

Simon's Town Civic Association General Meeting



22 October 2024

AGENDA:

1. Simon Metcalfe -

Welcome & STCA updates

2. Lt. Cdr. Molefe & Prof. David Attwell -

Tennis Courts Refurbishment Project

3. Cllr Simon Liell-Cock -

CCT Ward 61 updates

Simon's Town Civic Association Exco



Simon Metcalfe
Chairperson



Tim Skea
Treasurer



Alex Jongens
Secretary



Merle Evertse
Membership



Debbie McComb
Property &
Environment



Clive Holder
Safety



Cilla Bromley
Glencairn &
GEESE



Eugene Loftus
Safety & Social
Development

Simon's Town Civic Association Chairman's Report

FINANCIAL REPORT - TIM SKEA: JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2024 (9 MONTHS)

- Paid membership of **171** provided income of **R28, 952 pa.**
- Cash in bank **R136,642** (interest R6, 722).
- STCA funded **R7,500 for a legal opinion** on the responsibility for baboon management.
- Funded **Glencairn NHW R6,000 for a LPR camera** on Dido Valley Road.
- Admin costs less than R6,000.
- Surplus R9,002.
- Gardens project – **R16, 855 spent so far from R90, 000 donated over 3 years.**
Balance remaining is some R15,000.



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MEMBERSHIP - MERLE EVERSTE

- Present **171 household membership** represents **20% reduction since last year** and 50% since pre-Covid 19.
- A well supported **civic association can exert more influence on “powers that be”**.
- **STCA EXCO must communicate** its relevance **better** to members & residents generally.
- Newsletter lapsed; **Facebook running well (Di Ruthenberg)**; website mgt. in the works (Alex & Debbie).
- Present annual subscription is **R130 pa.**
- **3 year membership Special (2025-27) for R300.**

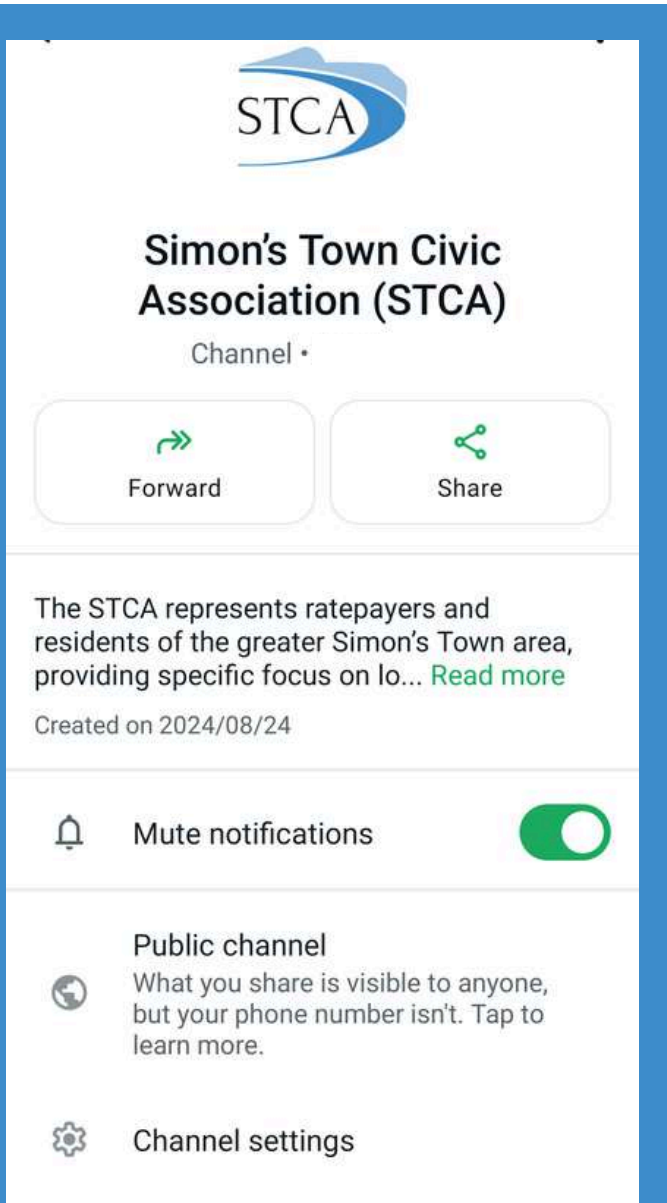
**Please join, stay joined,
and recruit other
households.**

