

## MINUTES of the MLPORA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UP Groenkloof Campus, Adoel 1 17 May 2023 18:30-21:45

The meeting started at 18:30. The Chair, Niel Roux, welcomed all present and thanked them for coming.

## **Apologies:**

- Anoulla Demetroudes and Charlie Tiganis
- Renette Leathern
- Sandra Kachelhoffer
- Les Bateman

## Agenda

- The agenda is attached as Annexure A
- Any other business: The parking problem in Bourke street is added
- The agenda is accepted.

## 1 Minutes of the 2022 AGM

- The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated before the meeting.
- No comments were received and the minutes were accepted.
- **Matters arising:** Feedback will be provided on progress made with the investigation into monitored access.

## 2 Chair person's report

The presentation is attached as Annexure B.

## Overview of the year past year:

- Labour protests at UNISA in April 2022;
- The arrival of refugees who were evicted from the area around the UNHCR building on the corner of Mears and Ridge streets on 20 April 2023.
- Electricity supply continues to be interrupted by load shedding, repeated cable theft, and maintenance issues.
- Operational issues and financial continue to constrict the maintenance of roads and streetlamps. Some areas also experienced water breakages during the course of the year.

• Unacceptable noise disturbances are, unfortunately, becoming commonplace. However, MLPORA cannot resolve these problems on our own. We can only guide and collaborate with affected parties to address disturbances.

## Townplanning

- Muckleneuk and Lukasrand are attracting property development due to location on the edge of Sunnyside, near hospitals (e.g. ZAH, Jacaranda), and near universities. The RSDF, furthermore, allows high density development along Justice Mahomed and Florence Ribeiro, and mixed used areas around ZAH in Leyds and Bourke streets.
- Opposing application made difficult by an asymmetrical power relationship. Resources are overstrained by concurrent cases, and MLPORA find it difficult to compete with the financial and legal resources employed by developers. Municipal tribunals often seem too sympathetic to developers.
- The best way to deal with these challenges are to optimse our available resources by selecting the most significant applications, and working with affected residents. In addition, we believe that draft a precinct plan would also assist us to achieve environmental, social, and economic objectives through the promotion of specific land use patterns.
- Change is going to happen with or without us participating, the best we can do is to try and achieve the most we can. The worst we can do is to do nothing.

## Community activities over the past year

- The MHSI camera system is, by all accounts, a great success;
- The community mobilised to remove tyres in/and around our neighourhood during the March shutdown attempt;
- A number of community role-players provided outstanding support to an old lady who fell on hard times;
- The Commons and Kruinpark continues to bring residents together
- MLPORA, MHSI, Kruinpark and the Commons can only be successful due to the large number of persons who volunteer to make things happen;
- Our Facebook page, Instagram account, website and various Telegram accounts provide excellent communication platforms.

In short, I believe all of us that attended the meeting want to be more than just residents, we want to become neighbours.

## 3 Townplanning

- This portfolio relates to outcome 2 of the MLPORA strategy, namely a residential neighbourhood.
- Presented by Renet van Wyk.
- The presentation is attached as Annexure B.

Address	Description	
560 Sibelius	Application for rezoning to Residential 4 approved. Developers can erect up to 18 units.	
34 Ormonde	Application for rezoning to Residential 4 approved. Review application pending.	
570 Sibelius	Application to create a boarding house for up to 56 learners. Tribunal hearing pending.	
Harlequins Application for multi-purpose development. Objection for events arena successful. Pendir		
	tribunal hearing.	
Groenkloof SANP Awaiting land use application for further development.		
361 Berea AMPATH to extend existing facilities. Awaiting formal application		
ZAH	Development of Day Hospital. Await approval.	
261 Troye Illegal land use. Night club operating a guest house.		

- Introduced the idea of 'adopting a pavement'. Residents will be requested to keep the sidewalks outside their homes clean, and problems areas, like 34 Ormonde street, will be addressed.
- Renet emphasised the need for legal fund that will allow us to appoint legal representatives to assist with applications.
- It was, finally, noted that residents must continue to bring any transgressions under our attention. All residents must also continue to object individually.

