



Minutes of Green Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting

Date: 24 May 2017

Venue: Hellenic Community Centre, Green Point

Opening and welcome

- GPRRA chairperson Jenny McQueen welcomed all present, in particular Ward Councillor Dave Bryant, Cllr Stuart Diamond, Cllr Matthew Kempthorne (chairman of Sub-council 16), Col Lento of SAPS, and guest speaker Dr Antonia Malan.
- Chairperson McQueen thanked the GPRRA committee (Management Committee, Built Environment Committee, Human Environment Committee and Events Committee) – a magical team of volunteers, all busy professionals giving their time. She especially thanked vice chair Luke Stevens for his support. She also thanked the Hellenic Community Centre for the venue.
- Membership fee for the upcoming year remains at R150 per household.

Attendance

Present: The attendance list is held by Claudia Scherer-Scheltema, Admin Secretary, GPRRA.

Apologies: Heather Tager, Claudia Scherer-Scheltema, Stephen Gillespie, Janey Ball, Franca Falanga, Sandy Blazic, Adrian Barratt and others.

Attendees were asked to sign the attendance register being circulated.

Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted – proposed by Bradley Braithwaite and seconded by Carianne Freebury.

Amendments to Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution which had been circulated, were accepted - proposed by Martin King and seconded by Piet van Coller.

Chairperson's report including Treasurer's Report (Luke Stevens)

Chairperson McQueen welcomed vice chair Luke Stevens to deliver the report.

- Ward 115 boundaries

Luke Stevens confirmed that the new Ward 115 boundaries are from Boundary road in the east to Glengariff, Mutley, Camberwell, Main and Rocklands roads in the west. The north and south boundaries are from the mountain to Western Boulevard incorporating the Green Point Common.

- Development and land use around the city

Despite exhaustive efforts, the public and GPRRA still do not receive notification of proposed developments, or receive them too late to object. An important example is the 'monster' building being erected in the Bo-Kaap. There were broad, competent, professional objections to the development made by Heritage Western Cape, the Institute of Architects, and Bo-Kaap civic associations, and yet the development is going ahead. Whilst densification is inevitable, some projects are simply too big.

The stand was zoned for NU3, allowing for a height of 38 m (around 10 floors). However, there are many hidden layers in the Development Management Scheme implemented during the past few years, and it transpired that NU3 is covered by another zoning law allowing it to reach 60 m.

All developments are now considered by the Municipal Planning Tribunal, a vertical decision-making structure which allows no space for outside opinions, thus plans get passed with ease by the City. The MPT said that Bo-Kaap residents gave no input into the promulgation of the MPT – but it's difficult to understand and visualise the processes. The GPRRA has a dire need for professional input from residents in terms of law and planning, and anyone who can help is asked to come forward.

- Meetings

There are many meetings attended by various committee members throughout the year – Management, BEC, Sub-Council, special meetings at Council, etc. We split them, but Chairperson McQueen attends them all. Congratulations to her for being elected to the Ward Committee forum – an important one where members can have influence in a small way on the political sphere. However due to, for example, the recess of Council, elections, forming of the new ward, Council meetings, organisational restructuring etc a lot of information is missed especially when registered letters do not arrive (as with the closure of Mossat Lane).

- Mossat Lane

Situated between Roos Rd and Ocean View Drive. Despite council policy being against lane closure, the lane ended up being legally closed off in 1990, then reopened following an outcry by residents. The Surveyor General had deleted the public road that marks the lane. Some years later an adjacent property owner consolidated the lane into his own property. Council is seeking opinion whether this was done legally (see Councillor Dave Bryant's comments below.)

- Water

Graphs shown indicate decreasing rainfall, so clearly water will become more expensive and scarce. Aquifer tapping is not renewable so there is no real solution. Wind is also forecast to

drop gradually in future. Recommended practice is to incorporate waterwise systems when doing building alterations.

- Social crises

No meaningful transformational changes have taken place since the end of apartheid. It is important to support causes seeking to address the imbalance in land ownership (albeit controversial) such as the call for social housing. Affordable accommodation has dwindled since 1994 because of soaring property values, Airbnb, and the need to use all available space. Western Cape government fixates on big ideas, whilst it would be more sensible to have small pockets set aside for social housing rather than big areas.

