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Chairman's Report:

In an effort to ensure that the present Board can implement some of the plans it has in mind it was decided to postpone the AGM to January 2007 and a date will be advised in due course. We are presently arranging for issue of MID Membership cards for all members which should improve the speed with which everyone moves through the registration lines.

It has taken a while but your MID board have now:

- formalised the Security and Cleaning Contracts
- arranged for Security for the gateway which is now in place in the subway between Shoprite and the Village Traders
- Agreed to fund and support the Whistleblowers campaign

We are still negotiating and arranging:

- Cameras and installation centres for the village
- Greening of the area at the end of Palmer Road and Council suggested using waterwise plants to avoid maintenance
- Radio-telephone support for the Neighbourhood Watches
- We will be looking at poorly maintained properties in the village in an endeavour to try to have them cleaned up

A special thank you to members who have been attending the board meetings. This has been extremely useful to the board by providing valuable input into the community needs.

We are trying to arrange the Articles of Association Workshop for November and look forward to really getting to grips with the Articles and how they can be improved to expedite and improve the running of the MID Company. Hopefully your suggestions will be implemented, but of course, the Council does have final say!

We are looking for premises for the MID and have had some interesting options and will keep you posted.

Our new MID manager is now in place and we are very pleased to have Dave D'Alton who has taken up the reins and is monitoring the cleaning and security services, attending meetings and forums and providing links and MID support to the community. He can be found at Councillor Qually's office Electricity Building Atlantic Road on Wednesday afternoons between 14.30 and 16.00 or call him on 082 463 1525 if you would like to register or for MID information.

Regards

Trixi Palmer (Chairman)

Useful Numbers

Message from the new Manager

I am delighted to have been appointed as your new manager and will strive to see that the MID area is clean, crime free and a really pleasant place to live in. No one person can achieve this but working together with the Board and with all of you as well we can move forward positively. All of us have different ideas and views and when one lives in a small community we must learn to work in harmony, respect one another's opinions but ultimately aim to work together to make our area a better place to live for everyone. This is something I would like us to achieve. Should you wish to contact me write to PO Box 138 Muizenberg 7950 or phone me on my cell 082 4631525. I will also be available to the public on Wednesday afternoons from 14.30 to 16.00 in Councillor Qually's office in the Electricity Building on Atlantic Road, to discuss any issues you may have. I am however happy to meet anyone at their convenience and you need only to phone me to set up a meeting.

Security Report.

The Mountain Men will again be our security provider but will now provide a 24 hour service. They have engaged extra personnel and have started patrols. Their contract is being finalized and will be signed shortly. To maintain the service at the highest levels the Manager meets with the provider on a weekly basis to discuss achievements together with any Board members who wish to attend.

Cleansing Report

The Living Hope Community Centre have signed a contract with us to provide people to sweep our streets and keep the pavements clean and free of weeds. This is working well and our manager meets regularly with the Centre to discuss any issues. He also monitors their performance on a regular basis.

Subway

Living Hope have also provided a Subway Guard under contract to open the subway at 7.30 and close it again at 15.30. Both sides of the subway now have new gates fitted. We are looking at the possibility of extending these hours without flouting the Labour laws and will advise you of the progress made. This service is also monitored on a regular basis. In addition we are planning to provide our sweepers and subway guard with bibs with lettering stating that they are employed by MIDS and Living Hope.

Street Peoples Forum Report

We attended a Forum at Living Hope over a weekend to discuss the problems associated with Street People and seek solutions to these. Structures have been put in place to develop these efforts with the help Council and Government who were involved in the discussions as well and will continue to remain so. It was decided that the Street Peoples Providers should have a proper constitution and Elizabeth Milne will be looking into this aspect Please may we remind you to support our campaign of not giving handouts to beggars as structures exist to assist them.

Information for Residents

We would appeal to residents who are building or doing alterations that proper procedures be followed, plans passed and historical regulations adhered to. It is extremely important to keep the village the unique place it is. It has also come to our attention that people are pouring excess paint or water with paint residual into the stormwater gutters in the street. This cause problems for our cleaners and leaves things looking unkempt so please don't do this. Email midsforum@bok.co.za or visit www.muizenberg.info for more information.

Meetings

Board meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at the College Board Room in Cinnabar (Ground Floor) at 18.30 and residents are welcome to give input during the first half hour.