



Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area NPC

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Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company

The meeting was held on Thursday, 29th August 2024 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Onrus River at 18:00 (registration started from 17:30).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting and expressed appreciation for good attendance at the meeting, despite the cold weather conditions.

2. Present and Apologies

Registration lists of members who attended the meeting are available by request. Apologies were received and proxies from everyone who handed them in are available.

3. Quorum

A quorum has been reached.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on the 13th December 2023 have been on the website for the past 6 months and will not be included in today's meeting. There are no outstanding topics to be discussed and the minutes can be obtained by request. No changes to the minutes and they were accepted by show of hands of the members.

5. Chairperson's report

See Appendix 1.

Questions:

Q: Anton Van Schoor asked two questions: Firstly, what is the plan presently and in the future regarding safety cameras for Old Onrus area considering OVSRA substantial budget? Secondly, with reference to the cleaning of the greenbelts and open spaces. There seems to be an overlap of this function in these areas and he asked how collaboration between the various organisations

can be achieved.

A1: Cameras in Old Onrus - OVSRA has concentrated on securing the circumference of our areas. He said that the rest of Onrus and Vermont will be a priority. He asked AJ to elaborate. AJ confirmed that OVSRA is focusing on entrances and exits of Onrus, Chanteclair and Vermont. The reports indicate that there is an issue in the area of Malmok that is a concern. Other areas within Onrus to monitor the internal movements of people have been identified i.e Mossop/Molteno, Radyn/Main, Sherwood/Tubby Swinger to mention a few. This will make it easier to search for people.

A2: Anton mentioned that previously, OVSRA had limited funds and funds were spent on safety and security. However, funds were made available when support was requested within OVSRA budget. He confirmed that R120 000 has been budgeted for this purpose in future.

Q: Anton van Schoor commented that the beach needs to be cleaned after this rainy season and wanted to know how this should be done.

A: Anton replied that OVSRA would need a specification of the work that needed to be done. The Board will then consider the request and decide within the budget and available finances. The Chairman also mentioned that the OVM also has responsibility to clean the area. There is a fine line between the OVM functions and the organisations that are in place to supplement these functions.

Q: Jeanette Bronkhorst asked if there is an amount in terms of what OVSRA must spend on cleaning the environment.

A: Anton said there was no actual amount stated in the regulations.

Q: She also wanted to know if there is a detailed map of where the cameras are placed.

A: There is a map but this must be kept private and cannot be provided to the public for security reasons.

Q: Cecilia Jacobs commented that many domestic workers use the footpath of the extension of Molteno Road up to the R43. They have given feedback that they are troubled by people who accost them and feel unsafe. She asked if OVSRA is aware of this path.

A: AJ replied that the corner of Molteno/Mossop has been identified as an entrance area to Onrus, so OVSRA is aware of this entrance. AJ said that he has worked out a 5-year plan for cameras at exits and entrances which will be rolled out over 5 years. He said that the Molteno/Mossop camera should be installed this year.

6. Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2024

See Appendix 2.

Clean audit report.

Vic Barnard reported that OVSRA had obtained a TCC (Tax Clearance Certificate)

Surplus of R230 000.

7. Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year

See Appendix 3.

Members approved by show of hands.

Q: Fanie Du Plessis asked for extra column for “actuals of previous year”

A: Not enough space but will try.

Q: Cecilia Jacobs commented that the extra funds spent to clean and beautify our area was to make it special and not to take over Overstrand Municipality’s (OM) function. She asked what the OVSRA was contributing to this purpose.

A: OVSRA supports ORHA but OVSRA has a budget and will be contributing to these purposes but there are also other organisations that require funds.

8. Extension of the OVSRA five-year term and Business Plan for 2025/2030

See Appendix 4.

Highlights:

Business Plan for the continuation of OVSRA from 1.07.2025 to 30.06.2030. This is compiled in accordance with a 2016 by-law for the establishment of an SRA in the OM area. The Onrus/Vermont boundaries are defined as Ward 13 in the Overstrand municipal area. The start date of the OVSRA was postponed by OVSRA because of the COVID period.

Motivation for extension of the OVSRA period: the purpose of the OVSRA is to provide a safe, clean and pleasant area complementing the services of the OM. These purposes have been successfully implemented by the OVSRA since inception and will continue to do so. At a meeting it was agreed to extend for another 5 years. There has been regular positive feedback from the community except for one or two individuals. Feedback has been received at regular “Meet and Greet” sessions regularly arranged by OVSRA. A satisfaction survey was circulated via social media, press and various retail outlets. The results are attached as an addendum to this business plan. 87% in support of continuation. Present Company has established a strong base for the continuation and has been strongly recommended to continue for another 5 years. Unanimously approved.

The Chairman then asked the Members by show of hands for the following approvals:

- a. Approval of the Financials of the past year, as presented by Vic Barnard,
- b. Secondly approval of this year’s Financials, as presented by Vic Barnard,
- c. Thirdly approval of the 5-year budget, and
- d. Lastly approval of the Business Plan which OVSRA has presented to the OM.

Members approved all the above.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Members approved the continuation of the services of the present Auditors by show of hands.

10. Board Members

There are six board members who are currently appointed and two who were co-opted during the year (one for CCTV projects and one for Finances).

The three-year period for Directors, Jana Smith, Duncan Heard and The Chairman, Anton du Preez, has come to an end and they are retiring from their positions. The proposal is the 3 who are retiring and two new

Members be accepted as full Board members. If the need arises, the new Board may decide whether they need to co-opt new Members.

The Chairman asked for approval from the Members. This was approved.

11. Certificates

Anton du Preez (OVSRA Chair)

Jana Smith (OVSRA Vice-Chair)

Duncan Heard (OVSRA Director)

Hennie Greeff (OVSRA Director)

Fidelity ADT (Marius Boshoff: Hermanus Branch Manager, Fidelity ADT))

WCC Technologies (Walter Esterhuizen: Owner and Director, WCC Technologies)

EMS Foundation (Michele Pickover: Executive Director, EMS Foundation)

12. General Questions

Q: Laetitia Van Niekerk – Wanted to know what the hours of work were for the Security Officers who she said she has seen lying under the trees, especially Bond Park.

A: Officers on duty for 12 hours a day from 7am to 7pm. They are very busy in the mornings and tend to only have a break in the afternoons. In the beginning, they had breaks at different times but now there is a better routine and often have lunch in the OVSRA office. Meredith asked the Members to phone her if the Members are concerned about their behaviour. Meredith trusts them completely. There is a lot of information on their cell phones i.e. pins, call outs etc. Generally – they can stop for 5 minutes every hour to take a break and check their cell phones. Anne Droomer added that they are cycling 40 kms and walking 12 kms a day. She felt they deserve their rests and asked if the Members could consider giving them refreshments or a pie because they deserve it.

Q: Peter van Niekerk – asked if it is possible to put some statistics together of the good work and successes that have been achieved. He quoted another area where he has a property and how much information he receives from a “one pager” newsletter.

A: The OVSRA has a quarterly newsletter. He thanked Peter for the comment and will take note of the suggestions.

No other questions. Thank you to Dutch Reformed Church for the venue, Deon van der Kooi for the venue arrangements, Penny Wieffering for doing Minutes, all our partners in Safety and

Security, Neighbourhood Watches, SAPS, Law Enforcement, and Lourens Theron who is always available to assist with response. To Meredith Thornton, our General Manager, who is doing an incredible job and is a lovely person. The Chairman encouraged members to meet her. Lastly thanks to all the members who attended the meeting.