



Minutes of Central SRA Annual General Meeting held at St Georges PE Club 26 November 2024

1. WELCOME

David Edwards (DE) welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. PRESENT

As per the attendance register

3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM AND PROXIES

As per the attendance register, it was confirmed that over 24 were in attendance a quorum had been met and the meeting was declared properly constituted.

4. REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE

Current Board: David Edwards, Jurie Kotze, Colin Dilland, Lauren Nash, Hilary Meyer and Quinten Van Zyl.

Colin Dilland and Lauren Nash resigned from the board of directors – No new nominations, David confirmed that there are a few parties that may be interested in joining the Board and that the Board may co-opt directors between AGMs

SAFETY AND CRIME

- Weekly security meetings attended by Central SRA, City Wide Security (CWS), SAPS and other role-players.
- Stephen mentioned that CWS mandate is to look after Central streets. City Wide Security does not have the mandate to access private property unless they are a private client with CWS.
- CWS however do park patrols, assisting with security to tourists in the area as well as other duties which is not in their mandate.
- MBDA assisting with security, funding one patrol vehicle and installing additional security cameras in Central.
- Central SRA and MBDA cameras have had a lot of success and is proving to be an asset to the area.
- There has been a decrease in vagrants in the area. The feeding schemes around Central and derelict buildings are two of the serious issues attracting the vagrants into the area.
- Bad buildings remain a massive concern. The SRA is tackling one building at a time.
- 35 Clyde Street will be demolished by the end of November 2024. This is a derelict building that houses criminals and other bad elements. This will be funded by the SRA. Thank you to Stu Davidson & Sons for the lovely discount and assistance.
- The Old Victoria Hotel will be demolished in the next couple of weeks. This building is also housing criminals, druggies etc.





- Next year we continue to focus on problem/derelict buildings, mainly Military Road, Athlone House, Clifton Mansions, 4 Upper Hill and 3 Prospect Hill.
- Metro Police need to enforce the by-law of people loitering on pavements/sidewalks.
- Pubs are not adhering to the 2am closing time. Pressure is being put on the role-players to enforce this by-law.
- The by-law for public drinking needs to be enforced by Metro Police and SAPS.
- Noise pollution, which is a problem in Central, must be reported to Metro Police.
- Increased dialogue with Nelson Mandela University, a key stakeholder in Central. Pushing for collaboration to improve safety and security for students.
- Stephen Moore appealed to residents to report any crime, big or small. SAPS allocate support to the area based on their stats. This will assist in getting more SAPS vehicles into the area. Many crimes do not get reported.
- SAPS and Metro Police are understaffed which is a big concern.
- The traffic department is doing an excellent job in Central removing abandoned vehicles – thank you.
- Spaza shops are popping up in Central which is a big concern. Most do not have the correct papers/licenses to operate. This is being investigated by the relevant role-players.
- Parliament Street is our next focus – clean out the drugs and criminals.

CLEANING AND WASTE

- David and Quinten thanked NMBM team Phumelele, Konrad, and Elton for assisting the SRA with the waste portfolio and their dedication to Central.
- Collaborative approach –SRA, Town Ranger and Municipal Officials meet every week which is very fruitful.
- SRA continue to have a team (Green Team) of 6 employees funded by the SRA and are doing a great job.
- The green team is a top up service. Cleaning the streets from pavement to pavement (not private or commercial waste). However, the team clean/clear open areas and parks as these spaces get neglected by the Metro.
- The Green Team collect an average of 1000 bags per day.
- Fines are being issued for non-compliance, zero tolerance for serial offenders. Issued approximately sixty fines/ warnings for the year to date.
- Quinten mentioned 80% of businesses, which includes student accommodation in Central do not have a waste contract, which by law is required.
- We have already clamped down on illegal dumping. The security cameras are doing a great job, providing us with video footage (evidence which is needed) which is handed over to the Town Ranger to issue a fine/warning.
- We are going to clamp down even harder on illegal dumping – name and shame.



OTHER

- WhatsApp forums are well supported and provide owners and residents with a forum to raise issues. Numbers are increasing.
- Monthly heritage walks are well supported – over 120 guests in past year.
- Street lighting and reinstatements by the Metro remain a problem. We continue to put pressure on them.
- There is a very bad delay from the Metro on reinstatements in Central.

UPLIFTMENT

- Encouraging number of properties changing ownership and being renovated
- Potholes and road marking ongoing.
- Solar lighting project – 22 installations completed this year. However, a few lights have been stolen.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

David Edwards presented the annual financial statements, giving a summary of the balance sheet and income statement. The results were noted by the meeting. *Financial statements will be uploaded to the website to enable the members to review this information at their leisure.* It was agreed to continue to use PKF as the SRA's Auditing company (pro bono).

SRA Tax status

- Resolved tax dispute with SARS, saving of R487,951

6. CLOSURE

David thanked the SRA meeting attendees, SRA staff, Municipal officials, City Wide Security, and declared the meeting closed.