**If you'd like to become a
member our banking details are:**

**Standard Bank Fish Hoek
Account no 073 815 209**

**Your reference: Your name and
contact number**

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COMMUNICAITON

- **Whatsapp channel** created (we will share the link or search the Simon's Town Civic Association channel)
 - This is NOT a Whatsapp group so you cannot have a conversation. It is a news channel.
- **Website being updated with:**
 - CCT announcements, including relevant Public Participation Processes;
 - STCA content and reports;
- **STCA Exco updates will be shared every two months** (via email, loaded on the website and notifications sent on the Whatsapp channel).

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SECRETARY - ALEX JONGENS

Administration - EXCO meetings, agendas, minutes & communication within EXCO and with membership

City Improvement District (Special Rates Area)

- Steering Committee established & operational
- Business Plan Development in progress
- Public Participation Plan is in final review with the City
- Website is in development.
- Urban Management Survey (UMS) will be conducted as soon as the PPP is approved. The results inform what is included in the business plan.
- **Community consultations (small focus groups with commercial property owners, residential owners in the sub areas, and business owners). These will commence as soon as the PPP is approved.**
- The 1st public meeting will be held in March 2025

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SAFETY, SECURITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Lofty engages with Simon's Town / Glencairn Community Police Forum (CPF) on crime, safety and social development (homeless/street people, illegal land settlement, car park attendants).
- Works closely with CPF Chairman (Andrew Rogers) and law enforcement officials. **MFH feeding stopped to be integrated with active rehabilitation.**
- Clive Holder, Alex Jongens support the **Simon's Town NHW** evening security team keeping space safe for residents & visitors.
- Simon Metcalfe serves on the Happy Valley Refuge Board, Chaired by Cllr. Simon Liell-Cock. **Fundraising is vital and needs local support. New campaign being led by Nadima Smith & Di Ruthenberg.**

**Volunteers
needed!**

**Simon's Town
NHW**

**Be the eyes &
ears of the town**



Image: Trish Inggs

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CAPE TOWN CITY (CCT) ENGAGEMENT - DEBBIE MCCOMB

- **Promote local priorities Ward 61 meetings** along with Ocean View, and Kommetjie representatives and also interested NGO agencies.
- **Participate in Sub-council 19** meetings that deal with political & administrative issues in the Far South Peninsula e.g. Property plans, departures, Simon's Town Heritage Zone; Spatial Development Framework (SDF); roads, traffic, safety, security, environment, coast, water, sanitation, waste management etc.
- Far South Peninsula Community Forum (FSPCF) provides a forum for all ratepayer, social, economic & environmental NGOs to collaborate and engage on CCT policy & strategy across all sectors.



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NAVY ENGAGEMENT

Simon's Town is a Tale of two towns and cooperation is essential. For some while this has not gone so well. Hopeful green shoot signs. Maybe related to new naval & GNU leadership. Many possibilities related to property and collaborative engagement generally.

- Debbie McComb has facilitated tennis court project
- David Attwell – book festival use of naval facilities, tennis courts
- All STCA EXCO to engage wherever shared interests possible