Treasure's Report (Stuart Burnett)

April 2016 – March 2017

Opening bank balance: R70,586

Total expenses: R21,675 (cost of AGM = R10,622; stationery and printing = R291; telephone and internet = R515; memberships and subscriptions = R1,900; presents for facilities providers = R1,651; maps for Green Point Common heritage nomination = R5,471; bank charges = R1,225)

Income from membership fees: R19,200

Balance as of 19 May 2017 of R68,111 (down R2,475 from the previous year)

Costs incurred on the Heritage nomination for Green Point Common, a very worthwhile effort, resulted in a small deficit for the year. To date the GPRRA has avoided incurring significant legal costs, but caught between the increasing pressure for 'densification' by developers and landowners in Green Point and the demand for affordable housing, the GPRRA will not be able to sit on the sidelines. The accumulated cash balance can be considered as a small 'war chest'.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Human Environment Committee Report (HEC) (Liz Knight)

Chairperson McQueen gave special thanks to Liz Knight for her hard work on the HEC (recycling and saving the environment) and organising the AGM.

- Sponsorship

Thanks to Saadiq Effendi (Tyson Property) who funded distribution of the posters, Steve Massey who printed the posters and Nasir Khan (McDonalds) who funded the hiring of PA system.

- Neighbourhood champions

- Paul Hooper (Homestead), Hassan Khan (The Haven), and Hannes van der Merwe (Straatwerk) who are all grappling with social issues. GPRRA continues to pressure CoCT to provide alternative 'overnight' shelter with ablutions for homeless. Bear in mind that homelessness is not a crime, unless behaviour transgresses bylaws. The community can contact field workers through Marc Truss (GPCID 082 560 0684) or Law enforcement (0800 8722010).

- Ocean View Drive resident Adrian Barret who plants and maintains our network of lanes/stairways. CoCT's policy is to keep the lanes open as they serve to integrate the community. Closure would mean maintenance becomes the sole responsibility of lessees, often resulting in unkempt stairs, hence fire hazards.
- Peter Flint and his team who keep the entrance to Green Point along Strand street clean.
- Faye du Preez, Green Point resident working at Remax, who is proactive in recycling and saving water.

Initiatives in HEC

- Free recycling – Averda collects almost everything recyclable – those attending AGM encouraged to sign up.
 - Managing rubbish bins – GPRRA is constantly monitoring inconsistent rubbish collection (be diligent – if not cleared by 7.30pm retrieve and a log service request on the CoCT's website).
 - Save water (refer to regulations on CoCT's website).
 - Manage lanes, stairways, streets and roads around your property.
 - Membership drive (only R150 per household).
- Give responsibly, do not hand out money on the street. Follow links on GPRRA website for causes to donate to. Become a member of GPNW and report crime 112 cell, 107 landline. GPRRA works closely with GPNW – amongst many advisory cautions is not to support illegal car guards and do not accept assistance from strangers at ATM's. Keep up to date with our current affairs on various Facebook pages.

Built Environment Committee (BEC) (Stuart Burnett)

The chairperson introduced Secretary of the BEC, Stuart Burnett, to deliver his report. Green Point has become a sought after area to live in and the very active BEC meets every two weeks to discuss matters. It has been a busy year in both the number, size and complexity of the issues;

- Scenic drive – a flaw in legislation seeking to protect the views, places height restriction only on properties immediately below OVD, not further downhill where one recently built property already protrudes above the scenic drive. BEC is trying to get the bylaw amended but so far without success.
- 31 High Level Rd – we will oppose the latest demolition application received.
- 25 OVD – demolition approved in 2015, now applying for removal of title deed restrictions to allow block of 5 flats.
- 25 High Level Road – the Minister of Environmental Affairs has approved the removal of title deed restrictions (TDR) to allow a block of 7 flats. BEC is challenging this in the High Court and treating it as a test case. BEC is in favour of amendment rather than total removal of TDRs to preserve sensitive areas on the slopes of Signal Hill.
- 7 & 9 Scholtz Rd - 2 existing properties were demolished, then an application was submitted to consolidate the 2 stands to erect 23 unit block of flats. In December 2016 application was refused. Appeal hearing is scheduled for June 2017. Since December the neighbours and BEC have been in regular communication with developer and building inspectors regarding continuing building work on site.