Nr	Question	Reply
3.1	Elnari Hough: Parking in Bourke street around ZAH is still a large problem, particularly on Thursdays when visas are fetched. Why are the bollards in front of ZAH and across from the street on the Egyptian embassy not removed?	<ul> <li>Isabeau Southwood explained that, following earlier complaints about excessive on-street parking and the associated loitering and theft, MLPORA asked ZAH to divert on-street parking into new on-site parking when the hospital were redeveloped. Bollards were erected to prevent parking as curbs were not enough. Removing bollards will not solve the traffic problem on its own.</li> <li>The problem needs to be prioritised, and all stakeholders, including the Egyptian embassy, needs to be involved.</li> </ul>
3.2	Silver street guesthouse still operates and continue to create disturbances for neighbours. Neighbours are willing to make financial contributions to solve the problem. The guess house is operating illegally out of an illegal structure.	It is requested that this matter be given attention again and residents be engaged on further action.

## 3.1 Questions & Answers

## 4 Outcome 3: A Safe Neighbourhood

#### 4.1 MHSI Camera System

- Presented by Regardt Botha. The slides are presented as Annexure C.
- MHSI has implemented 16 camera poles covering all 12 entrances and 4 strategic junctions.
- All twelve entrances are now monitored and Muckleneuk and Lukasrand could be considered virtually enclosed by 50 cameras at 16 locations. These monitor both vehicle and pedestrian traffic and are linked to the security company's patrol vehicles. Real time alerts mean that the patrols are focused on unusual activity, can respond quickly and move to prevent crime.
- It is important to note that the value of the cameras lay in their integration into a broader, multilayered security system that include 126 radio members, various street groups, the three security companies that work in our area, and other networks that extend beyond our area.
- While there are still isolated crime incidents, we are now accumulating significant anti-crime statistics where action has been taken to avoid potential incidents.
- Since the MHSI camera security system was formally launched on 11 June 2022, 87 residents have signed up to fund the camera poles. Zuid-Afrikaans generously sponsored 3 poles, while three community members sponsored another three in Ormonde steet and in Loveday street.
- Each ordinary funder contributes R430 per month. It costs approximately R45 000 to erect a camera pole with a three-year replacement cycle. Twelve contributors are required to fund the capital and operating cost of one camera pole.
- Phase 2 will add more cameras to ensure continuous coverage of the neighbourhoods' streets. More attention will also be given to integrating with neighbouring areas.
- More information is available at MHSI's regular 'show-n-tell' presentations.

## 4.2 OneSafe investigation of monitored access

Presented by Junior Truter. The slides are presented as Annexure D.

MLPORA was mandated to investigate monitored access using gates at the 2022 AGM. Although there have been previous attempts, none have reached implementation stage.

## Progress

- Engaged with an expert in the field who works on a contingency arrangement, and who has implemented monitored access using gates in Groenkloof, Waterkloof, Wapadrand, Lynwood etc.
- A few meetings were held with the expert to discuss possible options for this type of monitored access in our area.
- One Safe also met with prominent community stakeholders such as Crawford / Advtech, Zuid-Afrikaans and MHSI. Both ZAH and Crawford/Advtech support monitored access, and AdvTech has indicated a willingness to pay for a traffic count study to be conducted.
- Committed to working with MHSI on the best way forward.
- The expert has proposed a plan for using gates to monitor access but we would like to be able to present various options to the Community to vote. This will take place at an Indaba/Public Meeting to be held in August. A full, detailed breakdown and explanation will be provided as well as a question and answer session.
- In order for this form of monitored access to be implemented, a 70% vote by way of signing up and committing to pay is required from the Community.