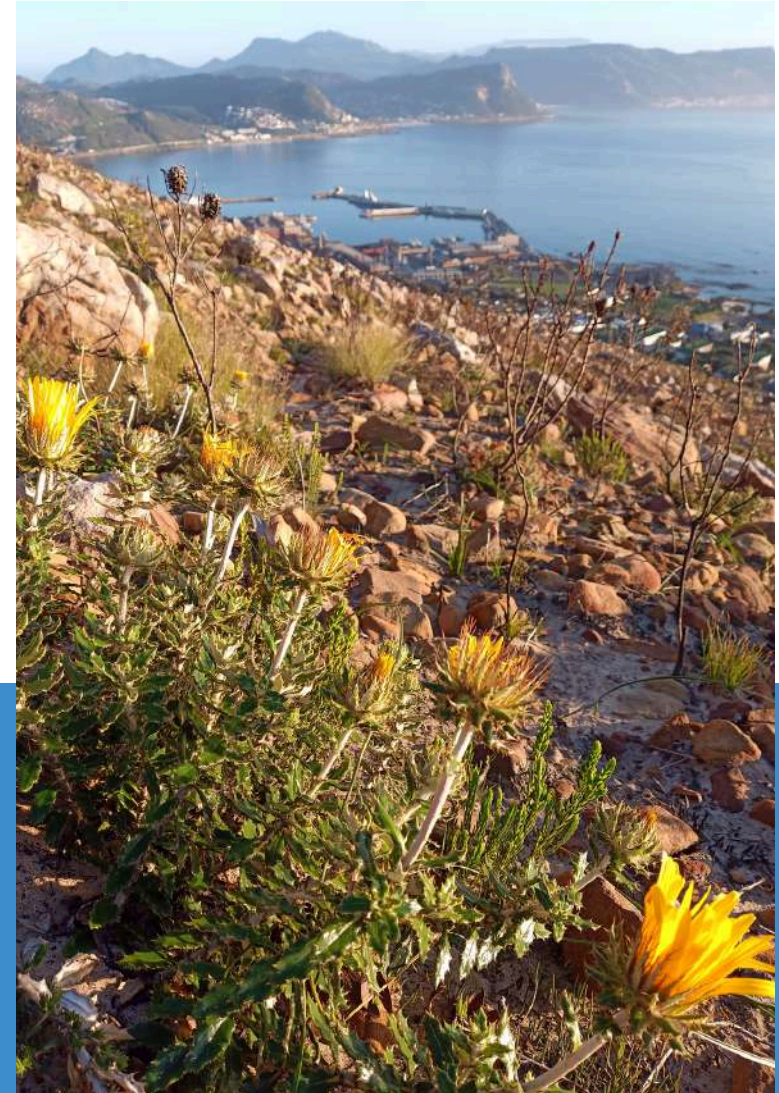


Image: Di Ruthenberg

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ENVIRONMENT

- **Nadima Smith and Debbie** work with a civic and city team on **waste management improvements on civic & naval property.**
- **Cilla Bromley & Debbie** work on **Glencairn river valley**, wetland and coastal area through GEESE NGO. Run a local market as fundraiser for GEESE. Wish for more local support to meet goal.
- STCA participates in local issues like coastal management but could do more with increased volunteer effort.



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BABOON MANAGEMENT STRATEGY & PROGRAMME ENGAGEMENT

- Peter Willis, Ben Cousins, Nadima Smith, with Simon Metcalfe, have facilitated engagement within the communities living with our four troops & between them and the newly established JTT Cape Peninsula Baboon Management Joint Task Team (CPBMJTT)
- A local STCA baboon update group (224) is established.
- A South Peninsula Civic Coalition has been established to enhance local civic engagement with the JTT and new Baboon Advisory Group (BAG). Simon's Town, Scarborough (1), Kommetjie (3) Capri/Sunnydale (1), Tokai (1), Constantia Hills (1), Constantia
- STCA had its 3 Baboon Advisory Group (BAG) nominations accepted to represent & engage broadly with local opinion guided by pragmatism, science, respect, and agreement as far as possible
- Chris Hart – Smits & Seaforth troops; Tom Cohen – Waterfall troop; Garth Kew – DE Gama / Welcome Glen troop

