

Bathurst Residents' and Ratepayers' Association
(BR&RA)
AGM
Pike's Post: 15 November 2023, 18:00

Attendance

<p><u>Attendance register: See link attached</u> This is a record of people who signed in at the beginning of the session, but some had to leave before the formal AGM. Remaining members exceeded the number required for a quorum.</p>	<p><u>Apologies received</u> Serena & Rob Gess Rina & Harry Biggs Siphokazi Mkrakra Nicholas and Pippa Huchzermeyer Tudi Galloway</p>	<p><u>Apologies received</u> Lina Woodard Ryana Johnson & Jürgen Kahle Robyn Cloete Raymond Shaw</p>
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Welcome

Elizabeth Milne welcomed all who attended and thanked them for taking time out for this meeting.

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1.	How does the Municipality work, and how to work the Municipality:	<p>Ray Schenk gave an interesting talk about the Ndlambe Municipality and specifically the Budget process and which Municipal employees should be contacted by the BR&RA for any interaction between Bathurst residents and the Municipality.</p> <p>Ray Schenk's notes will be made available on the BR&RA website.</p>
2.	Chair's Report: 1. Website 2. Meetings held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Up to date with all sorts of interesting information. . . April AGM: Chris Boyd (CB) resigned because he became involved with Action SA. . June meeting to adopt Constitution . September meeting regarding burnt-out hall. All requested information has been received from the Municipality and is available on request as per the website. . A public participation meeting has been requested by Councillor Sweli, and should hopefully be held in January or February to ensure a way forward with the hall. . Regular future community meetings will be held, probably on the third Wednesday of every second month. . Mauneen Charter (since resigned due to personal responsibilities), Monty Roodt (Commonage) Richard Alexander (Dump) Maya Stricker (Website and Social media) and Siphokazi Mkrakra (Youth and Ward

	<p>3. Dump and Commonage</p> <p>4. Patrick Grafton's contribution</p> <p>5. Roads</p> <p>6. Safety and security</p> <p>7. Dogs and cattle</p> <p>8. Big Pineapple</p> <p>9. Walking trails</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Committee liaison) were co-opted as volunteers to the committee.</p> <p>. PAIA applications have been submitted, and we are awaiting a response from the municipality. These are important, complex issues that are likely to take a long time to resolve.</p> <p>. Patrick Grafton is appreciated for his involvement in local electricity and water issues.</p> <p>. Roads: BR&RA are participating in monthly meetings about roads.</p> <p>. Crime is up. A meeting has been organised by concerned Bathurstians and for Thursday 16 November at 5.30 pm at the Arms.</p> <p>. Any cattle seen on the R67: Please tell Elizabeth.</p> <p>. 27 goats from the Agricultural Research farm were killed earlier this year by wandering Bathurst dogs, but none have been killed in recent months.</p> <p>. The Big Pineapple doesn't look as it should. The BR&RA will try to raise funds by holding a Pineapple Festival in February next year.</p> <p>. Proposed walking trails on the Commonage and along the river are under advisement.</p> <p>The Chair's full report is attached.</p>
3.	Financial statements	These were presented by Warwick Lewarne, and accepted. A copy is attached.
4.	Election of new executive committee	<p>Election of new committee: Elizabeth asked for nominations, but everyone was re-elected without opposition. Warwick wanted to step down, but agreed to stay on until someone is found to take over.</p> <p>Siphokazi Mkrakra (and also Chris Boyd) are on the Ward Committees. More alignment is needed between the BR&RA and these committees.</p>
5.	Votes of thanks	Chris proposed a vote of thanks for Elizabeth and the BR&RA Committee.

Close of Meeting

Elizabeth thanked all who attended.

The meeting ended at 20:20.