rouen Bruni, Marlene Daly, Karen Rosenberg who had 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, our ward councillor, Jack Mthethwa, our assistant ward councillor, and Councillor Daniel Kemp, for stepping in during Ross's absence and the continual service delivery updates and support of the Clarendon community and ever-present hand in holding the municipality accountable. He said that their efforts were not always readily noticeable on the chat groups but their hard work and communications regarding community issues were highly appreciated and their commitment acknowledged and unwavering, against the odds.

7. FINANCE - DYLAN

Dylan presented the financial statements

Approval of the financial statements

proposed by Jim Read for adoption and seconded by Noel Thompson

8. MATTERS ARISING:

8.1. STREET LIGHTS: Rowan said that a monthly street light fault report is filled in on a template provided to the Magma patrol team while out on patrol and is shared on the Chat group, for reporting a reference numbers. He recommended that everyone check on this report and report the faulty streetlights should they be outside of their respective property's and share the reference numbers which can then be submitted with the report. He said that a well-lit neighbourhood is a safe one!

Rowan shared a copy of a street light report on the power point presentation

8.2. LITTER : Rowan indicated that litter remained an ongoing challenge, he urged residents to ensure that their verges were always clear of any litter 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. The pick-up areas outside the neighbourhood schools are a constant challenge and visitors to our area feel nothing to discard litter even around the litter bins. He asked that residents also notify your domestic workers and gardeners to please not discard litter and rather use the bins that are available.

8.3. POTHoles: He thanked Noel Thompson and Rob Evans for heading this portfolio and thanked Duzi Asphaltting for the excellent repair work in the past. He thanked the municipality for resurfacing Roberts, Taunton, Fettes and Moreland roads, suggesting a cautionary confidence had almost been restored.

8.4. WATER LEAKS: Rowan said that we have fortunately been spared too many water issues this year but water bursts and repairs had generally been instituted timeously by the water department, he thanked Pam Read and her team for cleaning up the mess left after these repairs.

8.5. RECYCLING: Rowan said that Musa had been collecting recycling consistently every Tuesday, including tetrapaks, and if you had not already started to recycle, he urged reconsideration, as not only were we easing the pressure on the landfill site, but the huge amount of waste lying around the neighbourhood during a municipal strike was very unsightly. He said that we were still trying to identify a polystyrene recycler. Should you require a list of all recyclable items that Musa collects, please contact Pam or Karen Rosenberg, and the list is also published on the Telegram Chat group every Tuesday. He thanked Karen Rosenberg for heading up this portfolio.

8.6. CLARENDON SECURITY REPORT: Rowan said that we are in a very fortunate position where we have 3 prominent security companies that patrol and stand-off in the Clarendon area, and who monitor the Telegram Security group, namely Mi7, AET and MAGMA. He extended gratitude for their prompt responses to alerts on our security group and presence in the neighbourhood. He said that unfortunately the success in reducing crime has negated the urgency to contract a security company, and residents need to be cognisant that our safety and security is vital but this needs to be sustainable and economically viable for these companies. He urged those not contracted to a security provider to seriously reconsider.

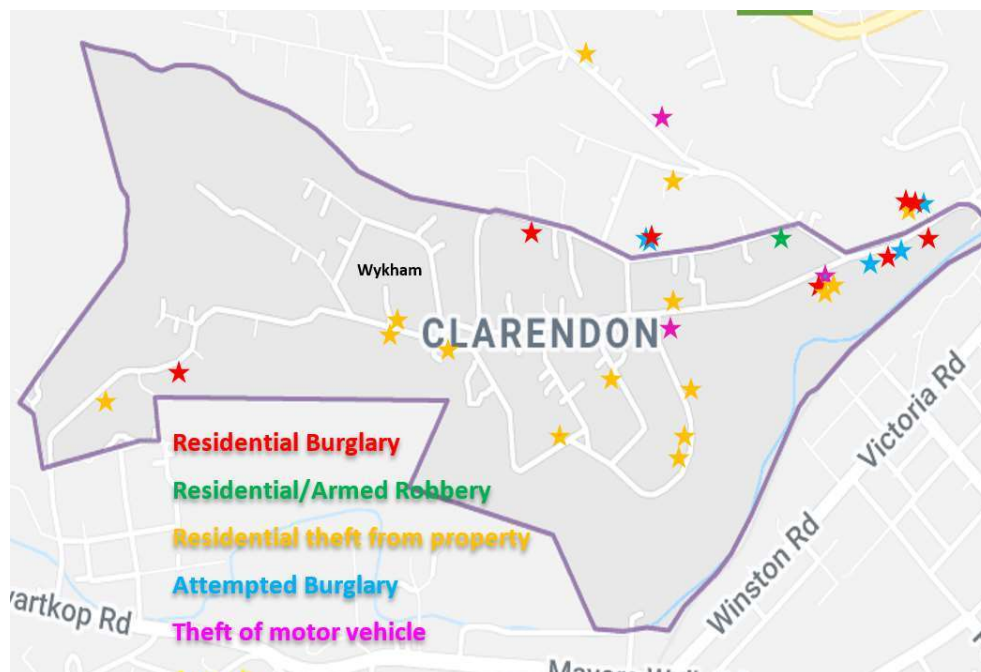
He said that we have experienced 8 residential burglaries (down from 17 last year) since the AGM in October last year, 6 were either complexes or flats and notably only one was contracted to an armed response company but had limited early warning/security measures in place. He reiterated the impact of all the armed response companies who have made a

massive impact in reducing crime in our area, which he said would be seen in the PowerPoint crime schematic presentation.