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BABOON MANAGEMENT STRATEGY & PROGRAMME ENGAGEMENT

- **STCA BAG rep profiles:**
 - **Chris Hart:** Chris, a former chairperson of the STCA during the transition years of the 1990s, was for many years a primary school headteacher, including of Wynberg Boys' Junior School (2001-2014). From 1998 he became closely involved in the management and development of his profession, holding a series of influential positions in the National Professional Teachers' Organisation of South Africa [NAPTOSA]. Resident of Froggy Farm, Simon's Town since 1982.
 - **Tom Cohen:** Tom Cohen, 67, has lived in Simon's Town for five years on Ricketts Close near the historic mosque. A longtime international journalist, Tom compiled a report last year (copy attached) on the increasing habituation of the Waterfall troop in the Simon's Town Central neighborhood. Resident and property owner in Ricketts Close, Simon's Town since 2019.
 - **Garth Kew:** Garth has worked for more than 30 years in game reserves in South Africa, Botswana and Zambia, and with rural communities surrounding these game reserves. Since 1994, he has been involved in the development, design, construction, marketing and management of several luxury safari lodges in the Greater Madikwe Game reserve. Since 2003 he has been MD of Africa Holdings (SA) Pty Ltd, which owns and manages private safari lodges and private ground within the Madikwe Game Reserve. He is a Trustee of the Madikwe Wildlife Foundation, a conservation and counter poaching initiative active in several national game reserves. Resident and property owner in Welcome Glen, Simon's Town since 2017.
- **Next steps:** the STCA BAG representatives will inform the public once the official JTT BAG process starts. **Timelines have yet to be announced.**
- **Reminder:** the BAG representatives **are volunteers and are giving up their time for free.**



Simon's Town Tennis Club

Presentation to STCA General Meeting

Tuesday 22 October

The Problem ...



The Goal ...



The Journey ...

1. Approach to the SA Navy

Debbie McComb (STCA Property Portfolio)
Lt. Cdr. Lebohang Molefe (SA Navy Dockyard,
Facilities Manager)

2. Approach to Cape Town Tennis

David Attwell
Metro Counsellor Riad Davids (VP, CTT, and Tennis
South Africa)

3. Conditions for funding:

Establish Simon's Town Tennis Club, with
Constitution

Affiliation to CTT (already applied)

Obtain approval/support from SA Navy

Sign Users' Agreement with SA Navy (min. 5-year
term)

Obtain Quote from Contractor (Trio Courts)

Submit Formal Proposal to Cape Town Tennis

Key Elements

1. Reserved on Navy Sports Days (Wednesday afternoons)
2. Honorary membership of STTC for Naval personnel
3. Facilities and Coaching for Schools
(Simon's Town, Ocean View, Masiphumelele)
4. Election of STTC Exco
5. Maintenance of facility to be managed by Exco

Configuration:

2 courts for tennis

1 multipurpose court (tennis and netball)

3 courts for pickleball





CLICK HERE to see the clip: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/cQTEJKIKzCM>

Potential membership:

70 on the WhatsApp Group

82 expressions of interest

Sign up (fees to be decided)!

2024-10-22 STCA General Meeting

Ward 61 - Councillor Report-back

1. SA Navy – very positive

- a. Thursday 3rd October – Dockyard Concert
- b. Friday 4th – Media Briefing
- c. Sunday 6th – VIP Luncheon
 - i. Closing ceremony
- d. Monday 7th – Courtesy visit – Indian and Brazilian Navies
 - i. Cocktail Party – Brazilian Ship
- e. Tuesday 8th – Cocktail Party – Indian Ship
- f. Wednesday 16th – IBSMAR
- g. Thursday 24th – FOC meeting

2. Dido Valley = 600 houses

- a. Land Claims = 100 houses
 - i. Built = 72
 - ii. Under construction = 21
 - iii. Pending beneficiary approval = 7
- b. Red Hill = 472
 - i. Built = 100
 - ii. Under Construction = 20
 - iii. Pending beneficiary approval = 352
- c. Other = 28
 - i. Special Needs
 - ii. ST Waiting list
- d. Challenges
 - i. Electrification tender
 - ii. Civils Contractor
 - iii. Slope of the land
 - iv. Beneficiary approval - Family disputes/Couples Disputes
- e. Notes:
 - i. Plan is to finish by June 2026
 - ii. Aim to build 20 per month

3. Kommetjie Road – R28 Mill budget – completed by 30 June 2025
4. WVVWWT – R95 Mill budget
5. Noordhoek LV depot – R45 mill budget
6. Water – Thomas lane project – R1,2 mill
7. Solid Waste – Wastemart are back
8. Coastal – Dune rehab and Seaforth beach done Long Beach parking
9. Informal Trading – Kleintuin road and Seaforth beach
10. Social project – street people project/U-Turn
11. Substance abuse project
12. Outside Bodies - Happy Valley – ST Museum(Cathy) - ST AAC