- 169 Main Rd – has been vacant lot for over 10 years, repossessed by Nedbank who applied to erect block of 53 apartments. The site is narrow so many departures were requested. Over 70 objections lodged and plans were modified to include underground parking which reduced overall height by 3 metres and increased some boundary setbacks. Last week modified plans were approved, subject only to removal of vehicular access from Clyde Rd (a win). Considering other developments along Main Rd this is probably best outcome we could hope for.
- 153 Main Rd – demolition was supported by BEC. Proposal made for a 50 unit block of 9 storeys. BEC has expressed concern about this, but it may now be developed in conjunction with neighbouring properties so we await developments.
- 189 Main Rd cnr St Georges - opposed by BEC, demolition approved due to compromised heritage. Application has been lodged for Best Western Hotel. BEC lodged objection Dec 2016, awaiting date for hearing.

Summary: There have been a number of successes in maintaining the area's heritage status. The BEC is constantly improving our understanding of the thought processes and procedures within Cape Town City Planning and Heritage departments. We will continue to work for the betterment of Green Point.

Events (Brenda King)

The Events Committee deals with hundreds of applications annually for various functions at the clubs, sports fields, park and stadia. The chairperson introduced Brenda King who, assisted by Paige Nick and Karen Fletcher, perform this very demanding job:

It is often alleged that the GPPRA does not support events but we actually embrace those run responsibly and which adhere to guidelines. We supported most of the 300 applications in 2016 and ensured that the correct location was used (stadium/A-track /athletics track/Hamiltons/Cricket Club/Hellenic). We do not believe that the Eco Park is an option for events. We also managed to persuade several organisers using amplified sound to engage the services of an independent acoustic consultant. A success story in this regard is Blisters for Bread which is now far less intrusive. A failure was ParkLife where the stage was meant to be covered on three sides with sound absorbing material (they used shade cloth instead). After many complaints by residents, the organiser shut the event down earlier than planned.

- **Parking**

We encourage organisers to arrange parking/transport as many residents get parked in, especially on Main Rd during soccer events. We have approached Council to ensure sufficient traffic wardens to mitigate this and to limit antisocial/criminal behaviour. The City's event permit office sometime approves conflicting events so it is important that we study all the applications to avoid this.

- **Event guidelines**

It is crucial to get organisers to adhere to the GPPRA guidelines to reduce the impact of large events on residents. Together with Jane Meyer of Mouille Point ratepayers, we have many meetings with organisers. Unfortunately we have no say in the City's approval of events in the stadium or athletics track. However, we managed to stop fireworks on the Common (pyrotechnics allowed but no loud bangs).

- Progress in past 10 years

Noise mitigation guidelines were drafted by GPRRA and supported by Ward Councillors Beverly Schaeffer and Jacques Weber. These are communicated to organisers. Councillor Schaeffer recommended limiting event numbers at EcoPark to 1,000 per event but it was unfortunately not approved.

Jane Meyer and Brenda King met with Councillor JP Smith regarding noise, traffic, congestion and antisocial behaviour. He agreed to establish an overlay zone for GP Common and to adopt our mitigation guidelines into the overlay zone – King to follow up on further progress.

- Protecting the EcoPark

We were not able to make progress with protecting the EcoPark. It is a special place where 900,000 annual visitors can safely celebrate the natural flora and fauna of the area; it is a recreation area for all communities and brings diversity to Green Point. The City has set a dangerous precedent by using it for large rock concerts like Lumineers while the stadium and A-track are both better suited and would halve the impact on residents. The size of the Lumineers stage was misrepresented in a meeting with Big Concerts (it was much bigger, higher even than the Virgin Active club). Sound recordings showed that decibels from the Lumineers was double that of the Bieber concert in the stadium, In addition, a substantial section of the Park was closed for 10 days for set-up and dismantling. Yet our councillors hold that organisers cannot be held to any undertaking – thus agreements are not honoured. Organizers have no interest in the impact on the neighbourhood and the City allows them to dictate the venue, stage and noise level without imposing fines. Without the GP Park, there is no public open space as the rest of the common is leased to clubs. We lack funds to investigate the numerous legal questions, and appeal to any lawyers and advocates in the area to come forward to help us rescue the EcoPark.

- Future events 2017

We understand that the City has agreed with Big Concerts to allow 4 more large events without public participation in November and December.

Brenda King asked for a show of hands from those attending the AGM who opposed the GPRRA's efforts to continue to protect the residents from excessive disturbances. No hands were raised indicating unanimous support of the GPRRA.

Green Point Common is our heritage: let's all ensure its future (Dr Antonia Malan)

The chairperson welcomed keynote speaker Dr Antonia Malan, and expressed the hope that with community support the Common can be preserved as a Heritage site:

- Working together

The GPRRA and Environment & Heritage Management at CoCT made a joint nomination for the GP Common to be graded Grade II and declared a Provincial Heritage Site (PHS). This has been warmly supported and endorsed by civic and heritage groups and Heritage Western Cape (HWC).

