

Chairmans Report 25 October 2017

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 we would like to get some feedback from our members, on how you perceive we are meeting our mandate, as well as suggestions as to where we should concentrate our focus in the coming year. You will notice white blank posters hanging on the walls, as well as black felt tipped pens and blank post it pads. I invite you to move between the various pages and add your contribution relevant to the topic heading each page. At the end of the session I will summarize your comments and then give a quick feedback to you on the emerging themes.

The topics we are exploring are

Communication with/from the STCA
Issues the STCA should **focus for the coming year**
Positive feedback re the STCA
Areas for improvement for the STCA
How can I help/participate

At the end of my report we will break for 10-15 mins to allow for this process. This will give you some time during my report to gather your thoughts.

EXCO

I am pleased to be able to report that your EXCO has remained stable of the past 6 months, with no resignations. I want to take this opportunity to thank the team for their voluntary contributions for the past six months as well as the period that lays ahead. We do however have some vacancies on the team and I earnestly request you to consider volunteering to join up and assist. It is important to continuously refresh the Association with new blood. If anyone would like to become involved or you wish to nominate someone please make use of a post it pad on the “ How can I help” poster.

VISION

At the previous AGM I took the opportunity of walking the members through our Vision, Mission, Strategic Objectives, and Key Performance indicators. Tonight I would like to remind you of our Vision to assist with a frame of reference when you give feedback on the posters. I would also like to take this opportunity to give some feedback on how your

committee participates on the various representative bodies within the greater Simon's Town area.

So to recap the VISION of the STCA. i.e. what is the reason for our existence.

“ The STCA acts as a pressure group to champion communal issues on behalf of the residents of the Greater Simon's Town area, providing specific focus on local issues. We are represented and participate on various civic organizations promoting the culture and character of the town. We also provide a conduit for the community to raise issues with Key Stakeholders including the Cape Town City Management.”

With this in mind I will now elaborate the bodies that we represent you on.

Far South Peninsular Community Forum our rep. is Merle Evertse

This is a forum representing the various associations in the far South covering Fishoek, Simon's Town and Kommetjie, whose goal is to champion common issues effecting the region. Issues handled here have included the “Gatvol Campaign”, traffic congestion, and going forward possibly interaction with the City council on the water crisis.

Sub Council our rep is Kathryn Bolitho

This is an opportunity for us to sit, essentially in an observer status, to follow up on issues we may have submitted to the Sub Council for consideration. The value of this is that we are able to ensure that our issues receive the attention they deserve and are not handled casually or brushed under the carpet. Some of the issues handled here are the Erf 1 situation above Glencairn, enquiries re the Denel expansion in the navy Dockyard, and more recently a request for enhanced control over mini bus taxis and possibly establishing a proper taxi rank.

Ward Committee our rep is Michael Richards

This is a newly established forum whereby representatives from the ward meet with the ward councillor to raise issues of concern to the residents. This mechanism has not yet yielded benefit to us and we await to see whether this will work for us or not.

Community Policing Forum our rep is Eileen Heywood

Eileen is in fact the Chairman of this forum and has recently revitalized this institution after a period of stagnation. This forum liaise's with local policing and law enforcement as well

as co ordinating neighborhood watches. One of its more obvious impacts has been the “pink vest” car guard initiative in town.

Baboon Liaison Group our rep is Brigid Jackson

This interest group champions issues related to the management of the baboon population in our area . Recently they have been instrumental in getting the council to provide baboon proof bins for deployment near Admiral house. Brigid has recently taken up this role and I invite members to contact her if you have concerns/queries on baboon issues.

STADCO our rep is Richard Kenny

STADCO has responsibility for the management of Jubilee Square and the Pier on behalf of the City. After a stressful year last year I am pleased to report that things have settled down nicely with the appointment of a General Manager to manage day to day affairs. Money has been spent on repairs to the pier as well as various improvements on the square. Financial projections are that we will close out the year with a positive balance.

Dido Valley Project Steering Committee our rep is Michael Richards

We are represented on this forum which meets every 2 months to update and discuss progress related to this project. This is chaired by the City Council and has representation from potential residents, City Council and the STCA.

Architectural Committee our rep is Michael Richards

This is a registered commenting body with the City of Cape Town, which meets monthly to assess all land use applications within the Simon's Town Heritage Protection Overlay Zone (HPOZ) which is essentially the Simon's Town Historical Mile.

Geese (Glencairn Education & Environment Support Enthusiasts) our rep is Cilla Bromley

The primary focus of Geese is the maintenance and promotion of the Glencairn wetland. More recently however the Glencairn Beach & Dune Rehabilitation and the renovation of the Tidal Pool have been a keen focus. After much interaction it seems as if acceptable interventions are now planned around these issues.

Simon 'Town Trust our rep is Merle Evertse

This trust manages money that was bequeathed to it essentially for the benefit of victims and descendants of the implementation of the Group Areas Act in Simon's Town.

As you can see from the many committees we represent you on, we have plenty to keep us busy, and that is before we tackle other issues such as departure applications, commenting on property developments and general members queries. Much of this work is not readily

transparent to the residents of the town and thus it is sometimes hard not to be disheartened when we get responses like “but what does the STCA do for me in this town”.

I would now like to ask Tim Skea our treasurer to give us the financial feedback for the past period. After Tim’s report we will take 10-15 mins to get feedback from you our members.