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MINUTES OF SRA PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT ST FRANCIS LINKS ON DECEMBER 20TH 2017, AT 16H00

Attendance :

91 Members of the Public (per attendance register).

The St Francis Property Owners Association presented their revised SRA proposal in line with the Kouga Municipality's revised SRA By-Law and Policy.

The full presentation is available for public scrutiny on the website (www.stfrancispropertyowners.org)
In summary the following was proposed :

1. The SRA levy would be reduced from the originally proposed 50% of property owners' monthly rates to 25% with the shortfall in revenue being gathered from alternative sources.
2. The demarcation area for the levy will include the Village and Canal areas. Santareme, St Francis on Sea, Port, Otters Landing, Industrial Sites and The Links could be included at a later stage if the property owners in these areas choose to participate.
3. The scope of the projects and services include:
 - 3.1 The restoration of the beach, spit and river (priority 1)
 - 3.2 The repair and maintenance of sections of the arterial roads and parking areas to be limited to the Village centre and main intersections along with pedestrian and cycle tracks along main arterial roads (priority 2), and rebuild of the arterial roads
 - 3.3 The installation of CCTV camera surveillance in the demarcated area (priority 3)
4. The revision necessitates a re-vote which will be launched in early January 2018 once the Kouga Municipality have gazetted the amendments to their By-Law.

The new Municipal Manager of the Kouga Municipality, Charl du Plessis was in attendance and gave his full support to the revised proposal, indicating to the floor that the state of the spit would certainly breach sooner than later, and that emergency repair work would need to take place to ward off a disaster. To facilitate this, he called on the community to put together a petition requesting immediate emergency action by the authorities.

The floor was in full support and a vote of thanks was proposed for the Chairman, his committee and the Directors of the NPC for their tireless work and commitment in support of St Francis Bay.

Question : Is there still a call for donations and contributions?

Answer : Yes, there is still a need so that work can seed capital and a donation drive will be undertaken

Question : What can the broader community do to help?

Answer : Please encourage people to vote in support and network. Please give your support to the donations drives.

Question : Where will the **petition** be available to sign?

Answer : Petition sheets will be available at this meeting, the SFPO office, and members will be canvassing at the Spar, bottle store and golf clubs. It will be on the website and St Francis Today.

Question : How many signatures are required for the petition?

Answer : Whatever we can get in a short period of time to indicate public concern, and provide to the Municipality to support its discussions with DEDEAT to allow emergency repairs to be made to the Spit.

Question : When will the voting re-commence?

Answer : As soon as the By-Law amendments have been gazetted we will be able to trigger the new round of voting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.