

## **THE LAKEWEST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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Registration No: 1998/017959/08*

### **Minutes of ANNUAL GENERALMEETING 16<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 At Benoni Lake Club at 6.30pm**

1. **Present** : as per attendance register(53)
2. **Apologies** : as per apology register(9)
3. **Welcome** – Bruce welcomed all attendees and guests.
4. **Introduction of Directors and committee** – Adam Seedat, Aadil Essop; Bevan Davis; Ken Malherbe; Michael Shneier; Sameer Cassim, Glynis Holdsworth, Phakamile Nqummshe, and Scott Meredith (chair) were introduced along with Mike Reynolds of our Admin company MWRK.
5. **Honorary Life Membership**- for many years of dedicated service to the community Adam Seedat(Ahmed) and Mike Shneier were awarded honorary life membership. They are much appreciated. Both of them thanked the Community for their recognition and Adam explained the long hard road that has been walked to get where we are today – he warned that if the booms come down through non-support – we will NEVER get them back up – pressure from government and Human rights.
6. **Minutes of last AGM** : were adopted and seconded by residents (Vos / Ingie)
7. **Audited Financial Statements** – Mike went through the basics of our income and expenditure –
  - a. see attached slides. Last year we were just breaking even on a cash basis however with depreciation we made a loss.
  - b. With the increase which was implemented in January this year though we have managed to decrease overheads and increase collections
  - c. Sep this year showed another decline in collections however- this in largely due to people moving out the area and the new ones not contributing
  - d. Everyone needs to constantly be proactive to get any new neighbours signed up
  - e. Easy to do – the forms are on our web page- along with a covering explanation of what LWRA is all about – if someone

moves in next door – take over a cake and a copy of the introduction and application form!

f. Q : what is current rate of contributors: A - roughly 46%

**8. Election of Auditors/adoption of AFS** –Hewitt van der Walt / Jannie Roussouw were elected as auditors for this year and the AFS were adopted by the Residents.

**9. ANPR** – Aadil explained the committee philosophy is now to be more proactive against crime than reactive once crime has been committed.

a. **ANPR** – Automatic number plate recognition –This is the new proactive system we want to implement

b. we have recently upgraded most of our cameras

c. the camera records number plates coming into the closure; these are fed to our local server which is in turn linked to Syntel (the largest company of its kind in SA with very good interfaces with SAPS and over crime prevention organisations).

d. If a vehicle enters our area that is wanted in crime; a stolen vehicle or a cloned vehicle- without anyone having to do anything the system will notify SAPS; our security companies of choice; CPF; qualified responsible other folk in the community

e. Syntel is used by Mall of Africa; Emperors; etc and is currently reading on average over a million plates per day

f. We have already received pledges of R40,000 from Community for this project

g. The monthly cost to link to Syntel along with data costs is approx. R11,000 pm – once fibre properly installed everywhere we can take this across the suburb

h. We running a live test currently at one gate and will then decide if we should roll out to all booms in about two weeks.

i. Sadly the Enatis system is faulty with cloned cars etc but this system will pick up if there is a car with the same number plate in a different area and coming into our area – immediate alert.

j. Paying members can have their car registration loaded into the system so that booms will automatically enter for them- this will only be on entering though to avoid hijacked cars to leave

k. Cars without number plates can also be flagged to alert reaction team

l. At peak times we could lift the booms to enable a smoother flow of traffic as the system would be on the lookout for us.

**10. Community Policing Forum** – Aadil introduced the CPF who were in attendance – in particular Waseem who is in charge and Lukmaan.

a. CPF is a non-profit organisation set up to assist and work with the police to ensure interaction between communities and SAPS and to assist SAPS with ears and eyes on the ground.

- b. Our suburb has roughly 10 to 5 members but really only 5 active members who constantly patrol
- c. He urged community to get more involved and assist
- d. He also warned that we need to be alert constantly – be aware of who you employ – domestics, gardeners; builders are often the source of attacks by feeding info to criminals.
- e. The best thing about CPF is that when there is an incident IMMEDIATELY – thousands of other CPF members are notified and can be on the lookout for suspects.
- f. They have noticed an increase of crimes in the morning and also an increase with the fibre installations – not sure if the fibre chaps pass on info or criminals use the cover of fibre to slip through

11. **Interactive Live Map-** Phaks showed us the interactive map he has developed for LWRA – it is a google earth map of our area and the houses marked in green are contributors; red indicates non payers

- a. **The map** will be loaded onto the web page so will be easy for you to identify which of your neighbours pay or do not.
- b. Will be updated monthly

12. **Chairman's report**

- a. **Bruce** introduced **Scott** and thanked him for the enormous effort he puts in for the Closure. Scott can often be found at night doing repairs to the booms!
- b. Scott thanked the Committee for their continued work in the community – without them there would be no Closure.
- c. He also paid tribute to Bad Boyz who continuously go way beyond their mandate to assist us
- d. Besides the guarding and patrol vehicle they clean up in and around the guard houses; the Pan; assist with Community projects; put up posters for us etc.
- e. Not only this but they are the cheapest service we have yet contracted and do their best to keep costs low.
- f. Our guard houses are pretty shoddy now and need a real upgrade – will cost us roughly R45,000 to do them all
- g. Woburn gate does give us problems and is currently in for service – this gate alone has roughly 3,500 cars entering every day – huge amount of volume causes the gears to require servicing often.
- h. One of the residents enquired if the broken slats at Woburn can be repaired- we will get a quote and see – however the railway line is a constant source of problem for us.
- i. Trolley guys – Bad Boyz and Committee have agreed that the best way to deal with them is not to allow trolleys into the area but allow the recyclers to come in with smaller bags leaving the trolleys at the gate – they then collect what they can recycle

and take it back to the trolley to load – this is the safest and most humane way to deal with potential problems

