

Cape St Francis Civic Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
18:00 Thursday 2 April 2015, Cape St Francis Resort.

1. **Opening & welcome by the Chairperson** Trudi Malan
2. **Apologies** D.Fish, R. Butler, L.Davies, B.Paul, D.Nicholson, E.van Lingen, C. & P Holmes, C.Campbell, L.& K.Engelbrecht
3. **Adoption of proposed Agenda** for this meeting Proposed C.Cowling; Seconded: R.Cowling
4. **Approval of minutes of previous AGM** Proposed C.Cowling; Seconded: W.Uys
5. **Chairperson Report** Trudi Malan. There is the impression that this AGM is being held too soon after the last AGM held in September 2014. Owing to the sad passing of our former treasurer, Gideon Roos, the previous AGM had been delayed. Of necessity, this AGM had to be held this month in order to align with the financial year.

The Civic has a policy of spending its funds to get things done. A number of projects were undertaken in the few months: moving the beach showers, installing self-closing taps, improving signage and drainage, and building a boardwalk onto the beach. D. Ellis has kindly offered to complete the boardwalk at the shower.

The Civic also carried out maintenance on the beach ablutions: fixed the roof and doors, installed security gates, cleaned and painted and improved the lifesavers room. The Shearwater ablution block was painted, glass window repaired, screens and surplus signage removed. For the season, the Civic arranged and paid for extra lifesavers, as well as a cleaner for the beach, boulevard and both ablution blocks. The Civic initiated the no dog zone and instigated the hire by the Municipality of two compliance officers who enforced the no dog zone.

The state of the village roads continues to be a problem. A local land owner, Ray Parker, a civil engineer, did a *pro bono* assessment of the condition of our roads and advised that R750,000.00 would be needed for repairing just 4 meters of Da Gama Rd. In response to the Civic's request, he provided a prioritised list of repairs needed for our roads. Under his guidance, the Civic will start to fund a programme of small, but vital road clearance where financially feasible. Unfortunately the Municipality sees fit to start repairs from the western end of the village whenever it has the funds. As a result the Queen of the West Boulevard has been resurfaced 3 times in the last few years despite repeated requests for them to consult with the Civic. In general the highest officials in the Municipality do not respond to concerns. Fortunately there are a number of very dedicated officials who do respond to our more urgent needs.

The Civic Committee is concerned that, with only 22 members, it does not have a mandate. The efforts of the Committee mean there is still a semblance of order here (despite the Municipality's indifference to by-law compliance), the village is cleaned regularly as are the roadsides of the R330 as far as the dump, the beaches are kept safer with extra lifesavers arranged by the Civic, the toilets cleaned, and sms alerts sent out (warning of power outages, hazards and road closures due to protest marches). The Committee members have become demotivated by the apathy of the residents and have decided, in the absence of a greater show of support (i.e.an increase to at least 200 members), on a 3 month deadline whereafter they intend to resign. The Civic will be disbanded and funds given to FOSTER.

6. Financial Report & adoption of Audited Financial Statements. L. Jordaan (Treasurer) presented financials which show a healthy situation of about R185,000.00. (Financial details attached).
Proposed A.Brady; Seconded: N.Fox

7. Discussion on the Proposed termination of the association

A. Brady asked how much do the village clean-ups cost? Louw Jordaan replied about R40,000.00 per year for the village, beach, boulevard and beach toilet cleans.

Mr McKenzie queried target of 200 as there some 900 erven. Louw Jordaan responded that there are about 600 owners and the Municipality requires a 60% mandate – therefore the target of 200.

H.Uys expressed concern that many residents do not have email or sms and requested postal contacts. However, the Committee had decided to stop postal communication some time ago owing to the effort required and cost. The Civic does post notices on the newly erected Community Board at the 3-way stop.

Joan Brady suggested that members need reminders and access to a list of paid up members. Trudi Malan said the Committee would look into this.

Willie Uys thanked the Committee for their work but expressed concern that it tends to react to issues whereas it needs to stand up to be counted and increase membership. Trudi Malan committed to send out notices to increase membership.

Vote on the proposed termination. Louis Burger suggested all present to commit to getting 4 other members, which the meeting supported.

8. General

John Elliott raised concerns about the closing of the dump site resulting in excessive transport costs for small businesses. Trudi Malan explained that officially it is supposed to be closed as it is illegal and poses health risks (flies, toxic fumes from burning) and it is a crime hotspot.

E.Uys queried why the tennis courts were inaccessible during season. Cllr Rheeder, who is the Tennis Club President said that the membership is too small, there is no support from the Municipality and no shops are willing to manage the keys.

Al Brady questioned the illegal removal of rocks and sand from the boulevard, to which Trudi Malan responded that it is in the hands of the conservation agency, DEDEA.

9. Closure of meeting