## What is monitored access?

- Using a variety of gates to monitor access is implemented for an area where the public roads belong to the Municipality. Tis differs from estates like Silver Lakes where the property belongs to the estate.
- This means that people cannot be restricted to enter the area, access can only be monitored.
- Monitoring precludes asking for fingerprints via biometrics, ID, contact details or any other personal information. The general public must still be permitted to move freely through the area, and every gate should therefore have a pedestrian gate.
- It is important to note that monitored access only provides an extra layer of security by focusing traffic to specific entrance and exit points where there are gates, booms, guards etc. In an emergency: All gates are equipped with "shut down gates" which are generally open except in cases of emergency where these gates will be locked by security guards for the period required to diffuse the emergency.

#### How will monitored access work?

- **24 Hour gates**: equipped with a boom access that is operated by a sensor or by a security guard placed at the access point.
- **12 Hour gates:** Booms are in operation during the "active period" between 06:00 and 18:00. Gates are locked during the night-time.
- Locked gates: These gate are permanently locked for road users, but a pedestrian gate is mandatory. Access can, however, be limited to "community pedestrians" by directing all "public pedestrians" to a 24-hour gate. Paying members will be able to access this gate via remote or cell phone.

#### Way forward

- A public meeting will be held in August 2023 at which a full, detailed breakdown and explanation will be provided. Residents will also be given the opportunity to interact with the various options.
- It is critical to understand that monitored access can only be implemented if it is supported in principle and financially (by signing an agreement) by 70% of all erven. That means that it would have to be supported by at least 420 of the 600 erven in Muckleneuk and Lukasrand.
- Without this commitment, we cannot even submit an application.
- If you are not able to attend the Public Meeting/ Indaba please join the **Connect Your Neighbour Groups** to receive the information and vote through the channels that will be communicated on such groups.

## 4.3 Questions and Answers

Nr	То	Question	Reply
4.3.1	Junior	What are the timeframes and	This would be made available at the meeting in August.
		costing?	
4.3.2		With which expert did One	Jan Malan from Street Safe.
		Safe work?	
4.3.3		Should a community have to	Junior replied that every single crime is surely adequate
		prove that it has a crime	motivation to strive for more security.
		problem before applications	
		can be approved by the City	
		of Tshwane.	
4.3.4		Will the guards be mandated	No, guards cannot make arrests. They will control the situation
		or authorized to make	while waiting for armed response or the police.
		arrests? Junior responded that the	
4.3.5		Why can the camera	The traffic study needs to be done by a certified traffic engineer
4.5.5		information not be used for	and that a mere camera report will not be sufficient.
		the traffic count study?	
4.3.6	Regardt	Does MHSI plan to erect a	MHSI would, if they secure enough contributions, like to
		camera pole at the bottom of	eventually have camera poles on every corner (a Virtual Estate).
		Smith Street?	The funding model is based on one pole for every 12 contributors.
			Although entrances are given priority, the first camera pole was
			erected on the corner of Smith and Berea streets as it is, quite
			uniquely, both an entry and exit into and from both Sunnyside and
			Lukasrand. Since this pole already monitors Smith street which
			only have 8 contributors, additional contributors or someone to sponsor the cost of an additional pole at a strategic location will
			be required.
4.3.7	General	Will MLPORA work with	A resident noted that MHSI and MLPORA should work together
		MHSI on the investigation	to achieve the shared objective of improving safety.
		and possibly implementation	• Dirk Kotze, from MHSI, noted that, as things stand, MHSI was
		of monitored access?	not comfortable to work with MLPORA on the investigation of
			monitored access. He requested that MLPORA justify why they
			wanted to fulfil a security role that is already handled by MHSI.
			• The Chairman reiterated that One Safe was conducting an AGM
			mandated investigation regarding the feasibility of monitored
			closure. The results, as well as a number of options would be
			presented to the community in August. Implementation will
			only follow if, and once, a proposal has been accepted by the
			community. All substantive objections would be taken into
			<ul><li>account once options are presented for selection.</li><li>Robert Cameron-Ellis, chairman of MHSI, stated that MHSI</li></ul>
			• Robert Cameron-Ellis, chairman of MHSI, stated that MHSI would support any plan/tool that will improve the community's
			security. However, he also observed that we would have to
			assess whether monitored access represented the best use of
			available funding, particularly when the camera system is
			already managing access much better and more cost effectively
			than physical guards and gates will ever be able to do. He
			wishes for MHSI to be consulted more in the investigation and
			be part of the system solution and not be a single solution.
4.3.8		Are there any objections to	No objections.
		finalising the investigation	
		into monitored access using	
		gates during the coming year?	
		year:	

