

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2011

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Summary:

The past year the Bluff CPF had quite a dramatic path, however due to the continued public support giving it the mandate required to re-secure its position as a registered body.

We had the schools strike and public unrest which had a negative impact on our projects. Some of the schools projects were cancelled due to lack of available time. The anger management program was well received and a good feedback was received from the participants.

This report summarises all the letters sent and received and actions taken. It is not a report to discredit anybody in any way, but merely a works document on the reflections of the previous year's work. Where names or organisations and office bearers are mentioned, it is without prejudice.

1. CPF in crises

Due to the actions of some individuals and SAPS office bearers, this CPF was forced to the crossroads. We all remember the onslaught on the existence of our CPF, the disbanding and the unexpected proposed closing. I refer to the minutes dated 09th February 2010 handed out. In this meeting the community gave this forum the mandate to continue and the existing committee was re-elected to continue for another term.

Since our last AGM in the Dutch club 18/02/2010 last year, this forum travelled though rough waters. Firstly we had an uncertainty regarding the existence as the station commissioner had disbanded all the sub-forums (ref letter 2010/01/28). We are a sub forum to then Clairbright main forum which is presently under reconstruction to re-percent all sub forums in this policing area. As you are aware that at a meeting in July 2007 the community gave the Bluff form a mandate to resign from Clairbright due to non performance, negative attitude towards the SAPS and the Bluff forum. The existing constitution was also not acceptable.

However, the station commissioner at time then proposes a formation of a new main forum. As the steering committee see it, it was a one way affair and our rights being the larger part of the area did not had a reasonably representation. We had a meeting with the aim to set up a new constitution which failed. This lead to the disbanding of all the sub forums. A further meeting thereafter was also disastrous as chairman in the Clairbright forum continuously causes an unpleasant platform. In a subsequent meeting between the between the chair persons of the sub forums an agreement was reached to move to the restructure of a new main forum.

A further enhancement to this process was the resignation of Mr Reddy from the CPF. A workable document is on the table for finalisation.

We need to remember that only one representable Cpf needs to be formed, representing the community. In our case, Brighton Beach SAPS covers Clairwood and parts of Jacobs (sector1) and the Bluff sub forum covers the Bluff, Brighton beach, Ocean view, Grosvenor, Fynnlands and Wentworth. These are being divided in sector 2 and 3 representing the total of the "Bluff" or about 44000 people.

If this was not enough, in a publication in the Southern Sun "The CPF in crises", Clairwood and Bluff sub-forums have been wrongly discredited giving the impression that both are dysfunctional. This is not true as there is no evidence of disarray in both. The Bluff CPF has secured sponsorship from companies for ear marked projects in the past and also for this financial year. If our performance was inadequate we would not have received further sponsorship for projects.

2. Mandate:

During a meeting at the NATURE'S HAVEN LODGE, BLUFFON TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2010 a mandate was given to this Sub forum and executive committee to continue for another term in office. The existing steering committee was unopposed re-elected. With reference to paragraph 9.3 of our constitution the office bearers will serve their terms. Therefore no election of new executive members will take place at this AGM.

Our open door policy was also applied in inviting representatives from other NPO and public organisations to forward representatives to the CPF. Following the "Nature reserve meeting" on the 9th February 2010, another public meeting was staged in the Dutch club on the 18th February inviting all the organisations, church groups, security companies and other safety organisations. Except from the CPF and the loyal community members, only , Mark van Elden, Bluff Environmental Society and David Nielson, Sodurba, attended from the about 16 bodies on the Bluff.

At various occasions did the CPF extend an invitation to CSO/COP for instance to forward a representative to serve on the executive committee – we all take the security of our community serious. As to date we have received no response to this invitation. At that time they publically declare that they have no connection with the CPF. One has to see that in the light of the "disbanding" saga. However I believe we all have to assist each other, strengthen works relations and therefore strengthen the community.

One has to except that there are various structures in management – the policy and planning part and the ground work and execution. We all acknowledged the good work that COP has done to date so also the other organisations. The all over performance would have been better if all these bodies can talk to each other.

On the same level, from an environmental plane, we all know about the squatters, squatter houses, pot holes, tow trucks , just to mention a few.

We had two resignations, Mrs Debbie Andre and Roland Winter. The construction paragraph 5.9 enables the executive committee to forward a proposal for member. Robin Needham was proposed at a general meeting and was so accepted.

3. Soccer

With the good work done by SAPS we had a relative good soccer experience – crime wise, with no major incidents. Capt le Roux and the assistance of the sector managers managed a good program to log all bed and breakfast facilities, their customers and contact numbers. This was a precaution in case of need. In my letter to the Southern Sun the following:

The recent meeting , 10th June 2010, organised by SAPS had the main aim to inform all interested and effected parties inclusive of business about their safety program for the upcoming soccer event. This initiative also makes provision to incorporate community bodies like the CPF not just for the present, but also for the future. In a previous publication in the South coast Sun Mr. R. Jeeves explained the relation between CSO/COP and the Bluff CPF. It is evident from this letter that he distances himself from the CPF even after our various invitations to assist each other. The Bluff CPF by definition belongs to the Bluff community inclusive of all the other organisations and school bodies. Each has the right to serve on the CPF. However, everybody is free to choose, but then also have to refrain in criticism not knowing all the facts. A CPF operates under a police act and is therefore a constituted body. It immediately strengthens the community's communication with other governmental bodies.

