

Minutes of the Riebeek Valley Ratepayers Association Committee Meeting

Date: 8 March 2023

Time: 18:00

Venue: The Barn

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomes all present

2. Attendance

Jennifer Kamerman (JK)

Solveigh Smit (SS)

Joshua Geldenhuys (JG)

Mathiam Smit (MS)

Koos Erasmus (KE)

Basil Friedlander (BF)

3. Apologies

William Pulles (WP)

Henk Bruwer (HB)

4. Approval of previous committee meeting minutes

January and February 2023 minutes are approved

5. Matters discussed:

5.1. Member feedback

5.1.1. An RVRA member submitted feedback to the committee about stop streets not being adhered to in Riebeek Kasteel on the corner of Bloem Street and Van Riebeek Street. Discussion around traffic and potential solutions:

- Ratepayers and members have previously raised various traffic concerns
- There is a need to address traffic in the valley. Law enforcement presence is one component, however, more permanent speed calming measures would be required as well, such as speed bumps
- JK submits that the RVRA cannot escalate piecemeal traffic concerns; and that the approach should be to collect and quantify member feedback over time, identify key traffic issues and hotspots, and then take this up with the relevant authorities as a collective.
- BF is currently dealing with Roman Steyn (Swartland Law Enforcement Manager) on a number of key issues, such as trucks parked on street corners and overnighting on the street, the usage of air brakes, as well as traffic calming measures in Riebeek Wes.

5.1.1.●.1. JK suggests that BF includes tonnage and issues in his ongoing discussions

5.1.1.●.2. BF is happy to include RVRA member feedback in his dealings with Steyn, and will forward feedback to JK.

- JG submits that he has also been in communication with Steyn around tonnage and speeding issues as well as the lack of signage relating to the lower Riebeek Kasteel area by Pieter Cruythoff Street.
- KE notes the recent presence of law enforcement with a mobile speed camera in front of Angie's in Riebeek Wes

- KE questions the Municipality's decision-making and prioritization of speed bump installations in some quiet off-streets in Riebeek Kasteel, while main roads with well-known traffic speeding issues do not have speed bumps
- JK to coordinate with BF in the future to put together general communication to members as well as communication to the Municipality and Law Enforcement based on collated traffic-related feedback over time, specifically including what the RVRA would like to see with regard to traffic enforcement.
- JK to respond directly to the member who submitted feedback

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5.2. IDP feedback process

5.2.1. JK submits that Riebeek Wes ratepayers asked her about feedback relating to the new IDP and the commentary forms that were previously submitted

- JK has followed up about IDP commentary. It was confirmed that the ward committee would receive feedback by the end of March and the public participation and commentary phase would take place after that, which is due to be closed by the end of May.

5.3. Encourage ward meeting attendance

5.3.1. The RVRA and its members can present a more unified and quantified voice if members are encouraged to attend ward committee meetings

5.3.2. How can the RVRA notify its members of upcoming ward meetings?

- BF is able to provide dates and venues for Riebeek Wes ward meetings

- JG can leverage Facebook and emails to members for ward meeting notifications once the dates/venues are confirmed

5.4. Building guidelines

5.4.1. JK has had no response from architects yet to review the proposal

- RVRA will require the review of qualified architects on the proposed building guidelines in order to substantiate the proposal and effectively ratify it for usage by Town Planning and/or the Municipality

5.4.2. JK notes that Stanford is able to enforce their community's building guidelines as the document was noted and accepted in the minutes of a Municipal meeting and that any new development plan should be matched against those guidelines.

5.5. Membership drive

5.5.1. JK has sent an email to previous RVRA members on record to specifically notify them of the new website and the members sign up and payment mechanism

5.5.2. JK spoke with Anne Heyns in Tourism about the potential to create awareness about the RVRA during meet-and-greets with new residents

5.5.3. JG to follow up on the possibility of an interview with Riebeek Valley Radio

5.5.4. JG completed research and confirmed that it is possible to configure a sign-in mechanism on the website in order to make specific content privileged for members-only. Pending confirmation from the committee as to which content should be privileged.

6. Meeting concludes

The meeting adjourns at 19:20

The next meeting: 12 April 2023, 18:00 at The Barn

Signed:

Date:
