

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KENRIDGE, THE HILLS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 19th August 2009 IN THE KENRIDGE TENNIS CLUB HALL, DE VILLIERS
AVENUE AT 18H00**

PRESENT: T Amira (Chair), T Schilling (Secretary) I Flint, F Miller, S Van Eyssen, G Hogarth, , B Hynes, Cllr A Crous, P van Zyl, Juan Senekal (Visitor) , P Bosman, W Bok, A Cudmore

1. APOLOGIES

J Gray

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of 15th July, 2009 were confirmed by S van Eyssen and seconded by I Flint. Chairman Amira welcomed Juan Senekal from Managed Living, Management and Communication Solutions who had asked for a short time to present a resume of his company.

3. ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA FROM MEMBERS/THE FLOOR

- Vegetation overhanging municipal boards – and vagrants at school- S Van Eyssen
- Occupational practice – Fox Hair – Salisbury Avenue - B Hynes
- Presentation – J Senekal
- Community security meeting – T Amira

4. REMINDER ISSUES HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Items 4.6 and 4.7 Rhodes Avenue and 4.8 Van Der Stel Avenue – T Amira to send LUI to assess illegal occupational status and report back – items have been on the agenda for many months.

5. REGULAR REPORT BACKS

5.1 Police Forum/KNI – P Bosman reported violent crimes on the increase. Committee discussed various recent crimes agreeing that criminals are becoming bolder and more violent, with no care about human life. It was noted that not all stats given by police are correct and that every crime was not reported by residents. Residents are urged to report each and every crime as it occurred.

5.2 Ward 21 - Nothing to report as I Flint had not attended any meetings yet. Still no official confirmation from Chair/City to his appointment.

Ward 70 – A Cudmore reported that as yet, no Ward forum meeting had been held.

6. POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Barnyard Theatre and Pollution and Landscaping A Cudmore reported that G Mostert has requested another noise analysis, their previous one not conducted correctly – Barnyard have been served with notice which is due to expire – awaiting response from Barnyard to the effect that they have fixed all requested problems. If no response, they will be served with a foreclosure notice. The Committee agreed that the delay in solving the problem had gone on for a totally unacceptable time (4 years) and that the Municipality had to stop dragging heels and remedy. Legal opinion had stated that noise is deemed to be a nuisance if it can be heard outside the building. B Hynes queried the situation of new tenant perhaps occupying the premises, would there be a new contract? T Amira said, at that stage, hopefully all rules and regulations would be in place to obviate a repeat of what has been experienced. He is to contact Chris Brown and report back.

6.2 Fishing – Doordekraal Dam – Both Fred Miller and A Cudmore have sent their perceptions/solutions and requests to Jan Brand Sub-council Manage regarding the situation of the Doordekraal Dam “pilot project” and its future and roll-out to other dams. Jan Brand had sent email to A De Wet and G Slabbert of City to ask them to prepare a memo on the status. To date nothing has been received back. F Miller’s email had been sent to J Brand by A Cudmore to ask him to keep the contents for discussion at the public

participation process, when it took place and for him to note the KHRPA was an interested party. T Amira to e mail G Slabbert for his response to the situation. Cllr Crous reported that a Friends of the Dam “team” is being drawn up with the help of a resident, Karl Feil and she will report back on its progress at the August meeting.

