

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONVERWAG NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS HELD ON 22 May 2025 at 18h00 IN THE N.G. CHURCH, ONRUS.

Onverwag Representation

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| Chairman | Anne Droomer |
| Vice Chair & Safety | Eddie Holloway |
| Membership | Michelle Mc Heath- apologies |
| Secretary | Vanessa Sutherland |
| Treasurer | Amanda Duberly |
| Community | Michiel de Kok |
| Patrols | Coenie Groenewald |



Attached – Signed Attendance register

1) OPENING AND WELCOME

Eddie opened the meeting and extended a welcome to all in attendance

2) APOLOGIES

Michelle Mc Heath

3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM MEETING HELD 15/5/23

Proposed by Basil Cummings Seconded by Emmie Gouws

4) CRIME OVERVIEW – SAPS

Anne introduced SAPS representation (Colonel Tamboer extended apologies due to ill Health) Present at the meeting were Warrant Officer Davids and Colonel Steyn from CID

- Stats were presented for the past month, some highlights of the overview as follows
 - Vermont, Onrus Hawston and Fisherhaven fall within Sector1 as regards community Policing.
 - For the month of reporting there was a 5.1% decrease in priority crimes.
 - In the greater Hermanus - There was a 5.4% increase in contact crime (assault cases and malicious damage to property)
 - Occurences wrt the greater Hermanus in terms of most affected suburbs were Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant, Hawston, Hermanus CBC, Sandbaai, Westcliff and Onrus.
 - Contact related crimes increase by 13 counts in greater Hermanus
 - There was a decrease of 23 counts of theft and burglary
 - As was highlighted in the 2024 AGM Contributing factors to local crimes include, unemployment, release of repeat offenders/some cases on bail, bush dense areas which allow perpetrators to hide, Poachers, drug abuse, empty holiday homes which are easily accessed and have little to no security. Witnesses not attending court proceedings.
 - As was also highlighted in the 2024 AGM, a reduction in crime can be helpful in terms of resident vigilance and sharing of information, but residents also contribute to the ease of access wrt crimes, by not properly protecting their properties, no beams or alarms, leaving access doors and windows open, ill lit perimeters or no lighting at all.

The Warrant Officer ended by thanking Anne and Eddie wrt their ongoing working together with SAPS with crime prevention and reporting of incidences for follow up by SAPS

Anne thanked the Colonel Steyn and confirmed that Warrant Officer Davids was the SAPS representative for the Onrus/Vermont Sector

5) OVSRA ECO Patrollers

Anne extended a warm welcome and brief overview on the role of the SRA patrollers and their ongoing invaluable contribution to the community

- Coenie Groenewald presented the Patrollers with a token of thanks by way of some “Brood” Vouchers

6) GUEST SPEAKER - Caroline Kotze

- Caroline provided an overview of her role @ Soli Deo Gloria in Hawston and the “Seeds for Kids” initiative in Zwelihle, where working together with the younger members of the community (through Christian teaching principals) they create a fellowship hub and provide recreational activities for these disadvantaged children in the area, this includes craft and dance and also sewing activities for ladies. .
- Most of the funds raised for these initiatives are derived through private funding by a private donor from Germany, but also that any donations and contributions were always welcome, ongoing.
- Caroline re-iterated that their fondest wish was to acquire premises of their own in Hawston so that they could provide more in the way of services to the underprivileged children. They currently operate from the shared community centre in Hawston

Michiel reiterated the importance of nurturing and educating underprivileged children to assist them in becoming upstanding members of the community and that Onverwag would like to continue playing a role in social upliftment as opposed by purely just focussing on crime prevention. Michiel also thanked Caroline for her presentation at the meeting.

7) CHAIRMANS REPORT

Below is the comprehensive report as penned and presented by Anne

- The year under review, began with the community recovering from the devastating **floods of September 2023**. Access to water, power and roads had been restored while life was returning to normal. The final push was to clear Onrus Beach of all the debris from the river, was on track for the fast-approaching holiday season.
- The Beach Clean Up project required moving machinery as well as manual labour.
- The job seekers standing at the 4way stop were offered an opportunity to assist with the manual cleanup of the beach and rocky coastline. Tswelopela, meaning “empowerment and education” was created. While job opportunities were created for 3 months, the job seekers received ongoing education on work ethics. The project came to an end mid December. Onverwag sponsored some of the costs towards Tswelopela. Several of the members of Tswelopela were gainfully employed while others managed to earn an income from selling firewood during the festive season.

