**Clarence Drive Action Group:**

**Report back from Jenny, on Meeting of 10 Dec 2016 at Wonderlings**

*“5.4 Jenny will liaise with Alan Smith (Hatch) asking for advice on the possible appointment by the Rooiels community of an expert consultant who can advise us (behind the scenes?) on both technical and process issues.”*

I met with Alan Smith of Hatch Consultants today and am sharing the following points from our meeting:

1. Hatch Consultants has been awarded the tender for the R44 from Gordon’s Bay to Rooiels for another 4 years. From 1 February 2017, Rainbow will no longer be doing the maintenance as this has been awarded to Kew Maintenance.
2. Consultant fee for a private Road engineer is in the region of R1,200/hour.

Alan suggests contacting Stuart Bain (District Roads Engineer, based in Paarl; stuart.bain@westerncapegov.co.za or sbain@pgwc.gov.za, Tel 021-863-2020 Ext 203) or his boss, Schalk Carstens (Provincial Roads Engineer) for advice first. The correct line of command is to go through Stuart first. He is familiar with the regulations relating to our stretch of road and reputedly a helpful and personable individual.

1. Alan had the following suggestions re traffic calming options on RE Clarence Drive that could perhaps be put to Stuart for consideration:
	1. Have a calming circle at the Clarence Drive/Porter Drive/Camp Rd intersection. (Might be difficult to obtain permission for this on a Provincial road.)
	2. Install a pedestrian traffic light where Porter Drive/Camp Rd intersects Clarence Drive OR,
	3. Have a pedestrian zebra-crossing at the same location as 3.2
	4. Install a Traffic Camera box at the same location as 3.2, on a platform. If this is paid for by the RE Community it can remain in place. When there is no camera inside, it will still be a speed deterrent. Alan estimates the cost of these boxes at less than R10,000 but specs and cost can be obtained from the company that the Muni uses:

Traffic Management Technologies, Tel: +27 21 929 5300, info@tmtservices.co.za and [www.tmtservices.co.za](http://www.tmtservices.co.za)

Contact person: Johan du Toit (operational executive).

If we can fund this ourselves, this may be a good start, while we pursue other options through the District and Provincial Roads departments, which are bound to take time.

* 1. Kleinmond evidently has a dummy housing, so a precedent has already been set.
	2. I mentioned the idea of a pedestrian walkway along Clarence Drive to Alan. One could be constructed over the existing water canal on the southern side of the road, but that would limit access to the water drainage system and would also only serve pedestrians on one side of the road. Residents on the north side of the road would still have the problem of unsafe crossings.

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Jenny Stark

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