

Simon's Town Civic Association (STCA)



STCA 2019 AGM MINUTES

15 April 2019
Opened : 18h00

Welcome

Chairman , Richard Kenny welcomed everyone and especially the guest speaker , Alan Winde - Community Safety MEC and Premier designate for the DA , Western Cape. He also extended a special welcome to Alderman Felicity Purchase - Mayoral Committee Member for Transport and Patricia Francke - Subcouncil 19 Chairperson. Richard also welcomed the leadership of fellow organisations in our town, namely STADCO, STBA , Historical Society and CPF. He congratulated the members on the fine turnout. There were 149 names on the attendance register but not everyone signed in. There were 27 New Applications for membership.

Apologies recorded: Michael Richards, Ian Tilley, Bertus Steenkamp.

Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes : Proposed by Pat Smith , seconded by Bertus Laubser

Quorum

Approximately 120 members in attendance (Quorum =25)

Chairman's Report

- **Membership** We were operating on a manual membership program which was difficult to manage. A few years ago it was changed to a 3 year renewal system, to make it more manageable. The first 3 year period ended in January and our numbers dropped drastically. It has been proposed that we go back to annual membership which will be managed by a computer program and the fees will go up to R120 per year which equates to R10 per month. Our financial status is healthy and treasurer Tim Skea will speak to this shortly.
- **Strategic Planning** A questionnaire was sent out to members and various other groups to see what the way forward should be. Paul Bannister has met with various Stakeholders over the last few months and will discuss the direction of the plans shortly.
- **Stakeholders** Much progress has been made over the past months and all the associations are on board to work together for a common good of the community. This includes progress in building relations with the Navy through contact with Flag Officer in Command, Admiral Dlamini. Recently the Navy Band and Canine Dog Unit took part in the Just Nuisance Birthday Celebration, which bears testament to the progress made. Richard congratulated the Business Association for the success of this Annual event on the Simons Town Calendar . This is due to the planning and the the organisation and efforts of the STBA, we commend them for it. The

STCA has also made contact with PRASA, SANPARKS and other influential commercial stakeholders.

- **Subcommittees** The STCA EXCO have actively represented you on other subcommittees such as: Subcouncil 19, STADCO, STBA, JAM, AAC, GEESE, Simons Town Trust, Far South Peninsular Civic Forum, Dido Valley Steering Committee, CPF and Ward Committee. Anything of significance is reported to you via the Newsletter and general concerns are taken to the necessary subcommittees.
- **EXCO** The EXCO has remained stable over the past year. This is good for the organisation but is problematic in the case of the Chairman and the Treasurer because they are key positions and according to the constitution may only stand for 4 years and the 4 years are up with nobody in the wings to fulfil these roles. We are needing more volunteers with the necessary skills to fulfil these roles but in the meantime propose an adjustment to the constitution to allow these two people to remain in these key positions until replacements can be found.

Amendments to the Constitution: With no suitable or willing candidates to take over as Chairman and Treasurer, it became necessary to amend the constitution, in order for the existing Chairman and Treasurer to serve beyond their 4 year term. This was presented to the members and adopted by Arne Soderland and seconded by Gary Carlton. This was unanimously supported by the remaining members.

The Committee standing for the next year are as follows:

Current Exco members availed themselves for re-election and were unanimously re-elected for the 2019/20 year.

Executive EXCO Members:

Richard Kenny- Chairman
Michael Richards - Vice Chairman
Tim Skea -Treasurer
Kathy Bolitho - Secretary

Exco Members :

Roger Bagshaw - Property Portfolio
Simon Metcalfe - CPF and Environment Portfolio
Paul Bannister - Stakeholders Portfolio
Cilla Bromley - GEESE
Merle Evertse -Membership Portfolio
Stef Mellor - Communication Portfolio
Leigh Houghton - Technical Support
Beverley Hartwell - Functions and Catering Portfolio

The Chairman thanked the team for their friendship and support over the past year. On behalf of the community for their selfless dedication and efforts to serve their community. He encouraged people to volunteer to assist on the EXCO and also to recruit new members. The more members we have the stronger we will be as an association.