The safety at Brekvis Bay and surrounds is an ongoing priority for Onverwag. The clearing of aliens from the dunes was initiated by Vermont Conservation Foundation (VCF).

- The bulk of the costs were carried by the Foundation but Onverwag assisted with some of the costs. Tswelopela assisted for a brief period. The clearing of the aliens has added to the safety of the Bay as several hiding spots used by criminals and poachers were removed.
- Brekvis Bay borders onto our neighbour, Whale Coast Nature Reserve. Presently we monitor the exit and entrance to the reserve with cameras. Thanks to an anonymous donor, the coverage has been extended. We also replaced the NVR.
- Onverwag increases their High Viz Foot Patrols during the festive season, concentrating mainly in and around the Coastal Path, Brekvis Bay and the perimeter of Onrus Caravan Park. Onverwag did not initiate any High Viz Patrols as Overstrand Municipality appointed Safety Officers for the festive season and our community was lucky to be part of this initiative. Four Safety Officers were appointed to patrol the Coastal Path under the supervision of the OVSRA. The Safety Officers supplemented the existing patrols on the path.
- No incidents on the Coastal Path were reported throughout the period of employment of the extra Safety Officers. The initiative of extra patrollers on the coastal path confirms the view with more high-viz foot patrols, safety of the path is more likely.
- The High-Viz of the OVSRA Eco Patrollers 7 days a week, whether on foot or on their bicycles ensures we have a safer neighbourhood. The patrollers respond to reports received from the community via their control room and cover vast distances. In recognition of their efforts, Onverwag gifted them with Vouchers from I love Onrus Deli to keep up their energy levels.

- **Safety at home is of utmost importance.** Majority of on-line scams and fraud occurs in the safety of your home. Onverwag has continued throughout the year with their CELL SAVVY Workshops to develop internal panic buttons to these threats which are ongoing.
- The demand for the ONVERWAG Fridge Magnets with Emergency Safety Numbers spiked after a home invasion in September. Our members realised the importance of being prepared for an emergency situation, be it at your home, a public space or out at sea.

Human Trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings and the recruitment, control and use of people for their bodies and their labour.

- Human Trafficking is hidden, fast growing and complex. It is generating billions each year through the exploitation of vulnerable people. The cycle needs to be stopped which only intervention can do.
- Onverwag hosted a Public Accountability Meeting (PAM) addressing the issue of Human Trafficking. The A21 Organisation was invited to speak on the Topic. The A21 Campaign is described as an International, non governmental organisation that works to fight human trafficking including sex exploitation and trafficking, forced slave labour, bonded labour, involuntary servitude and child soldiery.
- The aim of the meeting was to educate people regarding human trafficking and to share prevention programmes that they offer which are child centered, playbased programmes designed to empower children from as young as 3 years. Sadly there was not one representative from any of our schools who attended, despite several invitations being emailed.
- The Village Life (TVL) covered the topic with an article written by Sarah Taylor. We thank you for this as ongoing education which is vital to start breaking the cycle.

Onverwag has remained part of a **Safety and Security Management Team** created by the Onrus Vermont Special Ratings Area (OVSRA).

- Communication is by means of a whatsapp group and Radio contact with the Control Room 24/7.
- The Protocol Onverwag agreed on with DEFFE (MCS) is to, via a direct, secure 24/7 reporting channel, update all poaching activities as seen and reported by members. They then, where and when possible assign resources to act on our information.
- Onverwag has attended the weekly JOCOM Security meetings held at SAPS, Hermanus.
- The meeting cycle of the Ward Committee of Ward 13 has changed. Within a quarterly cycle, there is one Ward Committee meeting for committee members only, one public meeting and one site visit by the committee members looking at various issues in the community. Great input has been given to the IDP priorities of the ward as a new IDP 5 year plan was submitted.

