

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 17h00 on Wednesday 26 March 2025 at the Hermanus Sports Club, Tennis Club House on Jose Burman Drive

EXCO Members' presentKen Briggs (Chairperson) (KB)

Deon de Kock (DdK) Rae du Plessis (RdP) Tobie Louw (TL) (co-opted) Russel Schierhout (RS)

EXCO Members' apologies Ian Paterson (IP)

Francois Huysaman (FS) (co-opted)

Documents available on the HRA Website prior Minutes of 2024 AGM

Agenda of 2025 AGM

Annual Chairperson's report Management accounts analysis AFS as of 31 December 2024

Proxy form

Membership invoice

1. Welcome and apologies		Action
 The Chair confine with a quorum in attendance. (RS) noted the received. KB gave a seattendance: (C) (C)	on, KB welcomed the attendees. rmed that the meeting was properly constituted in attendance, noting that there were 36 people that there were six apologies and proxies pecial mention to the following people in Councilors, Clinton Lerm (CL) and Kari Brice (KB) in attendance (Errol Van Staden (EvS), as the Chairperson of OCAN Anne Stern (AS) as a previous HRA Chairperson Dave Peddle (DP), as the Chairperson of the Kleinmond Ratepayers Association (KRA), attending as an observer.	Constituted

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2.	Confirmation of the agenda	
•	The Chair asked for input and/or confirmation of the agenda.	
	 No additional agenda items were proposed 	
•	The agenda was adopted, being proposed by EvS and	Adopted
	seconded by T L	
3.	Adoption of the Minutes of meeting held on 7 th March	
	2024	
•	The Chair asked for acceptance of the minutes of the last	Approved
	AGM held on the 7th of March 2024.	
•	The minutes were accepted after being proposed by RS and	
	seconded by EvS.	
4.	Matters arising	
	There were no matters arising from the minutes	Noted
5.	Chairman's Report	
•	The Chairman indicated that he was not going to read his full	
	report, as it was made available from the HRA website prior	
	to the meeting.	
•	In introducing the discussion on the annual report, he	
	highlighted the following contextual aspects:	
	 The role of an HRA today had changed over the past 	
	decades, in part due to changes in society and new	
	communication and information platforms.	
	 Traditionally ratepayer organisations were focused on 	
	the watchdog role, being highly critical.	
	o In the new age the more successful ratepayer	
	organisations strive to work more constructively with	
	the municipality.	
	 Another role is to distil the information and noise in the 	
	social media space and filter out the key and fact-	
	based information for ratepayers.	
	 He noted that the town has a diversity of political 	Noted
	groupings and individuals all with their own agendas –	Noted
	we need to focus on what is good for Hermanus to take	
	it forward.One of our initiatives in the new year will be to facilitate	
	greater interaction and debate amongst the ratepayer associations in the Overstrand.	
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•	In the ensuing discussions the following points were raised: • Deon Louw (DL) questioned the relevance of the HRA	
	 Deon Louw (DL) questioned the relevance of the HRA in the context of a perceived lack of action on critical 	
	areas of concern.	
	 In response the Chair highlighted a range of examples 	
	of what the HRA had done over the past year,	
	including:	
	Comment on the budget and IDP.	
	 Review of future bulk water supply to 	
	Hermanus.	
	 Participation in a water and wellfield monitoring 	
	group.	
	Input on the EIA BAR1 for the lifestyle estate	
	development east of Voelklip.	
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- Active participation in the Ward 3 committee structures.
- Prominent role in addressing the Fernkloof Nature Reserve security challenges.
- The Chair emphasized that the HRA could not get involved in addressing individual and/or localized issues relating to aspects such as the application of bylaws i.e.: Barking dogs, annoying neighbours, speeding cars etc.
- The chair also confirmed that the HRA would not address issues being addressed by other organisations, such as:
 - Baboon management being addressed by HBAG
 - The HRA would, however, play a supporting role in such organisations.
- On request of the Chair Dave Peddle confirmed the following:
 - The Kleinmond Ratepayers Association (KRA) was facing similar challenges of striving to remain relevant.
 - He emphasized that in this regard they were structuring themselves to focus efforts on relevant issues where they could make an impact.
 - He stressed that rather than following the traditional portfolio structure they were evolving into an issue driven organisation.
- TL stressed that the activities undertaken by the HRA were a function of matching the capacity and interest within the EXCO with the emerging requirements,
 - In this context the chair emphasized the need to expand capacity within the EXCO to match functional requirements and needs.
- The Chair concluded by stating that it was important for the Overstrand wide ratepayer associations and OCAN to work closely together, as they could clearly learn from each other.
 - In this regard he indicated that one of the EXCO first tasks in the new year will be to facilitate interaction between the ratepayer associations.