- The Common is unique
The Common has a long history of public use for various purposes: a favoured spot for grazing animals and attracted nomadic herders for millennia; serving as commonage for outspanning animals and pasture for dairy cattle until 1938; and most significantly, it provided an open, flat area close to the city for a wide range of sporting activities, public gatherings and parades and recreation. The Common was granted to the people of Cape Town in 1923 to serve as public open space. It is topographically and culturally a very special landscape.
- The area is rich in heritage
The original erf incorporates or abuts several heritage-worthy sites. Some are recognised as highly significant Provincial heritage sites: Fort Wynyard and the old Race Course Stand (McDonalds), New Somerset Hospital, Green Point Lighthouse, and more recently, the A-Track. Others are very important to local communities and relate to the cultural landscape and local events: sports clubs, stadia and playing fields, historic routes, treelines and avenues, viewpoints and vistas, and military activities.
- Agreement
HWC and the City agree that the Common is worthy of Grade II status. HWC decided that the Common's primary heritage significance today is its strong association with sports and recreation. It is this heritage that must be protected and conserved. As the property owner, the City of Cape Town will draw up a conservation management agreement with HWC to determine what is important and how it should be managed. Such a management plan will consist of 3 steps: *Understanding* the site, determining *sources of vulnerability* or threat, and put *mechanisms in place against loss of significance*.
- Disagreement
But what should be the boundary of the heritage site? The 1923 grant, the historic Commonage, or the core sports precincts? In late 2015 Mayco approved the nomination of the park and some sports facilities as Grade II. However, in its submission, the GPRRA motivated for a much more inclusive boundary, to retain overall authority by HWC. HWC has proposed a compromise boundary. They agreed that the Common's principal heritage significance is in sports and recreation, which begs the question: What constitutes the history of sports and recreation? The options are a) recognise the 1923 grant, ie the whole erf b) recognise the historic commonage ie the entire sport and recreation area, or c) recognise the core sports precincts. HWC decided on Option C. The next step was to submit the proposed boundary and information to the City for comment. We recently received comment from the department of Transport and Development in the City, stating that they disagree, and plan to stick to the original boundaries.
- Way forward
We are encouraged and positive that our Common can be protected and preserved for the future. You can make a contribution by making your opinion known during the public participation process in June.

The above presentations with many interesting images can be seen on the GPRRA website:
<https://www.gprra.co.za/images/pdf/GPRRA%20AGM%202017%20lite.pdf>

Green Point 2016 and Beyond (Ward Councillor Dave Bryant)

Chairperson McQueen welcomed Cllr Bryant, mentioning the large area that Ward 115 covers: Green Point, Mouille Point, The Waterfront, lower CBD, Woodstock, Salt River and Paarden Eiland.

Cllr Bryant thanked the GPRRA for his invitation.

- **Water**

We are experiencing a 3-year drought cycle with soaring temperatures (in 10-20 years' time it could rise to 47-48 degrees). He summarised the current water crisis and said that emergency plans were initiated on 24 May which include pressure reduction, dam dredging and aquifer drilling. Water trucks will be implemented in a worst case scenario. The use of underground water for irrigation of parks and facilities in Green Point and Mouille Point is on hold, saving it for possible potable use - an application to National Government for a water licence in this regard is pending.

A treatment facility using effluent water for irrigation is being investigated.

- **Ward 115**

Cllr Bryant reiterated the new Ward boundaries as per the presentation, and explained that new demarcations were the result of population growth. He further reported on property increases in the past 5 years of 90% in the CBD, 73% in Woodstock and Salt River, and 104% in Green Point (the highest in the Western Cape). He commented on the unique challenges faced by Cape Town relating to the built environment, due to legislation stretching across three spheres of government. The City has responded by launching the independent Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT) to deal with disputes - a statutory requirement of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act.