- j. Residents agreed that working with the trolley guys by greeting them and separating recyclables is very conducive to better relations for all
- k. We recently upgraded the traffic calming measures at the gate – in the three weeks that we removed the old yellow strips and before the new rubber ones were installed we had loads of damage to our booms – the traffic calming works very well to protect our assets.
- l. A resident complained that a few green bins on corner of Racecourse and Sunnyside had been full all year – unfortunately they are not Council property and the folks who sell the advertising are responsible – please can everyone complain to the advertisers about them.

**13. Malanie Haggard – our DA Ward Cnl** addressed us – she

unfortunately broke her arm on Friday but managed to attend our meeting but was unable to prepare slides to show us.

- a. She thanked residents for understanding the way she can assist with complaints re water, lights sewage etc
  - i. Get a REFERENCE number – without this she cannot assist
  - ii. You can obtain a reference number from sms; telephoning; emailing or download new ap.
  - iii. She can then escalate.
- b. **Facebook** – there is a ward 28 page that you can follow for what is happening in our ward
- c. **Roads** – there is no money for repairs
- d. **Ekurhuleni**- is in a shambles - they appointed the ex CFA from SABC who was fired and since she has come into office our coffers which used to have up to 70 days working cash has now been reduced to less than 15 days- they are working to get her removed as her disciplinary action from sabs is through.
- e. **Cable theft** – ongoing problem – a security guard has now been stationed at the bridge near Wimpy as that the biggest problem – however he has no toilet or shelter.
- f. **Water pressure** – constant problem – they are installing a new water tower in Harper st in next 6 to 12 months – should help
- g. **Closures** – besides Human rights not liking closures, Ekurhuleni wants all closures to be removed – they fighting in council to keep them up
- h. **IDP** – is a wish list from community for what is needed – she would like to pave around the Pan but to date she has only been allocated enough to pave 650 m so she used the money elsewhere- but they are hoping to be able to resurface the whole of the Drive shortly installing regular traffic calming

- measures to stop the speedsters. She is also hoping to be able to install swings; benches and refuse bins at Aubrey Ritz Park
- i. **Wheelie bins / recycling** – she says she has footage of LWRA residents bribing waste removal to take extra black bags – please do not do so – you will be fined – also causes huge problems- rather than having so many black bags; recycle; create compost heaps; dump at Hospital or atlas dump sites. They are also trying to get recycle bins installed as near to suburbs as is feasible to make this a place the trolley men can collect recyclables.
  - j. **Korsmans** – there is only one environmental officer for whole of Ekurhuleni! They have bought a fancy speedboat which is supposed to be to remove hyacinth and weeds? She does not think it can work in Korsmans
  - k. **Posters** – over 90% of posters up are illegal – if someone wants to put up a poster they need permission from Council and they pay a fee for rental of light poles- she has a work party to remove these regularly and would like volunteers from LWRA (luckily we have a few active members right here like Ken Malherbe who do it regularly!)
  - l. **Fibre** – three more companies still likely to be digging up our pavement – Telkom is coming soon; and Vodacom have been given the right to put mini aerials on the light posts to boost reception so they too will be digging – she too has noticed a spike in crime with fibre installations but drops back down again when they gone.
  - m. **Dingos** – The Prov commissioner himself is now determined to close it down as causing too many problems- especially with illegal substances etc.
  - n. **Land expropriation without compensation!!!!** Ekurhuleni is the trial area for ANC – on top of this the Mayor has been given powers to expropriate land when he wants to! Just two weeks ago a large piece of land in Farrarmere was taken and is being sold to a developer – not sure yet if low cost houses or townhouses- beware our parks – the mayor has threatened to take any suitable land.
  - o. **Speeding** – a resident complained about the speedsters in our area – MH replied that generally SA is now a lawless society and it is difficult to enforce the law – EMPD is under resourced;
  - p. **Speed humps**- the residents of willow terrace want to get more speed humps before there is a serious accident – but they pushed from pillar to post – they are prepared to pay for them – MH offered to go with them to resolve – they must contact her – she can set up subcommittee to deal with all traffic calming measures- Scott also confirmed road department had agreed

we can have a circle at Kilfenora crossroads but that we need to engage the civil engineers ourselves and pay them

**q. Mt Linden** – despite the petitions and factual noncompliance of this school it is still operating – MH explained the tribunal is two years in arrear for hearings- but residents can approach her and she will set up subcommittee to see what can be done.

**r. Robot at Benoni Lake** – despite serious accident there application for a robot was denied – MH explained that you need to prove there are regularly more than 3 cars at a time trying to cross- but maybe a traffic circle would help

**s. Rat infestation at the bridge** – people set up shacks there – although EMPD move them off in days they back – until alternative accommodation can be provided it is a problem – and there is no alternative accommodation!

**14. There being no further business – the meeting was closed at 8.25pm- THANK YOU ALL!**