

NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2019

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the SRA will be held on Monday 25 November at 20h00 at the Community Centre, Main Road, Kalk Bay. A postal delivery of a copy of the notice and agenda was sent out early this week. Although only registered members of the SRA (which is free to all property owners) may vote, all residents and businesses are invited to attend and to contribute to the meeting.

Finance

The SRA again received an unqualified audit of its 2018/2019 financial statements, a copy of which is available on our website kalkbaystjamesra.org. Expenditure for the year was 97.3% of the approved budget, which illustrates that the SRA continues to fully utilise but not over-spend its budget.

The SRA recently received a refund from the City of R224,000 from the retention reserve to cover bad debts. This welcome cash injection has increased our total reserves to R620,000. Of this we are obliged to maintain obligatory reserves of R360,000, leaving R260,000 available to be allocated and spent on various projects in our village. A proposal in this regard will be made at our AGM. Details can also be viewed on our website.

Public Safety

Security Camera Strategy Review:

The SRA board recently reviewed its Public Safety strategy in respect of the monitoring of our security camera images. The strategy previously approved was based on a system whereby volunteer observers from the community view material from the live camera transmissions at their homes on their pc's or tablets. Unfortunately, despite much effort, this has proved to be unworkable because many of the internet connections in the area are too slow to carry readable pictures.

The following modification to the image monitoring strategy has therefore been approved:

- A control room in the SRA office in the Community Centre, Kalk Bay will be established, equipped with a TV monitoring screen capable of carrying 12 pictures simultaneously.
- Lake Security patrollers will view images on the screen during the night. This will enable them to react as and when they detect any problems. The cameras will give them a wide view of the area and their past experience enables them to quickly identify unusual activities.
- Volunteer camera watchers will be able to view the cameras during the hours outside those mentioned above. The patrollers can give them access
- The originally intended strategy will still be implemented to the extent that the SRA can link volunteers who have a good internet feed into our system and we will send

to them a test app to prove their connection. If proved satisfactory the SRA will provide the programme and passwords to link them into the system. We would provide the volunteers with instructions and agree time slots.

- The SRA currently has 8 cameras positioned throughout Kalk Bay and St James. The plan is to substantially increase this number and a proposal will be made at the AGM to allocate as much as R90,000 for this purpose. Further cameras will be acquired in subsequent years. These cameras, in addition to those donated or linked in by local residents will enable the SRA to monitor most problem areas in our village.

Law Enforcement Resources:



From left to right: P.I Mkwasi, Gail Daniels (SRA Manager) and Officer Gelant

The City's Law Enforcement resources for Sub-council 19 (a very large area that includes the Far South) have recently been upgraded:

- The force will have a staff of 55 officers, plus a number of ancillary officers, commanded by Principal Inspector Mkwasi. Inspector Mkwasi will be responsible for the Far South. The SRA has welcomed him and we have agreed a plan of operations with Law Enforcement.
- All officers allocated to the Far South will be based at Muizenberg.
- Renovations to the Muizenberg base are almost complete.
- Law Enforcement intend to commence their long-promised operations on a 24-hour basis from 1 November.

Environmental Upgrade: Danger Beach and Harbour entrance gardens



Residents will have noticed a lot of gardening activity at both Danger Beach gardens and the garden at the entrance to the harbour. The former project is being undertaken by an energetic committee of local residents led by Barrie Gasson and the latter by Genneth Ofsowitz.

The SRA is contributing to both these important projects. Our thanks to all involved in helping to improve our environment.