He also urged special attention to the security recommendations.

9. CLARENDON CRIME STATISTICS:

Rowan said that we have seen a definite decline in reported crime over the past 5 years and stressed the importance of reporting all crime to SAPS, in order that SAPS resources can be deployed in the appropriate areas and additional staff can be deployed to our station. He presented the crime schematics for October 2024-October 2025, with comparisons with the previous 2 years.



8	Residential burglaries
15	Residential thefts
4	Reported attempted burglary
2	Motor vehicles stolen
1	Attempted vehicle theft

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, 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

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 neighbour's 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

FRAUD :

Online Fraud is the most reported crime at Townhill SAPS currently.
Never click on any unidentified links emailed or shared with you
Never give away any OTP numbers, no matter how convincing the person may be
Never give away any personal details over the phone
Never release payment until you are in possession of the item
Purchases off Gumtree and Facebook marketplace are discouraged
Never release item until money has cleared in your account or you have cash in hand

11. TELEGRAM GROUPS:

The community groups have been restricted to contributing homes only.

Security 524

Chat 516

12. THERMAL AND MOTION SENSOR CAMERA INSTALLATION:

Thermal and motion sensor cameras have been gradually installed at strategic points throughout the neighbourhood to monitor areas that have been identified as previous incursion points. The most recent motion sensor camera installation was outside Crestview flats off Roberts Rd, the area behind Holland Hill and Crestview has been cleared allowing direct line of sight for the cameras.

The motion sensor camera monitoring the stream between the Willows and Eldorado flats, and the 35 mm thermal camera monitoring the Villiers Drive Conservancy have successfully picked up suspects who have been intercepted before they had the chance to initiate a burglary.

Rowan said how the system works is that a notification is received on the Magma patrol phone, they can then tap on the relevant camera and are able to access a live view from that camera and initiate the appropriate response. The Magma RO's commonly standoff near Hyde Park Superette where they are in constant Wi-Fi range and can pick up any Telegram or camera alerts instantly. We will be approaching Mi7 and AET to assess the feasibility of their control rooms also monitoring these cameras and receiving the notifications.

He presented the spread of the cameras in the neighbourhood and the individual camera views on the PowerPoint presentation.

13. CCA MEMBERSHIP :Rowan said that the CCA membership is sitting at just over 56% of the neighbourhood, he urged residents to encourage those who do not subscribe to the association to reconsider, or approach new residents to the area. If we all give a little, we can do so much!

14. COMMITTEE 2026 :Rowan asked if there were any nominations for chairman from the floor and welcomed Don Smale who had volunteered to join the committee. There being no other nominations he named the 2026 committee as follows:

Chairman	Rowan White
Secretary	Pam Read
Treasurer	Dylan Horn
CPF representative	Jim Read
Committee members :-	Rob Evans, Chris Norman, Marlene Daly, Chris Withers, Brett Croeser, Noel Thompson, Mark Dent, Craig Smith, Derek Butler, Rouen Bruni, Karen Rosenberg

15. GENERAL:

15.1. Rowan indicated that KPCA Group is going to have an Action Team of 22 for the next Social Employment Fund (SEF) phase of 10 starting November. They were appealing for businesses to come on board as a partner/sponsor to help tackle the overgrown area on your boundary along the Dorp Spruit.

The programme is called **The Green Learn 2 Earn Programme** & involves:

7 days working for KPCA Group on our mandate (The Social Employment Fund pays them a stipend, UIF COID),

7 Days learning/skills programme

7 days working on their own 'side hustle'

While the labour, UIF and COID of the team was covered, they could only make real impact if the team was equipped with: Tools, Materials, PPE, Technical Services, Refreshments and Training.

He said that should anyone know of a business who is willing to get involved please contact Pam or himself for all proposals from Lara Edmonds at KPCA.

KPCA flies a very high flag to honour their business sponsors and receive wonderful coverage in the media, recently they hit 1 Million views (in 90 days) on their Facebook page alone.

He said that this was a really great initiative that is making a huge difference to our city, and congratulated Glen, Lara and the KPCA team.

15.2. DOG UNIT: The CCA through community fundraising has now financed 2 patrol dogs, namely K9 Drax and K9 Beast, to partner with handlers Sgt Kheswa and Sgt Noordman respectively. We have also financed a search and rescue dog, K9 Raven, in 2023, who has partnered with W/O Gouws and has been responsible for multiple recoveries.

15.3. HYDE PARK: Rowan thanked Mel and Chantel of Hyde Park Coffee for doing the catering.

15.4. Jim gave special thanks to Rowan for his sound leadership and for all the work he puts into the Association.

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