- 6.3 **Website** www.kenridgeratepayers.co.za – ongoing. T Schilling confirmed that Tygerburger and Tygertalk had run a short news item announcing the new website. It was agreed that some links be introduced on the site such as to draft byelaws and deadlines and DCPF forum.etc. Members are to add suggestions at any time to improve the site.
- 6.4 **Fairmont Astroturf** - ongoing – Mr Wiese, representing residents overlooking the Astroturf, has asked for an extension to the application for land use departure.
- 6.5 **Street names and lights** – Cllr A Crous said that the replacement of broken street lights and repainting of street names was taking place and that she had asked that they spray poison on the weeds and grasses growing between pavers on the side of the roads. T Amira noted that it took City an average of 7 – 14 days to replace lights after reporting. He advised that most street lights had a identification number on each pole. A reference number was to be obtained from the centre emanating from any query reported to the City and if no action after 7 – 14 days, the resident who reported this issue to continue to insist that the matter be rectified and phone back quoting the reference number.
- 6.6 **Traffic Calming** – Cllr Crous acknowledged the need for a forum to be set up where concerned residents and Cllr can discuss the way forward and solutions to the speeding in streets regularly occurring in Kenridge. Shaun Glass of City Traffic Planning to be included and together to decide where the finance to come from, where bumps to be placed etc.
- 6.7 **Lazer Away** – LUI had contacted owner to remove sign and to adhere to the rules regarding occupational practices in residential areas. T Amira to report back at next meeting what had transpired.
- 6.8 **Top Dam in Kenridge leaking** – This had now been repaired – the spillway had been blocked and water had been leaking down the footpaths in the park into the street below.

7. GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS

Applications –

- 7.1 **Fairmont High School** - an application for temporary land use departure for certain facilities to be used to raise funds by renting out to the public were received. KHRPA not to oppose application subject to certain matters such as parking, liquor on premises and noise levels being adhered to as per any current law or legislation. Awaiting deadline.
- 7.2 **Portfolios** – T Amira as Chair tabled that in order to run an effective Association, the Committee should now consider the matter of creating portfolios i.e. Planning and Applications, Environmental and Safety and Security in which the committee members would head up and assist. This would go far in creating lines of reporting and speed up problem solving. The preferred options for members to each portfolio to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. FROM THE FLOOR

- 8.1 **Occupational practice – Fox Hair** – B Hynes reported that there appears to be a hair studio operating in Salisbury Avenue – T Amira to send LUI to inspect
- 8.2 **Vagrants – Kenridge School** – S Van Eyssen had seen and reported to the headmaster of the Kenridge Primary school that vagrants were climbing over the security fencing and sleeping in the school premises – leaving mess and clothing strewn over shrubs. T Amira and Cllr Crous said this was an ongoing social problem that was beginning to affect residents in Kenridge and cause some concern. There were 3 categories of homeless: 1) by choice – these were supported and fed by residents – they were the constant “live in area” homeless person, difficult to remove because of the source of charity found in the area. 2) By force of circumstance – they would accept help by association and shelters in getting out of their situation. 3) Monday to Friday workers in the immediate area – live in

surrounding townships, but stay in the area during the week to save on bus fare. As Chairman of KNI G Hogarth mentioned that it was imperative that hawkers are not supported by people purchasing their good for sale or feeding them. The KNI patrol are actively dissuading hawkers in the suburbs. By not supporting them, they would eventually move on. When local shops, who had been actively feeding homeless, had been approached by KNI, their attitude was aggressive and the patrol officers were told “not to tell us what to do” or to “keep your noses out of our business”.

8.3 Presentation given – Jean Senekal – Managed Living web-based software for security estates managing communication. T Amira said he did not think that we required this service, as we had a system through KNI and our web page, but asked Jean Senekal to set up meeting with M Philogene to discuss the technicalities. M Philogene is away for 5 weeks overseas.

8.4 Community security meeting – T Amira advised that on 25th August at 19h00 in the Durbanville Primary School Hall, a meeting was to be called by Mike Ettish with all the neighbourhood and security watches to co-ordinate a combined front to crime in the area that was escalating into violent situations. G Hogarth as Chair of KNI and member of KHRPA to attend and report back.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 20h00. THE NEXT MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 16th September 2009 AT 18H00 AT THE KENRIDGE TENNIS CLUB, DE VILLIERS AVENUE. APOLOGIES BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR AGENDA ITEMS ARE TO BE PASSED ON TIMEOUSLY TO SECRETARY.