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**Minutes of De Waterkant Civic Association Public Meeting  
at Alforno Café & Bistro, 12 Jarvis Street, De Waterkant,  
at 18h00 on 6 December 2016**

**Attendees:**

**Management Committee**

Ian McMahon, Chair  
Theodore Nortje, Treasurer  
Heather Parker  
Annalien Loots  
Deon Redman  
Garth Psaradelis  
Deon de Wet  
Gary de Klerk

**Apologies**

Francesco Uys Rootenberg, Secretary

**Attendees / invitees**

Kris Rossouw  
Niels Colesky  
Gregoire Fontaine  
Karen Muller  
Manuel & Martin  
Mikael Hanan  
Keith Crossman  
David Adams  
Patrick

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Alforno Café & Bistro for hosting the DWCA.

**2. Crime and Grime – CID reports:**

Marc Truss from the CID reported that there was an increase in vagrants and recently-released parolees who were all looking for new territory and warned that all residents / businesses / tourists should be extra vigilant.

Corner of Somerset and Buitengracht was a new hot spot and drug dealing area and Prestwich was mentioned as unsafe. Clubs around Cobern Street area are also a target because people get a bit drunk and are often accosted and intimidated on their way back to their cars.

Because these crimes are not being reported, police have no statistics and are therefore not putting resources / extra patrols in this area. Clubs have hired their own extra security guards (10 in total) but it is believed an insider sends a tip-off when a drunk patron leaves.

ATM machines in Cape Quarter and at BP garage are hot spots, especially on weekends.

Marc said these criminals are part of syndicates and of central African origin and nationality. They're "big guys" and are well-dressed and operate in small groups of 2 or 3, often intimidating their victims with threats of follow-up attacks if they are reported (often the victim's drivers licence is taken).

Restaurants and seated customers are also being targeted with a group pretending to be customers and lifting handbags, cell phones etc.

DR asked MT for a list of "Handy Hints to stay safe" which DWCA would circulate. These handy hints would include not throwing away packaging and boxes of new appliances (like laptops, flat screens etc) for collection on the streets as it becomes a tell-tale sign of what is in your home.

### **3. Built Environment**

i) 157 Waterkant Street/20 Loader – steps will be made smaller by 400mm

ii) 65 Loader – DWCA has objected to the departure of the 4.5m setback on the upper level. DWCA members and neighbours could also object if they want.

iii) 37 Loader – internal work only, windows on the side (in Napier Street Cul de Sac) which were bricked up will be replaced. External changes are replacing current front door and window with shutters, and upstairs balcony door. No intention of using the roof.

iv) 51 Loader (4 apartments) - internal work only, also replacing front doors, windows and shutters. Entrance stairs from pavement to be closed up and two side entrance stairs to be created, depending on the position of the cypress trees - architect to report back. Neighbours on opposite side of the street asked if storage space for bins could be created under the patio while the new entrances / stairs are being built. Architect to check size / space / client approval etc and provide feedback.

v) 49 Napier – Future Grey Hotel / Piano Bar / Sky Bar complex - New owners and Indigo Architects have ignored all requests from DWCA and have NOT removed the roof structure. Instead they made it bigger and, despite insisting it was a space for hotel guests, committee members expressed their concern that Sky Bar was relaunching. Also of concern was that WCLA (Western Cape Liquor Authority) had combined the liquor licence to service all three erven and venues; namely Sky Bar, Piano Bar and the new restaurant on the front patio.

V1) Cape Quarter 1 Tribunal – DWCA was represented by Willem Buhrmann (who also represented Café Manhattan). Feedback from the tribunal was that DWCA's objection to the height was no longer applicable due to the change in the relevant bylaw by the City of Cape Town and that existing

mechanisms for the protection of surrounding buildings of heritage significance in the HPOZ were too vague and the tribunal have approved the current proposal with a note for further input from heritage practitioners as a condition of approval.

#### **4. Noise**

November Noise Register:

The Vue Sky Bar: 1

Cape Quarter: 1 (Late night construction)

Piano Bar: 1

Manhattan: 16 Complaints from 5 properties

Noise sub-committee follow-up meeting with Manhattan

First meeting with Manhattan did not include the Operations Manager who was deemed to be necessary to progress - meeting was thus adjourned.

Subsequent three attempts to meet were declined or cancelled due to non-availability of key interlocutors. FUR is now in direct contact with Operations Manager and awaiting feedback on proposals for a number of slots.

Other noise issues

- Cape Quarter Concert - managed by Deon R
- Engagement with Vue Sky Bar (Mirage) - managed by Deon R.
- Bastone Pool is back – daytime noise
- Sky Bar – Imminent Reopening – guests only. Advertising announcing. Owners say guest only.

Carnival

Our regular interface no longer works for Carnival so our preparatory work and meetings started two months ago were all in vain.

New Logistics Manager, Chris Welham, has been appointed by Carnival, but was not briefed on issues of previous years.

FUR has met with him and re-visited the issues and agreements made with previous incumbent, as well as providing minutes of previous meetings and written agreements with Carnival organisers.

Highlighted that the points agreed with Carnival are the fruit of many years of experience and improvements, but that key failures were due to failure of COCT officials to execute agreed points on behalf of Carnival, despite their commitment to do so. Emphasized that it is Carnival's responsibility to ensure proper follow-up and execution. Will meet with Mr Welham again early next year.

#### **5. A.O.B.**

IMM announced the next DWCA meeting on Tues 7 Feb 2017 where the AGM date would be announced.

Meeting closed at 19h15.