From a population of 15,000 in the late 1700's the city has expanded, destroying a great deal of natural environment in the process, so that Cape Town is currently one of the least dense major cities. The remaining environment must be protected, and this is one of the key drivers behind the City's densification policy in appropriate areas close to key economic nodes and transport routes. It is imperative to work towards as diverse a population mix as possible, incorporating residents from all economic backgrounds. This means not allowing densification to be used as a convenient excuse to build massive blocks of exclusive apartments and office blocks for the super wealthy. Business must continually be challenged to prevent disproportionate development in areas where the surrounding environment will be impacted negatively. Green Point residents are vigilant in this regard, and Cllr Bryant has attended a number of MPT meetings (including for the 'monster building' referred to earlier) where he has spoken out against developments that seem inappropriate based on feedback from the community. However, he stressed that the MPT is a formal process of Council, and members serving on it are experienced professionals in planning, heritage and the environment. Hence it is important to respect the processes and statutory bodies in government.

- **Future development**

A diverse population mix in densely populated, established communities assists them to renew, evolve and mature. It is also essential to overall functioning of city space. Older areas like Green Point, Woodstock and Salt River still have room to accommodate new

development, bringing an increase in investment in structure, transport and public open space. As an example, the building of the Stadium served as a catalyst to create more open space (i.e. The Green Point Urban Park) which changed the face of the area over the past 10 years. Contrary to popular belief, densification if done sensitively in consult with ratepayers, residents, and the public and private sector, does not mean an increase in crime, dropped property prices or loss of public space. It can instead offer opportunities to citizens in need, providing financial cushioning through indigent rates rebate programs. This being a sensitive matter, Cllr Bryant invited anyone wanting more information to contact him directly. Regarding the controversy around affordable housing, he added that the Mayor is committed to creating well planned, affordable housing opportunities close to economic centres.

There are currently 6 affordable housing projects planned for Woodstock and Salt River, of which the first is already underway. Additionally, proposals for the Foreshore Freeway Project must include significant components of affordable housing.

- Traffic

Public transport (such as MyCiti) can reduce high density communities' dependence on cars significantly. Green Point gained early access to MyCiti, cycle lanes and pedestrian walkways as a result of the World Cup.

Cape Town is the most congested city in SA, offering serious challenges in commuter traffic management. It is often argued that traffic light timing causes congestion; however the reality is that as the city grows, traffic flow and timing changes, and it is impossible to time all lights to perfection. Transgressions such as double parking and blocking intersections have a far worse impact.

Firstly, there is currently a drive by the City and CCID to increase numbers and improve quality of traffic enforcement: A motion has been submitted to Sub Council requesting increased traffic and law enforcement across Ward 115, and one additional traffic officer is also being sponsored out of the small ward budget. It is important to note that only traffic officers can ticket moving traffic violations - regular law enforcement do not have the powers, but they can ticket non-moving violations and enforce bylaws like illegal parking. Secondly, behavioural change is essential: Residents should make better use of public and non-motorised transport (i.e. electrical bicycles). The answer to traffic congestion is not to build more roads, but to lessen numbers of private vehicles. Electric bicycles are becoming popular especially in hilly areas, and on 9 May formal approval was granted by the Director for Network Management to use them (for security only) on the promenade and pedestrian areas.

- Homelessness

Most complaints directed to Cllr Bryant relates to this. Vulnerable people living on the streets are naturally attracted to a growing city for various reasons. While policing and law enforcement play significant roles in addressing crime and bylaw offenses, sustained social interventions are the only ways to manage homelessness. Although a number of field workers operate in the area, the take-up rate on offers of assistance in Green Point is very low - about 4%. Closer cooperation is planned with Provincial departments, who have greater access to social workers and more power in terms of what can be done (working with children and mentally disturbed people). Alderman JP Smith (Mayco member for Safety and Social services) is driving a groundbreaking new project to create a safe space for

people living on the street, under the Culemborg bridges. This could be launched in October 2017, and would provide a space for people not wanting to stay in formal shelters, supplying amenities like showering, washing and storage.

- Events

Cllr Diamond is working on the events application process. However, it is important to note that ward councillors do not approve events, and have the same objection powers as members of the public. Cllr Bryant did submit comment in line with ratepayers' recommendations, that an alternative venue be sought for the Lumineers concert, but ultimately these decisions rest with City officials in terms of the Municipal Systems Act. He has been attending meetings regarding the overlay zone (discussed earlier) which is looking at events in that section of the GP Park.

Mossat Lane

The challenge here is that initial approval was granted in 1990, prior to formation of the current municipality. It is a complex legal case on which Cllr Bryant has spent considerable effort. Action taken so far has been to apply for legal opinion through the City's Property Management department. The result will show whether the previous ruling will stand or collapse, because it was not included in diagrams by the surveyor general in 1992.

Election of committee members

Some committee members are standing down – thanks to them as well as to those remaining. Anyone willing to become involved in one of the 4 committees are invited to join where they think they can give input.

