

Minutes of STCA General Meeting 14 November 2018

Welcome

Apologies - Tim Skea and Liesel Coetzer

Quorum - Confirmed by Kathy Bolitho

Chairman's Report - Richard Kenny

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the STCA General Meeting!
For those of you who do not know me, my name is Richard Kenny and I am the current Chairman of the association.

Tonight I would like to give a brief feedback on progress of your association and cover some formalities as required by the STCA constitution.

The bulk of our time this evening will however be spent in revising the vision and objectives of the STCA.

Quorum

For this meeting to be properly constituted we need to have 25 members in good standing present tonight.

New EXCO members and responsibilities.

After our AGM that we held in Glencairn during the year we were thrilled to welcome new volunteers onto our committee. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to our members as well as get the meeting's endorsement for their appointment.

The new members are:

Roger Bagshaw
Paul Bannister
Beverly Hartwell
Stef Mellor
Simon Metcalfe

Can I call for a proposer and seconder to endorse their appointment to the EXCO of the STCA?

Proposed by Gary Leih
Seconded by Peter Willis

This being approved the new committee and their responsibilities are:

Chairman	Richard Kenny
Vice Chairman	Michael Richards

Treasurer	Tim Skea
Secretary	Kathy Bolitho
Property Portfolio	Michael Richards and Roger Bagshaw
Community Policing Forum	Simon Metcalfe and Beverly Hartwell
Sub Council	Kathy Bolitho and Cilla Bromley
Stakeholder Management	Paul Bannister and Richard Kenny
STADCO	Richard Kenny
Communication	Stef Mellor, Beverly Hartwell and Paul Bannister
Far South Community Forum	Merle Evertse and Paul Bannister
Membership	Merle Evertse and Mary-Anne Wessels
Geese	Cilla Bromley
Simon's Town Trust	Merle Evertse
Ward Committee	Michael Richards and Cilla Bromley

I am pleased to report that The STCA committee is still operating well and meeting monthly as well as attending a host of other committee meetings on which we represent the interests of our members and Simon's Town. The injection of new blood has been most welcome and the invigoration of the committee by these new members will take us forward in our drive to address issues affecting our community.

Financial Report

Tim our Treasurer, is not here tonight to give us a report on the financial health of the STCA however I thought it would be useful to share the highlights with you. Needless to say our bank balance is still healthy and our funds are being judiciously managed.

1. Subs collected for the current year (2018) = 280 down on 381 collected in 2017.
The reason for this was we had a three year membership term which has now expired and we need to get members to renew their subscriptions.
Once again I urge members to encourage fellow residents go Simon's Town to join the STCA as only with a healthy membership will we be able to achieve our goals.
2. Excess income over expenditure = R7,203
3. Cash in bank R106, 166 of which R74, 516 is available for projects in 2018. R5,000 has been earmarked for the SBA's Simon's Town marketing campaign & R26,650 represents subs paid in advance for 2019 & 2020

I would now like to move on from the formal section of our meeting to the more interesting part of the evening. This portion will be interactive with presentations followed by a structured question and answer session. The aim of this is explore the way forward for the community and direct the activities of your committee.

I will now hand over to Paul Bannister who has put in significant effort to bring this to fruition.

Introduction of Paul Bannister

Paul joined our committee at the last AGM and has taken on the important role of and we believe that through active management of this portfolio your committee will enhance in our town as well as an improved profile for Simon's Town within the community at large.

Interactive workshop

Objectives:

- To position the STCA as a progressive organization that has the best interests of the residents of Simons Town at its core.
- To encourage active citizenship in terms of participation.
- To be inclusive
- To encourage membership of the STCA
- To enhance Simons Town's competitiveness as a destination

Introduction:

We cannot change South Africa but we can make a start by changing one town at a time, starting with Simons Town. JAM is a Joint Association Meeting in Simons Town where the various Associations get together to find common ground and ideas to improve Simons Town. Budget to do this is a problem. National Government cannot be relied upon. City of Cape Town is under huge pressure financially with the influx of people migrating to Cape Town, the drought and the demands these make on their budget. There are various other Stakeholders in Simons Town namely Sanparks, the Navy and PRASA. We need to build relationships with them and find a way forward that is good for everyone concerned. We need to look at where we want Simons Town to be in the next 10 years. Then we need to drive it towards that goal. It won't happen on its own. We need to make it happen and the only way we can do that is by working together towards this common goal. We are at a crossroads in our history and we can make a difference. We need to influence and shape our own destiny. So that is what we are hoping to do. We need active citizenship to achieve this...

Process:

Sharing of ideas

Guest Speaker- Gary Leih

Gary spoke about his connection to and love for Simons Town and the hidden gem that it is today.

Spoke on Whitstable (A town that turned themselves around through active citizenship and put themselves on the map as a sought after weekend destination)

It is the single most valuable seaside town in the UK and the towns en route have upgraded through the process.

The Questionnaire needs to be completed in and returned via e-mail or hard copies to be dropped off at STADCO office.

Paul Bannister spoke about Franschhoek and the branding and promoting of Franschhoek to become the culinary destination in the Western Cape.

He spoke about ideas that will attract young families and how Wesgro is launching a project to promote tourism after the negative impact Day Zero had on tourism and the assets and attractions we have in Simons Town.

Ward Councillor for Ward 61: Simon Leill-Cock

- The New Mayor and change will be coming as Felicity Purchase, Chairperson of Subcouncil 19, has been appointed to Brett Heron's position as head of Transport and Design' under the new Mayor. She has a heart for Simons Town and is aware of our problems and struggles. She has worked closely with Simon for many years. There are 30,000 people in his ward. We make up 0, 2 % of the population of Cape Town, in Simons Town. Grants from National Government. We are not a big part of the city
- What is Simon's designation and how does he represent us at City Council? Set Policy and fight for budget to support policies. Work on by laws to write new legislation to have more effective law enforcement officers to address problems and meet the needs in the community
- He is not a call centre, operations manager, not in control of what happens in National Government, PRASA, Navy, SAPS, and SANPARKS. Not a counselor with an S but a Counselor with a C. Although he is often found counselling in Ocean View
- He has no access to funds. Only his ward budget which is accounted for before he receives it
- He has a large ward that is spread out and spends a lot of time in his car
- STADCO is a wonderful vehicle for our town. He would like STADCO to have more control
- Simon suggested we push towards a SID
- His top priority for his ward is SAFE and CLEAN
- This is what he will be working towards

Closure

Thank you to all our members who attended tonight and thank you for the participation and contributions made here tonight.

I would also like to thank the EXCO committee members for their time and effort they have invested in the running of the STCA as well as the work in planning and executing the meeting tonight.

Thank you to the presenters tonight and especially to Paul for so effectively managing the workshop session

Finally I would like to thank the establishments who donated food platters for our enjoyment tonight:

- The Glencairn Hotel
- The Seven Penguins
- The Lord Nelson
- The Sweetest Thing
- SAV Café/Saveur
- Neptunes Galley
- Seaforth Restaurant

Finally I would like to wish you a nice evening, travel safely and if we do not see you again
Seasons Greetings from the STCA EXCO.

Meeting Duration: 1:21:04