Treasurers Report :

Presented by Tim Skea
Nominated by Bertus Laubser
Seconded by Leizel Coertze
and adopted by members.

The honorary accounting officer, Alan Roberts spoke about the financials and said he was satisfied that they correctly reflected the financial standing of the association. He that all monies collected had been correctly recorded and banking procedures had been followed. He was thanked for his contribution . Liesel Coertze proposed that Alan Roberts be re-elected for the ensuing year , this was unanimously supported by the members. Alan Roberts accepted this proposal. The treasurer also encouraged the audience to recruit more members.

The Chairman thanked Tim Skea for his dedicated work on the financials.

Strategic Plan

Presented by Paul Bannister

Research - Interesting information has been gleaned.

Why? A number of organisations are doing their bit to upgrade our town. By working together with all the stake holders towards a common goal will be more beneficial. We cannot fix South Africa but we can start by fixing one town at a time. We have a vested interest in this town because we live here, so it is a good place to start. Geographically it is also a good place to start.

Where? We are trying to keep Simons Town relevant by creating a place that is good to work, live and play in a sustainable manner.

How? By looking at the research to see what the consensus is, engage with various stakeholders, to get ideas for a strategic plan which would reflect the community and character of Simons Town, should be ready by August. Taking all the pros and cons into consideration.

What? Is still needed, what the visitors to Simons Town think we would like to have their perception of our town.

When? A 2012 PRASA plan was found which is still relevant today but was never implemented. Lots of good plans but not delivered. The independent Simons Town Municipality recognised that the town was changing from a Navy town and they had a plan for the transition which needed to be managed. The town planners came up with a plan and architectural plan, they incorporated government owned City owned land and Navy land, this was done by a reputable Architectural company. Tourism was a core focus, which will be ours too. Housing plans for under utilised state or city owned land were considered for development. Going forward we need to consider all these ideas and put together a plan. If anyone has any ideas they are welcome to submit them and they will be considered during the planing process. The STBA will be launching a questionnaire for visitors in early May, to gain further insight.

So that is where we are up to with the Strategic Plan, still in the discovery phase.

The Chairman thanked Paul Bannister for his expertise and hard work, he urged people to be patient as these things take time but confirmed that we are moving in the right direction Forward.

Ward Councillors Report: Simon Leil-Cock spoke on 3 Main

Simon complimented the members on the turn out and also the STCA on the work they are doing and complimented them for being active citizens because this is the only way to get ahead.

Simon spoke on two topics:

Seaforth Upgrade - R34 mil has been made available to upgrade Strandfontein, fishermans Beach and Seaforth Beach. This is part of the plan that was presented to us by Coastal Arne Purves a couple of years ago. There is R9mil per year for the next two years for Seaforth, money will be made available for the rest of the project , which extends to Frank's Bay, at a later stage.

Dido Valley - Cecelia Thiem presented to us recently. The Civil work has been done. July 2019 the top structures will be started as the funds come available in the new financial year. these should take 2 years to build.

Logging a fault - Simon demonstrated how to do this.

Councillors Clinic - Simon is running a clinic above the Library on the last Tuesday of the month between 2 and 4pm, where the community can engage with him on issues they need help with.

Alan Winde Presented

Complimented the members on the turn out.

He says we have many assets. He thinks the pathway we are on is good and that we are almost halfway there. When we have a strategic Plan it will be easier to partner with City or National government.

Economy of the country is not going to benefit us , so we are going to have to do things differently and achieve our goals creatively.

- He is going to focus on overcoming the **Crime** problem, which is out of control. He is hoping to make a difference Nationally. He wants to make the Western Cape the Safest in the country.

Using Law Enforcement, Education, Safety and Security and Health Services (which is impacted by crime) He will use crime prevention as a strategy.

- **Transport** will be his second focus. Trains , taxi's , buses are the core to an efficient city.
- **Resilience** is his third focus. he complemented citizens of CT on achieving 50L per person per day. Climate Change is here to stay, so we need to be resilient.
- **Power** is the fourth focus. Energy , we have to get it right.

He answered questions.

The Chairman closed the meeting at: 19h52