Luke Stevens will remain as special assignment committee member – a big thanks for all he has done over the years. And also to Renee Scalabrino who will remain as a consultant on IT and for our website. The following committee members have generously agreed to stay on: Jenny McQueen; Stuart Burnett; Claudia Scherer-Scheltema; Sanet Tattersall; Barry Shipman; Carin Lilienfeld; Liz Knight; Brenda King, Paige Nick; Pieter van Coller; James Loock; Graham Wooding; Martin King; and Carianne Freebury.

Address by Professor James Loock

The chairperson invited James Loock, stalwart and first Chairman of the GPRRA, to address the meeting:

- Braemar Estate (BE) is an area zoned to allow 7 storey flats but it has Title Deed Restrictions (TDR's) that limit it to single dwelling houses. It is a narrow vertical strip starting one street above Main Rd and runs up between Vesperdene and Wessels roads towards Merriman road. There is currently an application for a block of flats which is unfortunately being approved by Provincial government. The GPRRA is fighting it because it will set a precedent for BE to change the nature of GP on the slopes of Signal Hill, into flatland, and houses will lose value. Our lawyers are working to prevent the removal of TDR's, so to all who live in BE, please help us to save this special part of GP from turning into Sea Point.

- Committees

Professor James Loock praised Chairperson McQueen for unstinting hard work across all committees. Likewise, committee members put in long hours and effort to look after our community and its future. It always seems to be the same handful of community spirited people, and they need help. And because of the calibre of people putting in the effort, it's a

pleasure to be part of it. The committees are strong and have a lot of expertise to impart. They are Management Committee (MC), Built Environment Committee (BEC), Human Environment Committee (HEC), and Events Committee. Events especially, need people who feel passionate about saving the EcoPark, who have a few hours to look at legislation and processes within the City. Anyone wanting to join can come forward afterwards. Thank you to Jenny McQueen for her dedication, and to Antonia Malan for the very worthy cause she tackled in trying to make the GP Common a Heritage site.

Questions from the floor

- Was the EcoPark damaged after Lumineers concert?
[Brenda King was not aware of damage, but it took 5 days to clean up.]
Other responders from the floor:
[One can see how setting up such a huge structure can cause damage. It is also not fair to keep the Park closed to the public for 10 days]
[During build up, huge trucks ruined the grass which was soft and wet following the rain, to deliver gantries. Additionally, birds around the area left their nests and only returned after the concert]
- What can be done about protecting the EcoPark from the destruction caused by organisers and the city - for example the four events coming up in November and December?
[Cllr Bryant said there had been two problematic events – Glitterfest (noise) and Lumineers (various reasons). He is not aware of any others planned, but will follow up with Mayco and JP Smith. The overlay zone has been proposed, but they are trying to look at the management processes themselves, rather than designated areas. An example where this has worked is the City Hall where management proposals were amended to exclude inappropriate events. However, in terms of the existing agreement, events may take place in the EcoPark. From a City property management perspective Councillor Diamond looks after the stadium precinct as a whole along with the Common.]
- Why is there an apparent reluctance to take on people who are not compliant with event regulations?
[Cllr Bryant responded by saying that troublesome events are 'flagged' and not allowed to return. This, however, is often only discovered through trial and error, at which point processes can be amended to prevent recurrences. There are penalties in place which can be imposed by law enforcement, and events can also be shut down. The Councillor offered to follow up on specific instances of noncompliance by event organisers.]
- Why are the pavements from here going into town not maintained?
[Cllr Bryant will follow up]
- The Outsurance pointsmen do not have the authority to pull over offenders, what can be done?
[Cllr Bryant agreed that more traffic officers are needed, but mentioned that there is a shortage due to the qualification period of 7 years. Nevertheless, the pointsmen do perform an important duty in creating necessary gaps in traffic.]
- Firstly, it is mindblowing how densification and massive apartment blocks are allowed to ruin the character of GP. Speaking as a neighbour affected by the illegal development on Scholtz road, it is clear to see that developers have only their own interests at heart, and

manage to get away with it. Secondly, a big thank you to the GPRRA for their commitment and enthusiasm, working for the benefit of the community.

[Thank you very much for the recognition, we do put in many hours. The BEC, for instance, deals with many heritage building applications taking up a lot of time. We really try our best and could use all the help we can get – chairperson McQueen]

- The meeting was declared closed.

Minute taker: Sanet Tattersall