

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' present

Ken 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairperson, KB welcomed the attendees. The Chair confirmed that the meeting was properly constituted with a quorum in attendance, noting that there were 36 people in attendance. (RS) noted that there were six apologies and proxies received. KB gave a special mention to the following people in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Constituted</p> <p>Noted</p>

2. Confirmation of the agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair asked for input and/or confirmation of the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional agenda items were proposed The agenda was adopted, being proposed by EvS and seconded by T L 	Adopted
3. Adoption of the Minutes of meeting held on 7th March 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair asked for acceptance of the minutes of the last AGM held on the 7th of March 2024. The minutes were accepted after being proposed by RS and seconded by EvS. 	Approved
4. Matters arising	
There were no matters arising from the minutes	Noted
5. Chairman's Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 groupings and individuals all with their own agendas – 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. In the ensuing discussions the following points were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Noted

6. Approved Financial Statements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The financial statements were briefly introduced, highlighting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual income for R40,158 being received 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 (R 10K) spent on the strategy session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS responded to indicate that this had been an important in the renewal process of the HRA, a very competitive price had been obtained for the venue. RS noted that although it was the highest expenditure item in the year, that annual expenditure was significantly lower than previous years. The financial statements were accepted with no further queries or comments. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7. Nomination and election of Office Bearers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair noted that there had been a few resignations of EXCO members during the year, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Barnard: Stepped down from leading the Land-use and Development portfolio, due to increasingly having challenges with potential conflicts of interest being and the real estate market. Delia Scott: Stepped down from the Public Relations portfolio after assisting with Mollegren Park issue, due 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 co-opted during the year, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tobie Louw (TL); noting the work he had already done within the infrastructure portfolio on water, sewerage and supporting Fernkloof Nature Reserve (FNR). Francois Huysaman (FH); noting the work he had done on establishing IT back-office functions, including developing the new website and web payment system. Rae du Plessis RdP); It was noted that she was the most recent person co-opted and had also been recently elected to the position of Chairperson for the Hermanus Business Chamber (HBC). It was indicated that this would create a valuable linkage between the HBC and the HRA. The co-opted members were then formally and unanimously endorsed as EXCO members. The Chair asked each of the newly nominated EXCO members to briefly introduce themselves, namely: 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Discussion on matters of concern to members</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 	<p>Noted</p>

