

Minutes for the Vandia Grove Residents Association

2022 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 2022

Opening & Welcome from Richard Kushlick, Chairman

Agenda approved from the floor

Apologies 20 People

In Memorium

Chairman recognized those who passed during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Welcome to speakers

Councillor Emi Koekemoer

Lufano Bale – Regional Manager City Power

Andre Alton or Steven Bonks from Beagle Watch

Address Councillor Emi Koekemoer

Message today is one of hope. She recognized how hands on we are as a community.

Compared the situation to the building the Great Wall of China.

R3 billion deficit. Many hands to build.

Crumbling infrastructure causing chaos.

Community work incredibly selflessly, have to have a futuristic approach.

VGRA is one of the best run areas in the ward. She will do as much as she can to support the community. She has an open-door policy and happy for community to call her.

Q & A Councilor Emi Koekemoer

Residents should Look and Log. Go onto EK's website and escalate.

Biggest challenge a Counsellor cannot give an instruction to higher up but can only request.

IDP ask Why did we get the lowest budget allocated to this ward.

Address from Lufano Bale – Regional Manager City Power

City Power only does distribution. Randburg Service Delivery Centre – can get assistance directly from this department.

Address from Acting COO – Lenzi Muleki

Hoping to strengthen the network. Have strengthening projects being introduced to improve the network.

Cable theft at night.

Address from Frikkie..... and Steven Bronks of Beagle Watch RA Liaison Manager, VGRA

Gave short introduction on Beagle Watch. VGRA has two dedicated vehicles.

Described new services of Animal Rescue Zone and association with Fire-Ops SA.

Showed a summary of two vehicles patrolling areas, Victor 1 (Two people) and Victor 2.(1 Person).

Crime Analysis slides.

Matters arising from the previous Minutes 2021

Approved by members in the audience.

Committee Resignations and Appointments

The Chairman recognised Monica Thaver's contribution by being Secretary and her resignation.

Thobile Thomas has resigned because of work commitments, particularly travelling

Dean Smit resigned and Yvonne de Bruin has been managing in association with Matt Purshavez)

Ralene has put her hand up

Craig (Westview Road) will assist while Rosemary away

Amendments & Improvements to the Constitution

These should have been updated and this hasn't been done. RK asked if someone could help, a suggestion from the floor, of Francois van der Merwe.

VGRA Financial Report 202 (Matt Purschaver) – See attached

MP recognized the efforts of the Committee

Great effort during Covid-19 giving back to the community through the Feeding Scheme. R25 000 was donated by the Community.

R110 000 was collected.

Reminded the meeting that there is the Discovery reporting Pot Holes App

The VGRA Committee Members

RK Committee introduced

500 Properties, 300 registered, 150 pay subs

The VGRA Special Thanks to:

Raylene & Jacques de Villiers – Electronic Board Site

Marie Wessels – Electronic Board Site

John Tavendale at Palldio Complex

Presentation by Rinke Blok

1st slide identifying VGRA area

Discussed new and repair barriers, end Hugo and bend in Westview at bottom of park.

Speed Humps & required signage which has been purchased. Meeting with the JRA which went well. Roux & Anchor.

Road repairs and road markings.

City Power – now have good have good relationship

VGRA Street Lights – RB started with 144 street lights not working, first week 40 working again, got down to 60 not working, just gone up again.

Gautrain update – unlikely to happen

Chairmans's Report

VGRA – Covid-19

Photographs from Feeding Scheme in Action

Combined Residents Associations Feeding Scheme

R300 000 raised, 60% of which was raised by VGRA residents

Advertising Promotion, Information

R300 per month for both boards

Vacant Land, Sub-Stations & Property Value

14 Elgin Road Undeveloped Land

Fire at 42 Elgin Road

Communications

Telegram Groups

eMail

VGRA Website

VGRA Facebook

Electronic Signboard

Future Communication Groups via Telegram (researched)

VGRA Beaglewatch Community Walks

Domestic Workers Forum

Many good activities including Testing

Security /Crime

Beagle Watch do a great job.

Boardband Connectivity

New Residents & Estate Agents

Estate agents give newcomers welcome pack from VGRA

Local Elections

Park Maintenance

General Street & Other Mainenance

Park Projects & Events

Pet Protection & Advice

Refuse & Recycling

- **Blood Drive at O'Summit School**

Q & A Session

Street Hump timing

Meeting Ended at 9 pm

