

ROOI ELS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION Minutes Approved December 2015

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE DRUMMOND
ARMS ON MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2014.**

Acting Chairperson – Mark Butler

1. The meeting was opened with a welcome to the 23 members in attendance. The apologies of the Chairperson Izak Smit were noted as he was away.
2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed for adoption and it was noted that they had not been posted on the website and therefore could not be adopted by members as they had effectively not been circulated. It was also noted that only one set of minutes for an Exco meeting were on the website and that was held in February 2014. The Chairperson advised that a meeting had also been held on 27 September 2014 but as there was not a quorum it could not be deemed a properly constituted Exco meeting,
3. Matters arising from minutes of 2013 AGM:
 - 3.1 Security – RESA has been established and will take village security services forward
 - 3.2 Roads – No new funding for roads provided. Following a question from the floor it was advised that the repair work to the water damaged paving at the Ocean View Drive and Porter Drive intersection will be done during 2015.
 - 3.3 Street Numbers vs Erf Numbers – showing both is optional but Erf numbers are used by emergency services so must be displayed.
4. Chairperson's Report – This was delivered on behalf of the Chairperson in his absence and is attached to these minutes.
5. Information and Communication.

The website was discussed and it was asked whether there could be some form of community interaction – Rooi Els blog – on the website for matters of interest to get posted. This will be discussed with the Webmaster. The Breeze was discussed and it was noted that in future there will be 1 published Breeze at year end and 3 Electronic Breezes. This is cost driven.

The notice Boards were discussed and it was agreed that they were in a poor state of repair and needed upgrading and maintenance. This was applicable to the Main Village notice board and the one at the Nature Reserve.
6. Financial Report

The Treasure presented the financial report which was circulated to members present. RERA had funds at the end of the financial period amounting to R19 624.89. This was before provision for the year end Breeze expenses amounting to R5 500. It was a quiet year from a finance point of view with the major expense being the website domain hosting fee of R3 000. Bank charges were too high for an organisation like RERA at R984.94 for the year and the Treasurer undertook to investigate more cost effective options. The NPO status of RERA was maintained. Membership of 62 members was down considerably from 2013. The financial report was adopted by the meeting.

7. Constitutional Amendments – The proposed amendments to the constitution had been circulated and were tabled for the meeting to consider. After discussion the meeting adopted the position that the proposed amendments had not gone through due process in terms of the constitution and as such could not be voted on at the meeting. The amendments were accordingly withdrawn and the proposal that they be dealt with by the incoming committee and submitted to a general meeting of members.
8. Ward Matters – No inputs had been received from residents re the IDF which sets the strategic growth and development plans for the Overstrand for the next 30 to 40 years. Interaction at ward level had led to road maintenance including repairs to damaged road paving. It was noted that the integrated development plan for 2014/15 has been approved by council. The poor condition of roads in the Hangklip are received much attention. An initiative by Ward 10 Councillor (Lisle Krige) to form a sub-committee by village representatives allowed for much need progress.
9. Safety and Security – Graham McClelland gave feedback on the community police forum. He also covered the overall crime situation and updated members on RESA. It was noted that Law Enforcement officials were present in Rooi Els for the holiday period but they did not seem adequately trained or aware of their responsibilities.
10. Private property matters – it was noted that there had been a relaxation of the regulations around 2nd Dwellings on properties. From the floor it was suggested that greater local council interaction and feedback was required to clarify this as well as the matter around the plot clearing regulations as these were not being properly implemented and official s were not properly informed or trained and this was having a negative impact.
11. Fire and Emergency Management – Pierre Kruger gave the meeting an update on equipment and infrastructure developments and the recent Bettys Bay fire. The need to have a smaller more manageable fire Nozzle was noted. The evacuation procedure and gathering points were covered in the feedback
12. Waste Management – It was noted that it was Overstrand Municipality intention to remove the Rooi Els trailer and it was on private land. Residents are to be encouraged to get baboon proof bins and use the recycling collection facility.
13. Election of new committee - The following members were proposed for the incoming committee and made themselves available – Izak Smit, Graham McClelland (Security), Mark Butler (Treasurer), Pierre Kruger (Fire and Emergency Services), Eneth Kruger (Communication), Estelle Raymond, Anuta Scholtz (REC – Co-opted), Julia Aalbers, Ruth Mattisson. Frank Raymond agreed to be of assistance if required for legal input.
14. General – A question was raised about the testing of Rooi Els water quality. It was confirmed this was done and feedback was given to residents via the Overstrand Municipality newsletter that accompanies rates accounts from time to time.

A further question was raised about an advisory board for reserve maintenance and it was agreed this was for the new committee to take up.

15. The meeting the closed with a thanks to all for their attendance.