## 5 Presentation of financial reports and budget for 2023

The 2022 financial statements and budget for 2023 was presented by the treasurer, Robert Cameron-Ellis.

The signed document is attached as Addendum E.

More funds are needed to fight the legal battles. A total of R90 000 was budgeted for legal costs in the coming year. The Association aims to raise R80 000 of this amount directly from the community. Funds have also been set aside to pay for Operra membership. As in previous years, R4000 per annum will respectively be paid to Kruinpark and the Commons from any surplus we manage to generate.

## MUCKLENEUK AND LUKASRAND PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

ASSETS	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS	126 977	91 000
Investment account	77 713	74 430
Savings Account	45 082	12 242
Cash on hand (Commons float)	4 182	4 328
TOTAL ASSETS	126 977	91 000
RECEIVABLES AND LIABILITIES RESERVES		
Accumulated MLPORA surplus	85 470	61 027
Commons Funds	21 546	18 811
Balance at beginning of year	18 81 1	35 853
Donations banked	5 0 3 0	
Income from fundraising	27 765	19 220
Fundraising expenses	(8 201)	
Allocation of MLPORA grant	4 000	4 000
Garden expenses	(5 848)	1 1
Gardener	(18 800)	(40 262)
Donation to Kruinpark	(1 199)	
Bank charges	(11)	
Kruinpark surplus	19 961	11 162
Balance at beginning of year	11 162	5 062
Membership fees	3 600	3 550
Donation from the Commons	1 199	
Allocation of MLPORA grant	4 000	4 000
Expenditure	-	(1 450)
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Security funds received	<u> </u>	· · ·
TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	126 977	91 000

The commons fundraising is done in cash. This reflects the available record of such activities.

	Budget 2023	Annual 2022	Budget 2022	Actual 2021	Budget 2021
INCOME					
Membership and donor contributions	44 000	40 700	25 000	32 390	20 000
Logal Fund	80 000	and the second			
Advertising Income				1 860	
Bin stickers	5 500	2 10 2 10		7 940	
Hospital project				7 000	
Interest	3 500	4.246	2 400	3 2 17	5 000
anness to the	133 000	54,000	27 400	52 407	25 000
EXPENDITURE					
Bank charges	(900)	0101	(600)	(4.85)	
Subscriptions					(400)
OPERRA membership	(2 000)		(2 000)		()
Internet costs	(2 000)	17-6-401	5 C. C.		
Legal costs	(90 000)	(12,050)	(10 000)	(50 5 4 0)	
AGM cost	(3 500)			(3 7 50)	(2 500)
Advertising and marketing	(5 000)	11,1461		(920)	
Hospital project			12	(9 0 00)	1 G
Calendars		and the second se		(9 108)	
Bin stickers	(5 000)	(2.236)	64	(5 2 10)	
Town planning meeting		140.05		1.42.00128	
Facilitator fees	+		12		(5 000)
Thank you gifts	(1 000)		2		
Total expenses	(109 400)	(78 602)	(12 600)	(89 013)	(7 900)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	23 600	22.443	14 800	(36 608)	17 100
Allocation		1000		7503200-80	
Commons	(4 000)	(4.0001	(4 000)	(4 0 0 0)	(4 000)
Knuinpark	(4 000)	(0000)	(4 000)	(4 0 0 0)	(4 000)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year after allocations	15 600	29.462	6 800	(44 605)	9 100
Accumulated surplus beginning of the year	85 470	111127	61 027	105 633	105 833
Accumulated surplus end of the year	101.070	107.430	67 827	61 027	114 733
		(0)		(0)	

