

STRANDMEER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

4 February 2019

News update on business progress subsequent to AGM

Executive Committee (Excom) Members.

At the AGM the resignations of Peter Gent and Patrick Raymond were accepted and Hemptas (HR) Rademeyer and Rob Webster (RW) were appointed. It was assumed, incorrectly, that Peter de Villiers would remain a member. He subsequently confirmed that he had not stood for re-election.

At an Excom meeting on 4 January 2019 Peter Redmond (PR) was elected as chairman for the ensuing year.

As Kobus Potgieter (KP) was now the only permanent resident Excom member it was suggested that a further member be appointed who is a permanent resident. Gerry Schulz (GS) was proposed and accepted as an Excom member.

Estate Manager.

Ron Scott-Brown (RSB) resigned after many years as manager and Rowan Jones (RJ) was appointed.

Security upgrades.

Fencing. Estimates/quotes for Palisade and ClearVu fencing had been obtained by the previous Excom security committee. It had been decided that ClearVu would be more attractive and, arguably, more secure than Palisade but at a considerable price difference.

In order to finalise firm quotes, once contractors had recommenced operations in mid January, on 14 January 2019, PR, RSB and RJ met with a proposed contractor and walked the perimeter where the fence is to be erected. The contractor had reservations about the erection of ClearVu on the steep and difficult portions up the east boundary and suggested that palisade be done on the east boundary. He then submitted alternative quotes. Subsequent to this, the boundary pegs were re-established, and GS, KP and RJ met with an alternative contractor who had similar reservations. As there seemed no point in putting ClearVu on the north boundary and palisade on the remainder and after much deliberation in regard to the difference in the security provided by palisade or ClearVu, especially in regard to the saving in cost, it was decided to do palisade but at 2.1 m high above ground level and with 400 mm below ground of razor wire embed in a concrete base.

An order was placed on Thursday 31 January for the fence. There will be delay of a few weeks for the fencing to be manufactured and delivered.

Cameras. As there is a saving on the fence we are able to spend more on cameras. We have agreed an upgrade of the DVR (the brain) at the front gate at a 50% discount on the cost, 4 cameras along the water front which will be monitored by ADT and in addition a further surveillance station with cameras which view up the slipway across the entrance to River Tides, into River Tides and down Strandmeer road. River Tides have agreed to pay half this cost and also half the monitoring cost for these cameras. The security committee (GS, KP together with RJ) are investigating further camera monitoring in certain areas. This electronic security will be finalised soon and orders placed for the work to be done.

This camera monitoring together, with the fencing, gives an all round security ring which will be a big improvement on what we have at this time. The cost to fence River Tides is far too expensive for only

5 or 7 homes to support. They will be looking at other ways to secure their area but in the meantime we have secured Strandmeer as best we can.

We remind owners that it is still in their best interest to secure their own homes and it may be of advantage to investigate the offer by FADT of the installation of an alarm system at no charge. Please contact them direct to get details of their offer to Strandmeer home owners.

General

Gerry Schulz, Kobus Potgieter (Security committee) and Rowan Jones are our on-site contacts in regard to security and general matters.

The Excom have been elected to administer and manage the affairs of the Homeowners Association in accordance with their mandate. Various sub committees have been elected from amongst them to deal with certain areas of management.

We trust that home owners will rely on the Excom members to manage their affairs to the best of their ability and as such Excom will only communicate news updates in regard to their management as and when they deem it necessary or when a special general meeting of home owners is required.

Peter Redmond
Chairman
Strandmeer Homeowners' Association