

## Chairmans Report March 2016

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Tonight I would like to focus on the activities and progress your committee has made through the course of the year. A number of our members resigned from the committee during the year but fortunately they have been ably replaced to the extent we now have a larger and stronger committee that when we set out a year ago.

I am pleased to report that the functioning of this committee has settled down and is meeting on a regular monthly basis and successfully progressing issues as they arise.

The committee has evolved through the course of the year to take on the current structure which mirrors how I intend presenting my report tonight.

Our meetings are structured such that we report firstly on **STANDING COMMITTEES** which manage the ongoing business of the STCA.

These committees are

- 1 Financial
- 2 Membership and Communication
- 3 Property
- 4 JAM (joint association meetings)

Tim will report on the **financial matters** and I am going to ask Merle to specifically address you on **membership and communication**, as I believe this is still the most important task facing the ongoing viability of the STCA.

### **Joint Association Meetings**

As far as the **JAM** goes, Dan who heads up this initiative has had the first joint meeting and needs to develop this initiative further before we are able to report back on significant progress. However

your committee believes that this initiative has the potential of delivering significant co ordination to the functioning of the numerous associations operating in Simon's Town and intend pursuing this with vigour.

## **Property Portfolio**

I have managed the Property Portfolio for the last year and am now in the throes of handing responsibility over to David Morgan. During the last year we reviewed 86 applications of which 77 were supported. 8 were not supported and one was withdrawn. The STCA has been actively involved with the Architectural Committee and been ably represented by David. We were also invited to join the steering committee for the Dido Valley housing development and I attended meetings on behalf of the STCA.

I would also like to thank Merle who attended meetings of the Far South Peninsula Community Forum on our behalf.

I would now like to turn to our **Key Objective Portfolios**. When trying to decide where to focus our limited resources we selected three arenas that we thought we could make the most difference to the benefit of the broader community i.e.

Vagrants and by-law control

Greening of Simon's Town

Key Stakeholder engagement

## **Vagrants and By-laws**

W.r.t **Vagrant Control** we have worked closely with our ward councillor, Simon Liell-Cock, and were able to get a council funded law enforcement officer to patrol the main street during the day. His main function is enforcement related to non moving violations.

We have also engaged with the City on improving maintenance of order related to vagrants and street people, and have had some

successes with this. Needless to say much work remains to be done.

We also contribute to the funding a “Mach 1” guard who patrols and assist along the Main street. **WE would dearly love to do more however our enthusiasm is curtailed by our limited budget.**

## **Greening of Simon’s Town**

Our work on the **Greening Portfolio** was initially concentrated on the Jubilee Square gardens. However Brigid has started guiding the efforts of the “Green Team” job creation initiative. The clean up of the Redhill viewpoint is testament to this.

We have recently expanded this initiative by contributing financially to the Glencairn wetlands. We have also been fortunate enough to have Cilla Bromley join our committee to further advance this initiative. Rachel Browne has also been doing sterling work around Seaforth and the Waters Edge gardens, and hopefully as we progress through the year more dedicated people will join up with us to focus on the different areas in our town.

## **Key Stakeholder Engagment**

Key Stakeholder Engagement ,with specifically the Navy, is a real challenge, but we have had some success. We have had a number of meetings with them with a view to building a trusting relationship. Work continues and we will not give up until all avenues have be exhausted.

We also had a number of meetings with PRASA regarding the re-building of the Railway wall and were able to exert some pressure on expediting this work. They have done a temporary repair to the wall and are currently undertaking environmental assessments on a final solution.

## **What Makes Simon’s Town Great**

Finally I would like to give feedback on the “What makes Simon’s Town Great” initiative.

We had a very successful General Meeting at which we workshopped this issue. The community members contributed via an exercise whereby sticky notes were allocated under the headings of,

- What makes Simons Town Great
- Weaknesses and Threats
- Strengths and Opportunities

The contributions were arranged to identify emerging themes and these in turn were analysed to highlight the key points attracting the communities attention. The key emerging themes are-

**What makes Simon’s Town Great**

- Cohesive Community
- Natural Beauty

**Weaknesses and Threats**

- Overdevelopment

**Strengths and Opportunities**

- Maritime/Navy theme

I present these findings today with the intention that this meeting endorses them and these are further developed by your committee as the Key Objectives to focus on for the coming year.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the STCA EXCO for the support shown to myself this committee and the time and effort that they have graciously volunteered to the betterment of our community.

I would also like to thank all the members of the STCA, both those here tonight as well as all the others for bothering to support their community actively. **Our Challenge this coming year is to grow our association’s membership significantly, or else watch it fade away leaving our community without a voice on issues that effect them directly.**

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