#### MUCKLENEUK AND LUKASRAND PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The 2022 budgeted contributions to the Commons and Friends of Knuinpark were contingent on MLPORA achieving a surplus for 2022. The Friends of Knuinpark will get an unconditional contribution of R1000 to cover its WESSA membership. The surplus was achieved and allocated accordingly.

The 2023 budgeted contributions to the Commons and Friends of Kruin Park are contingent on achieving a surplus for 2023. The Friends of Kruin Park will receive an unconditional contribution of R1000 to cover its WESSA membership.

## 6 Constitutional amendments

Any amendments need to be submitted at least two weeks before the AGM. No amendments were proposed.

Renet van Wyk stated that MLPORA intends to change the constitution from an opt-out system (where every resident is automatically a member unless they opt out), to an opt-in system in which households would have to join (or annually renew membership) and pay membership fees in order to be considered members.

Tshwane requires residents' associations to provide a list of members they represent and it is, therefore, essential that we revise our membership model.

#### 7 **Election of the MLPORA Executive**

The executive positions were actively contested. The positions are outlined in the order the elections took place.

Position	Description	
Secretary	Yvette Loots was elected unopposed.	
Treasurer	Robert Cameron-Ellis was elected unopposed.	
Chair	<ul> <li>Three residents were nominated and duly seconded, namely Ziaad Abrahams, Junior Truter, and Nico van der Merwe. Voting was conducted by a show of hands.</li> <li>During the first round nominees received the following votes: Junior (10), Nico (10), and Ziaad (7).</li> <li>Nico won the vote in the second round by 17 votes to 14 against Junior.</li> </ul>	
Vice-Chair	<ul> <li>There were four nominations for vice-Chair, namely Ziaad Abrahams, Martin Brutten, Junior Truter, and Niel Roux.</li> <li>Niel Roux was elected as vice-chair by a show of hands. Votes were captured as follows: Niel (14), Martin (9), Ziaad (2) and Junior (1).</li> </ul>	

## The following positions were elected:



Chair Nico van der Merwe



Vice-Chair Niël Roux

Treasurer **Robert Cameron-Ellis** 

Secretary **Yvette Loots** 

Additional members will be co-opted into the MLPORA Executive committee as per the constitution.

Ziaad Abrahams and Martin Brutten volunteered and will be co-opted into the Executive Committee during the next meeting.

Everyone who would like to volunteer is requested to contact MLPORA. We would particularly like to encourage persons with backgrounds in law, architecture, landscape architecture, or town planning to consider volunteering some of their time.

## 8 Address by Cllr Shaun Wilkinson

Councillor Wilkinson (Ward 59) gave the following feedback.

Торіс	Comments	
MHSI camera system	Shaun congratulated the community on virtually closing Muckleneuk and Lukasrand, in his opinion, the best closure in Tshwane.	
Bourke street bollards	The parking problems in Bourke street have a long history and it is probably fair to say that there are no simple solutions. He would like to assist the community to come to a workable solution once the community has discussed potential solutions with Zuid-Afrikaans and the Egyptian embassy.	
Revision of the RSDF Plan	The 2018 RSDF plan is presently being reviewed and it is important that MLPORA tries to submit inputs to the Council as soon as possible	
RefugeesShaun provided his perspective of what happened during April this yeaspecifically acknowledged Huckleberry's and Lea for their generosity to refugees.		
Streetlights	No streetlights are currently being fixed. The new MMC, Mr Kingsley, has committed to review the matter as soon as possible.	
Kruinpark fence	The Kruinpark fence is not presently a priority for the City of Tshwane. Shaun related the history of how the City of Tshwane originally lodged an insurance claim for some stolen wire poles and how that claim has, apparently, not been processed yet. Recent funding constraints has decreased the fence's importance to the city. Shaun is going to look into the current plans and will revert back as soon as possible.	