Noted

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C. Approved Financial Statements	
6. Approved Financial Statements	
The financial statements were briefly introduced, highlighting	ng
the following:	Noted
 Annual income for R40,158 being received 	Noteu
 Expenditure for the year of R44,953 Balance at the end of the year of R111,818 	
DL raised concern about the high proportion of expenditure (′D
10K) spent on the strategy session.	, IN
 RS responded to indicate that this had been a 	an
important in the renewal process of the HRA, a ve	
competitive price had been obtained for the venue.	Ty Trotou
 RS noted that although it was the highest expenditu 	re
item in the year, that annual expenditure was	
significantly lower than previous years.	
The financial statements were accepted with no furth	er
queries or comments.	
7. Nomination and election of Office Bearers	
The Chair noted that there had been a few resignations	of
EXCO members during the year, noting the following:	
 Martin Barnard: Stepped down form leading the 	ne
Land-use and Development portfolio, due	to
increasingly having challenges with potential conflic	ts Noted
of interest being and the real estate market.	
 Delia Scott: Stepped down from the Public Relation 	
portfolio after assisting with Mollegren Park issue, de	ue
to personal circumstances.	
 The chair thanked both for their Contributions to the 	
HRA and wished them well in their future endeavors	
The Chair introduced the EXCO members that had been contained.	0-
oped during the year, namely:	
 Tobie Louw (TL); noting the work he has a local data within the infrastructure mention. 	
already done within the infrastructure portfo	
on water, sewerage and supporting Fernklo	OI
Nature Reserve (FNR). o Francois Huysaman (FH); noting the work I	20
had done on establishing IT back-office	
functions, including developing the ne	
website and web payment system.	
 Rae du Plessis RdP); It was noted that sl 	ne l
was the most recent person co-opted and ha	
also been recently elected to the position	
Chairperson for the Hermanus Busine	
Chamber (HBC). It was indicated that the	is
would create a valuable linkage between the	ne
HBC and the HRA.	
 The co-opted members were then formally and unanimous 	Sly Approved
endorsed as EXCO members.	
 The Chair asked each of the newly nominated EXC 	O Noted
members to briefly introduce themselves, namely:	

- Dale Lautenbach (DL); She highlighted that she had worked for the World Bank in various parts of the world. She has experience and interest in public relations and communication and speech writing.
- Steve Georgala (SG); He highlighted his vast experience in business and in interest in Local Economic Development. He indicated that he was active in service to the Voelklip Community, where he participated in a local community grouping along the Voelklip waterfront. He also noted that he was currently commuting between Europe and Hermanus, as so many Hermanus residents do, and could provide this international perspective to the HRA.

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- The nominated members were then formally and unanimously endorsed as EXCO members.
- The Chair noted that there had been a late nomination for Crickey du Plessis to join the EXCO. It was suggested that she be considered for co-option at the first EXCO meeting once there was clarity on a role and functions.

Noted

- The Chair noted that Tony Garden, a resident of Voelklip, had come forward to volunteer support, having a business background in public relations and advertising.
- The Chair also noted that the EXCO would also co-opt members from time to time to address specific issues. In this regard he gave special thanks to:
 - John Little (JL) who assisted with the recent Dog Survey and analysis.
 - Advocate Johan Naude who provided legal advice on the contested De Mond tender process.

8. Discussion on matters of concern to members

- The Chair noted that there were several matters raised in response to his annual report that had already been noted and asked if there were any further matters to be raised.
- Andre Brink (AB) from Voelklip raised concerns about traffic issues along 7th Street (R43), highlighting speeding and the associated dangers.
 - He explained that he had approached the Overstand Municipality and Province on the need for traffic calming measures.
 - In this regard he said that he had received a letter from Province confirming that the speed limit could be reduced along the Voelklip section of the R43, but that OM had not implemented this.

Noted

of the issues around spalong this section of the The HRA under Road, tradition speed bumps, on the further indicameras with a spear. In conclusion, the Chain explore traffic calming value input and support the requested A	rstood that, as this was a Provincial al traffic calming measures such as chicanes etc. could not be applied. cated that there was already speed an additional one introduced late last r confirmed that the HRA would again measures with the OSM and would	Noted
9. Closure		
 The Chair thanked eve 	ryone for attending.	
	eeting by thanking his fellow EXCO and effort they have put into the HRA nus a better place.	