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# BHRA Newsletter

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## Botha's Hill Residents Association

*"To Promote the  
Interests of  
Ratepayers and  
Residents of  
Botha's Hill."*



### **Greetings! Inside This Issue**

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# AGM

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lynette Dorkin gave Peter Davies the receipt for R500 subs for Conomirra. Peter gave it to Patrick.

Lloyds Tavern are continuing with alterations –Appeal is in place although objectors on record may make submissions prior to the date of hearing of appeal which is unknown.

Benares Rd – Informal settlement is growing – GN was not at our meeting to discuss the matter with us.

Nquma Rd squatting is sorted out and taken off the agenda.

Wedding venue – developments going ahead – no objection to waterworks – Enviro West is keeping an eye on the situation – to have effluent tested costs money – It's a reactive situation and therefore taken off the agenda.

Post office: PC should offer key to certain people, those who request it only.

Waste water: Rick Crouch, Gillian Noyce and John Little will follow up at Pot and Kettle, therefore carried over.

Spar is looking great - Therefore off the agenda and PD will on behalf of the BHRA send them a formal letter of congratulations 😊

Cars at Fainting Goat are gone.

Paintball issue is taken off the agenda.

Illegal dumping outside Falcons Crest: LD will follow up with DSW on the bin situation. Originally LD requested two bins removed from the Kearsney side, which was not done yet. This raised the issue: Do we actually want less bins or more? The committee decided that more buns, together with a no dumping sign, rather than less bins is preferred, since after all we fought so hard to get bins in the first place. The decision was made to make an application to the SRA for a sign and bin patrol person

Patrick Chetty will wait for Carol Friedman to get finances signed off.

Report Back from Portfolio Committees:-

Matthew Trinder is commended for doing his homework and gathering much needed info for our committee on this issue:

51% of designated area must be sectional title. 61% being over 10 years old. Additional levy: flat rate or rating scale needs to be decided upon. A hand delivered survey is recommended to be dropped off into post boxes only to ratepayers.

Suggested contributions on land proportional scale R35 – RR40 per month. Hand delivered letters to explain the pros and cons of the SRA. MT to prepare a flyer, the drafted letter will not involve the questionnaire yet. PC knows a person who can make the flyers. PD/ GS to forward to DA, who will upload this to the BHRA website and email it to the Broader Members.

MT to meet committee from Umhlanga to get ideas. We will request GN to put us in touch with the Kloof committee.



## Portfolio sub-committee Building Bridges



The portfolio up to now is a loose mandate; however Nick Swan is to be commended for all the effort and homework he has put in to fulfilling his mandate for this meeting so far. The following topics were discussed:

Youth, social-economics. Nick Swan will report back his findings from the Australian World Vision.

Hillcrest advice Bureau chair will provide contacts for bursaries.

Mr. Shelembe to be contacted by Nick Swan with regards to employment support for youth.

Recycling – environmental benefits – Matric pupils to help – maybe get schools involved.

Dee Aaltenburger emailed everyone on the committee the link to the tab of the BHRA Constitution.



Lynette Dorkin updated the meeting following her attendance at the public meeting called by Peter Gilmore of the eThekweni Municipality on 18 October 2011. The funds have and precise scope of the work to be undertaken now been approved.

About R2.5 million will be spent on upgrading the 8 view sites, signage and laye byes for tourist transport buses. Tenders for the contract are to go out by end November 2011 with actual work scheduled for commencement Feb/Mar 2012. Looking to have tenders by December cannot do big projects, only small sustainable projects.

Suggestion to keep all areas as open (from bushes etc) as possible to deter criminal activity.

Lovely suggestion to add benches which should be concreted in to avoid theft.

Prior to the committee meeting Dee Altenburger forwarded ideas via email from Chris Collingwood, who suggested hire of landscaper (CC has given DA and PD the name and contact details of a very good landscaper) to plant flowers along the pavements on the entire length on Old Main Rd and Chris Collingwood also suggested a Comrades Marathon mural up the hill. Dee Altenburger is backing up his idea, even if it means going against the municipality who say we cannot do a mural on that wall (we think once they see it they will fall in love with it and agree to it). MS wants us to go into the villages.

Suggestion to make all tourist signs uniform. Foliage should be used to block out all industrial activity.

Cats eyes leading up the hill will come under consideration also.

**Conomirra:**

Conomirra advised to support tax on businesses – spread out to everyone- only if rates are reduced. Grant Salomon pointed out the important fact that we need prior agreement rather than post agreement to this.

Shortage of gas because of fire and lack of maintenance. Diesel will be affected contrary to newspaper reports.

No bitumen to contract roads. Roads need to be contracted in warm weather.

Conomirra will support Kassier Rd alien plant removal costs – lady currently doing this job is spending over R100 per day doing it. PD proposed the support from Environmental for the alien plant lady (name TBC).

Conomirra says Kassier Rd will be blocked off at the intersection after the hospital, to direct traffic in a certain way.

Hospitality of Chef School and John Little

**The committee thanks JL for The Chef School hospitality in his absence.**

Capital Funding: PC will email the committee the document

**Proposed CrimeStop to merge meetings with BHRA. It has been proposed that CrimeStop merge meetings with BHRA.** So long as it doesn't take away any main focus, it will be a good thing.

Suggestion is to have the BHRA meeting before the CrimeStop meeting. Paul their chairman suggested monthly rather than quarterly meetings.

**Frequent electricity outages Kearney College Road - experienced since 2006**

Frequent electricity outages (observed by Dee Altenburger since 2006 when she moved into the area, first Assagay, then Botha's Hill) – so far unique to Kassier and Kearsney College Roads in particular (that we know of). For two weeks to date (27/10/11), electricity outages have occurred daily between 06h30 and 08h30.

Dee Altenburger has reported frequent outages, so frequent that load shedding was initially suspected. The electricity Department regularly blames faulty transformers and faulty circuits. According to politicians the focus will be to upgrade rural areas first, but we are ratepayers so we want to pursue a solution to this issue.

Peter Davies will send a letter to the electricity department, but he needs electricity outage activity reports from Kearsney College and Blue Security.



Agreed on 08h00 on 19 November 2011 at Chef's School Bothas Hill –thanks and appreciation to John Little once again  
The Meeting was Closed with Thanks at 09h20





(Photo to be updated asap)

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