## 9 Closure

Niël Roux thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:45.

#### **Special Thanks**

MLPORA would like to thank the University of Pretoria for supporting the community, and for allowing us to use the Aldoel1 lecture hall on the university's Groenkloof campus for this Annual General Meeting.

We would also like to acknowledge the attendance by two important community stakeholders, namely Councillor Shaun Wilkinson (Ward 59), and Mr. Robert Jordaan, hospital manager of the Zuid Afrikaans Hospital in Muckleneuk.

## Annexure A

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## University of Pretoria Groenkloof Campus, Aldoel 1 17 May 2023 18:30 – 20:30 Chair: Niel Roux

Start	Item	Presenter		
18:30	Welcome	Niël Roux		
	Apologies			
	Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting			
	Confirmation of the agenda			
18:40	Chairman's report	Niël Roux		
18:50	Muckleneuk heritage	Nellien Brewer		
19:00	Town planning and illegal land use	Renet van Wyk		
19:20	Q&A			
19:30	Safety and Security: MHSI camera system	Regardt Botha		
19:40	Safety and Security: Monitored Access Investigation	Junior Truter		
19:50	Q&A			
20:05	Presentation of financial reports and budget for 2023	Robert Cameron-Ellis		
20:15	Constitutional amendments	Renet van Wyk		
20:20	Election of MLPORA Executive	Niël Roux		
	Chair:			
	Vice-Chair:			
	• Treasurer:			
	Secretary:			
20:30	АОВ			
	Parking in Bourke street			
20:45	Closure			

## Annexure B

# ATTENDANCE AGM: 17 May 2023

Nr	Address	Tenure	Name	
1	Berea 360	Owner	Paulet & Gavin Ratner	
2	Berea 363	Owner	Bert Roefs	
3	Berea 453	Owner	Robert Cameron-Ellis	
4	Berea 460	Owner	Gina Weir-Smith	
5	Berea 468	Owner	Renet van Wyk	
6	Berea 487	Owner	Leon Cronje and Willie van Rensburg	
7	Berea 539	Owner	Nicolaas Steenkamp	
8	Bourke 314	Owner	Elnari Hough	
9	Celliers 280	Owner	Alexander Antonites	
10	Celliers 290	Owner	Nico van der Merwe	
11	Dougall 176	Owner	Titia Tabak & Iain Engels	
12	Dougall 189	Owner	Francisca Moyses	
13	Dougall 237	Owner	Dave and Nellien Brewer	
14	John 244	Owner	Tomas Pienaar	
15	Loveday 244	Owner	Regardt Botha	
16	Loveday 260	Owner	Brian and Isabeau Southwood	
17	Lukas 465	Owner	Ziaad Abrahams	
18	Lukas 503	Owner	Niel Roux	
19	Middelberg 225	Owner	Dirk Kotze	
20	Middelberg 230	Owner	Erna Smalberger	
21	Ormonde 37	Owner	Danie Barnard	
22	Ridge 365	Owner	Phillip Erasmus	
23	Sibelius 525	Owner	Anya Calantzis	
24	Sibelius 538	Owner	Junior & JustineTruter	
25	Smith 221	Owner	Giselle and Niël Groenewald	
26	Smith 181	Owner	Yvette Loots	
27	Smith 240	Owner	Adriana Tollig	
28	Smith 243	Owner	Martin Brutten	
29	Troy 262	Owner	Derek Gelderblom	
30	Willem Punt 312	Owner	Juan Nel and Hennie Luies	
			Visitors	
31	Ward Councillor	Visitor	Shaun Wilkinson	
32	ZAH	ZAH Representative	Robert Jordaan	

Figure 1: Geographical distribution of AGM 2023 participants



Figure 2: AGM 2023 advertisement

