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ST FRANCIS PROPERTY OWNERS NPC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT ST FRANCIS LINKS

ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 17H00

PRESENT : Board Members, Guests and Members Present

Board Members :

W Furphy (Chairman)
C Gray (Vice-Chairman)
C Northwood - Zoom
K Vyvyan-Day
A J Bowren
D Truter
G Brooker (Accounting Officer)
L Aitken (Administration Manager)

Guests:

Lorraine Maree – Ward 12 Councillor.
Shena Ruth - PR Councillor Planning & Development
Charl du Plessis – KLM Municipal, Manager
Hattingh Bornman – KLM Executive Mayor

1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed and thanked all for attending. He introduced the KLM Executive Mayor Hattingh Bornman and Charl du Plessis, KLM Municipal Manager to the meeting.

2. Apologies

P W Mountford - Board

3 Agenda

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4. Proxies
5. Quorum
6. Approve minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 1st December 2022
7. Chairman's Report
8. Consider and approve the audited financials for 2023
9. Voting on proposed resolutions
10. Other business to discuss
11. Closure of meeting

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes.

4. Proxies

Proxies votes were encouraged before the start of this meeting. Those that had not already submitted votes were asked to proceed to the website and submit their votes online at the end of the meeting.

5. Quorum

58 Members attended. The minimum number required for a quorum is 20, and a quorum was therefore declared.

6. Approval of Minutes of Last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM on 1st December 2022 were taken as read and approved.

Proposed by Ian Watt; Seconded by Andrew Bowren.

7. Chairman's Report

The annual report for 2023 was circulated to the entire email database ahead of the AGM and is available on the website – www.stfrancispropertyowners.com

Presentation :

The Chairman proceeded to present his Report. A copy of this Power Point presentation is available on the website - www.stfrancispropertyowners.com

The focus of the report was the Long Term Coastal Protection Solution. We have started work on the preparation step (Step 1) ie completing the necessary surveys, finalising the detailed design of the solution, issuing of the tender documentation, and selection of a construction contractor(s) and the sourcing of further funding required. This will be completed by end of April 2024, and will be followed by the Step 2 , which is the construction of the solution. The exact scope of the construction work will be determined by the funds available at that time. We are focussing on raising further funds through donations and loans to

accelerate the construction of the long term coastal protection solution.

Executive Mayor Hattingh Bornman was asked to address the meeting on the Municipality's view on the Long Term Coastal Protection Solution. He said Municipalities around the country need to partner with communities in order to achieve these kinds of projects. He confirmed that the Municipality is working extremely hard towards addressing the state of the roads throughout Kouga, as well as water security, and moving off the grid to negate the effect of loadshedding. He thanked the SFPO NPC Board and its members for what they are contributing to the success of St Francis.

KLM Municipal Manager Charl du Plessis then also addressed the meeting detailing plans for resurfacing 60% of the roads in Kouga over the next three years.

Renewable energy and sanitation infrastructure are also on KLM's agenda over the next few years. He thanked the community for their support and now that the Appeal Court's judgement in favour of the Municipality has been handed down, he is looking forward to moving forward with the St Francis community on the beach restoration project.

He added that this SRA is unique in South Africa and is getting a lot of attention nationally. The Municipality are committed to working closely with the SFPO NPC and its members to achieve their goals. Beach erosion is a growing problem along the whole coastline but unfortunately the national government will not participate.

NPC member Brett Dawson addressed the meeting to explain the fundraising proposal to accelerate the long term coastal protection solution and appeal for contributions.

8 Consider and Approve Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 were circulated to members and are available on the website - www.stfrancispropertyowners.com

This audit was completed by Moore (Humansdorp) and a clean report was received.

The Chairman congratulated the Municipality on its efficient collection rate.

9 Voting on Proposed Resolutions

Members who had not already submitted vote forms were asked to visit the website immediately after the meeting to cast their online votes on the following resolutions:

OR 1 : appointment of Directors : Directors serve a two year term and need to stand down for re-election at the end of each term. This year these are :

- Christopher Gray
- Kevin Vyvyan-Day

- Andrew Bowren
- Craig Northwood

New Board Members standing for election :

- Garth Wright
- Murray Stewart

OR 2 : approval of annual financials for year ending 30 June 2023.

OR 3 : approval of auditors for the forthcoming year

(OR – ordinary resolution)

9.1 Result of Voting Declared on 21 December 2023

	RESOLUTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
OR1	APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS			
	CHRISTOPHER GRAY	103		
	KEVIN VYVYAN-DAY	102		1
	ANDREW BOWREN	102		1
	CRAIG NORTHWOOD	102		1
	GARTH WRIGHT	102		1
	MURRAY STEWART	103		
OR2	APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023	103		
OR3	APPROVAL OF AUDITORS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR	103		

OR – ordinary resolution

10. Other Business To Discuss

Q & A :

1. How will the groynes be constructed and what is the cost of a groyne? Deon Pienaar, former Board member responsible for the beach restoration project replied that the groynes will be constructed with rocks and details are available in the environmental application on the website at www.stfrancispropertyowners.com. Cost estimates as at 2021 are included in the document.
2. Would it make sense to construct as many groynes as possible? The Chairman replied that the initial plan to construct groynes at either end of the Spit and Main beach is the immediate plan. The detailed design modelled by the coastal engineers will decide the exact placement and dimensions of groynes and how many will be needed.
3. What are the plans for dredging in the Kromme river? The chairman explained that this is contained in the EIA which defines what sand can be taken from which area and this will be closely monitored by the appointed Environmental Control Officers.
4. How long will it take to raise sufficient funds to commence enough work to mitigate further damage? The Chairman explained it is estimated there is sufficient funding to commence Phase 1 which is the two groynes at either end of the Spit. One of the conditions of the EIA is that work must start with securing the Spit ie Phase 1.
5. Below Erf 53, Erf 52 which has largely disappeared into the sea could be restored once the Main beach groyne is created. This could possibly be used for the proposed board walk and pavilion.
6. We started to lose this beach twenty years ago and addressing this has taken far too long. Please can we get going and build the groynes as soon as possible. Are there are not other institutions which could be approached for a swift funding solution. The Chairman reiterated acceleration of the project requires commitment to further funding but the Board had initiated the project as soon as the Appeal Court judgement was handed down on 1 December 2023.

Members were asked to send any questions to the SFPO office for response on info@sfpo.co.za.

Merle Peens from Sothebys International gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Board on behalf of the town's estate agents for their efforts to improve St Francis for the benefit of everyone and make the town a property investment destination of choice.

11. Closure Of Meeting

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, reminding the attendees to visit the website to cast their votes before 19h00 this evening, and wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2024.

The meeting was then closed.

