

# **DRAFT MINUTES OF DEFERRED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (MID)**

held at George Whitefield College on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 19h00

## **Present:**

Directors of MID: Mike Romyn (Chairman), Tony Rosemeyer, Sandy Crossley, Peter Wright, Mark Robinson and Anthony Dietrich .

MID Manager: Karen Jordi

Cape Town City Council: Demetri Qually (Councillor), Dave D'Alton (Councillor), R Rossouw, J Joubert and E Scott (Inter Services Liaison)

MID Members: approximately 30 members attended.

**Apologies:** no apologies were received.

**Minutes:** taken by Dorothy Johaadien.

## **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the members and observers, and confirmed that as the meeting had been deferred from the one held two weeks previously, a quorum was not necessary.

## **Confirmation of AGM 2009 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2009 AGM had been previously circulated, and were accepted by the meeting with no amendments or questions arising.

Proposed by Mark Robinson and seconded by Peter Dugmore.

## **Report of the Chairman**

The Report of the Chairman had been discussed at length in the previous meeting, and was adopted without further discussion. Proposed by Elizabeth Milne and seconded by Truida Prekel.

### **Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2010**

Peter Dugmore reiterated three points from the discussion in the previous meeting –

1. The interest on our cash reserves can be increased and we need to consider other investment options for this.
2. When projects are undertaken we need to know how much is spent on each project.
3. We need monthly financial reports to members.

The Directors agreed to consider these points, and Mike Romyn undertook that future monthly financial reports would be available on the MID website.

The Financial Report was adopted by the members.

Proposed by Mark Robinson and seconded by Tony Rosemeyer.

### **Implementation Budget for the period 2011/2012**

Questions arose concerning the 2010 5-year plan, and Demetri Qually confirmed that due process had been followed and the plan had been approved by the council. The plan had been made available at the 2009 AGM, and had been open for comments from the membership for the stipulated time.

Peter Dugmore proposed that the 5-year plan be published. This was seconded by Elizabeth Milne and carried by the members.

### **Election/Re-election of Directors for the coming year**

Sandy Crossley confirmed that she did not wish to stand for election this year. The Board and members noted her several years' service and thanked her sincerely for her efforts.

The Chairman then explained that for purposes of continuity and greater efficiency, the existing Board should be re-elected. The Directors then introduced themselves to the members and explained their portfolios and plans for the coming year.

Mike Romyn                      Chairman

Anthony Dietrich              Finance

Mark Robinson                      Marketing and Communications (including the Newsletter)

Tony Rosemeyer              Security: working with GRIT and SAPS

Peter Wright                      Beachfront and Muizenberg Park

The Chairman noted that the Security portfolio needed an additional Director as it was too onerous for one person.

All the existing Directors who wished to stand again were then re-elected en block.

Proposed by Peter Dugmore and seconded by Truida Prekel. A poll was not called for, and the proposal was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

It was noted that Steven Frankal had been co-opted on to the Board during the course of the year, but had not attended the meeting nor sent apologies. The Board would have to come to a decision about his position going forward.

Demetri Qually announced that he would no longer be the council representative on the Board, as he was standing down as ward councilor. He congratulated the Board on having done an excellent job. The Chairman in turn thanked him for his reliable and consistent support. Dave D'Alton was introduced as the DA candidate for this ward and if elected would replace Demetri Qually.

Chris Taylor introduced himself to the meeting and explained his role as problem buildings contractor. He informed the members that the worst offender at present was George Whitefield College, who owned the large derelict buildings directly opposite the college. His email address would be published on the website and any problem buildings should be reported directly to him.

The following were nominated as Directors. They introduced themselves and were elected to the Board by a show of hands:

Janet Annadale                      Cleaning and Greening

Nominated by Sandy Crossley and seconded by Elizabeth Milne.

Elizabeth Milne

Safety and Security

Nominated by herself and seconded by Truida Prekel.

### **Confirmation of appointment of Auditors**

Anthony Dietrich, the Finance Director, requested and the meeting agreed, to the continued appointment of the Auditors, H G Page and Company. The remuneration of the Auditors at the rate of R11,000 was agreed by the meeting.

Proposed by Anthony Dietrich and seconded by Truida Prekel.

### **Any Other Business**

The issue of homelessness was discussed, and Truida Prekel informed the meeting with regret that Safer Together did not have the resources to deal with this issue. Mike Romyn then suggested that the newly formed Muizenberg Partnership might be the body to take matters forward and the members agreed with this suggestion.

Peter Dugmore again raised the question of how to proceed with the out-dated and undemocratic Articles of Association of the MID. He suggested that a deadline of 3 months be set for new Articles to be drafted. Runan Rossouw, Inter Services Liaison CoCT, explained that they intend to draft a standardized Memorandum of Incorporation for all Special Rating Areas (SRA's), but that this is being delayed according to the pending new Companies Act. The members, however, were skeptical about the advisability of waiting for the council. Peter Dugmore expressed willingness to co-ordinate the process, which should be spearheaded by one of the Directors. The Chairman accepted the 3 month deadline and confirmed that the Board would push forward with this.

The Chairman reminded the members that it rests with us to push projects forward. The MID would consider any detailed and properly planned proposals for projects, which could also be partly funded by MID and driven forward by the Muizenberg Partnership.

Truida Prekel then reminded the members to attend the Walkabout on Saturday, which would target any local municipal issues such as potholes etc.

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking the members for their attendance.

**The meeting closed at 20h30**