Housekeeping continued throughout the year.

- Cloud storage of documents updated and reviewed.
- The bulk of funds raised are through our annual membership fee. The Sage One Accounting package was implemented for invoicing purposes and ease of doing business. Thank you to the members who have willingly responded by paying their fees timorously or alerted us to errors with regard to the invoicing.

Thank you to the committee who have volunteered tirelessly and assisted to keep Onverwag evolving as circumstances presented us with challenges throughout the year.

Onverwag is only possible due to the support we receive from our members. Thank you to each one of you.

Special thanks to:

The NG Gemeente for always allowing us to make use of their facilities.

Our auditors, Pragma Konsult, who for the third year, have offered their services pro bona.

Our partners, SAPS Hermanus, OVSRA and other accredited Neighbourhood Watches in the Overstrand.

8) TREASURER Overview : Amanda Duberly.

Amanda extended a thank you to those present/the Onverwag supporters for their contributions which amounted to over 100k for the financial year period. These funds helped contribute toward the community initiatives mentioned by Anne and also toward safety by way of the various cameras utilised (cameras making up the bulk of expenses) Admin fees were also used toward the appointment of a bookkeeper which helped enormously toward administrative tasks.

Onrus Vermont Neighbourhood Watch

(Registration Number NPO 165758)

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 November 2024

Detailed Income Statement

Figures in R

| | 2024 | 2023 |
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| Revenue | | |
| CCTV monitoring | 4,750 | - |
| Donations received | 23,692 | 2,250 |
| Fees earned | 75,450 | 77,750 |
| | <u>103,892</u> | <u>80,000</u> |
| Administrative expenses | | |
| Accounting fees | (12,725) | - |
| Admin expenses | (5,118) | (16,738) |
| Bank charges | (703) | (616) |
| Subscriptions | (3,840) | - |
| | <u>(22,386)</u> | <u>(17,354)</u> |
| Other expenses | | |
| Advertising | (3,321) | - |
| AGM expenses | (2,808) | - |
| Artwork | - | (5,924) |
| CCTV Camera Installation | (18,242) | - |
| CCTV Camera monitoring | (14,352) | (7,912) |
| CCTV Camera Repair | (1,012) | - |
| Depreciation - property, plant and equipment | (1,373) | (15,103) |
| Patrol Expense | (1,080) | - |
| Printing and stationery | - | (94) |
| Special projects | - | (47,860) |
| Sponsorship | (7,000) | (4,100) |
| Website | (2,008) | (1,940) |
| | <u>(51,196)</u> | <u>(82,933)</u> |
| Surplus / (deficit) from operating activities | <u>30,310</u> | <u>(20,287)</u> |
| Finance income | | |
| Interest received | 4,679 | 5,606 |
| Surplus / (deficit) for the year | <u>34,989</u> | <u>(14,681)</u> |

9) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Pragma Consult was thanked for their pro-bono contribution in completing the annual audit.

A proposal was made to reappoint Pragma for this years' audit (proposed by Ilse and seconded by Michiel)

10) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Anne confirmed that Membership fees will remain at R150 per annum
Ilse proposed and Erna Seconded the motion.

11) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

List of people who are available for nomination from past EXCO: Anne Droomer, Eddie Holloway, Coenie Groenewald, Michiel de Kock, ,Vanessa Sutherland. Michelle Mcheath, Amanda Duberly

Anne confirmed that the committee expires for the year and re-election was required, all current Exco members stepped down

Eddie proposed the nominations for the new year as follows, Accepted by all as follows

- Anne was re-elected as Chairman
- Eddie was re-elected as Vice Chairman
- Amanda elected as Treasurer
- Vanessa elected as Secretary
- Coenie Groenewald as Patrol Manager
- Michiel as Community Interface
- Michelle elected as Membership Manager (with consent in absentia)

Anne thanked all for attending and for the contributions made by Sone for the Marketing inputs as well as her assisting with the visual presentation/ control for the evening.

CHAIRPERSON: ANNE DROOMER:

DATE:

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