4. Beach Guards

The safety on our beaches is important and therefore the beach guards. Looking firstly at the facts of this program one can understand the difficulty in maintaining this program. The unacceptable behaviour of some beach goers was a problem before 2007 and the CPF was instrumental in the structure of a solution involving the SAPS, Metro and the community. The general meeting minutes of the Bluff CPF dated Nov, 13th 2007, also available on our website (www.bluffcpf.co.za) shows that beach guards were initiated by the CPF. A further two subsequent meetings followed of which one was at the Green Dolphin. We also received support from BET and Cllr D. Du Bois and a steering committee was set up. Due of the credibility of the CPF's accounts, the CPF account was used for the deposit of monies received from the community for the employment and payment of guards. The CPF also opened a special cheque account for the purpose to handle stop orders for paying the guarding company. The community has supported this important project with their contributions organised by the CSO. It is important that this program is further supported and sustained by public

contributions. To maintain this account a massive publicity initiative was necessary and the CSO has just done that. However, due to lack of funds we presently had to scale down to 2 guards.

The CPF had at various occasions intervened to upgrade the status of the guards. They are presently seen by some beach users from outside the community as decorative with no value. A report structure has recently been put in place by Park Patrol, Mr Esterhuizen, to log all complaints from the guards and also their request for assistance from Metro and SAPS. These will be forwarded to CPF on a monthly basis to be followed up at our monthly COGOC meeting.

It is not always the result that counts, but how it was obtained. The Bluff CPF has organised a general meeting with the main aim to combine the organisations of the Bluff. Sodurba attended and BET had another commitment. Again, it is necessary for all these bodies to combine their strength not only to exchange information, but also execute combined strength to organise funds. If other areas can do it, what is wrong with the Bluff? We are actually neighbours after all.

5. Projects.

The Bluff CPF tabled a detailed proposal to Engen for the funding of various projects. It is our policy to label a project with a budget and then reconcile the expenses with the budget. Our proposals were accepted and we enjoyed the contribution of the continuous funding from Engen.

5.1 Schools

We have change the more expensive physical team building program to a less expensive personal training module. We engaged with lectures which are equipped with the skills to assist in Stress and Anger management. Only two modules were included in this program. Should we receive any further requests from the schools we will add these.

The schools strike did had a detrimental effect on this program in so much that our bumper sticker program had to be abandon. We eventually did manage to get the "Anger/Stress program on the way. Obviously we did not have the attendance we hoped for, but rather a smaller enrolment with a very good success than a large enrolment with a less efficiency.

It was also the first program of this nature and the problems foreseen were solved. The next program will be offered within this term. The educators used were:

Rev J Jenkins, also a practicing psychiatrist

Mrs D de Klerk, a life orientation officer from the Dept of Education

This was a very successful program related to the feedback we received from the learners.

5.2 SAPS.

5.2.1 Board room

We have managed to install the approximately R15000 air conditioner in this board room. Everybody has to admit this was a blessing especially during the hot summer days with the sun beating from the west.

5.2.2 Trauma unit.

We have hosted in co liberation with Mrs. Hatfield a very successful introduction program for the new helpers. This program was also sponsored by Engen. Alison Hadfield Registered Facilitator/Assessor/ Moderator Cell no: 084 834 6364 Ph no: 031 563 8757

We have recently replaced the locks of the facility with the only excess by key through the shift officer. With the help of the Station commissioner, Col Grobler, a responsibility / liability program is in place. This will ensure that this room is always available to any victim at all hours for counselling.

A cooling fan and bar fridge has been installed to the comfort of the victims and the councillors. A radio will be supplied to this unit which is on the direct frequency of that of COP ensure good communication.

Two outstanding issues are the shirts and the burglar guards for the windows.

A program on DNA Awareness ran on the 23/03/2011 and was very successful. This CPF still have a few cds available for organizations if interested.

5.3 Programs for the 2011 financial year.

5.3.1 Schools program

The stress/anger management program will continue. Hopefully we will have more participants this time around.

5.3.2 Public program

This program evolves the printing of corrective strategy in crime prevention – the what- to- look- for and what- to –do at home, business, and school and in public. This will be in collaboration with the SAPS public officer. This brochure will be directed to the public and business owners.

5.3.3 Emergency numbers

The fridge sticker with all the new emergency numbers at hand will be distributed shortly. Unfortunately we could not have it available for this meeting. This will include signage, waste department, squatters, emergency numbers, animal welfare etc. It will replace all the old numbers as these have been changed.

5.3.4 Other

Money has been set aside for other projects indirectly have an impact on the security of the Bluff area. This includes COP which will be supplied with about 6 radios. This will be funded from the Engen Grant and the licence fee for a year will be paid in advance.

Some funds were set aside for Clairwood for assistance. However, in the latter case we still awaiting a proposal for funds application.

6 Coretalk and Website.

This SMS program is still in place and is still in use. This is maintained by Leon Schutte. Our SMS report number is 0837041112 and the website is www.bluffcpf.co.za.

7 Correspondence

We have been engaged with various organisations ,SAPS and Metro departments. Only some of the important ones are herewith mentioned. Personally I have expressed my dismay and concern to Sen Supt du Toit regarding the handling of the “disbanding affair”. This was necessary as to express finality in regards to the years of disagreement which I see as a personal attack.

7.1 Metro: Supt Dibben/Supt von Bargaen

- 03/2011 Behaviour on the beaches – enforcement of the by-laws. A report back was a ‘sort of passing the buck to saps’
- 18/01/2011 Donald road Truck issue and overcrowded by Nigerians. Indie Landlord
- 16/12/2010 Ivernia road. Singleton rd,53 Nirvana road- tow trucks

Reply : 53 Nirvana road – Miami tow trucks - the responsibility of charging/enforcing against the existence of illegal businesses and/or those contravening their licences does not fall to police, but to the Development, Planning & Management department;

And

- the investigation of height restrictions entering the Bluff from Iran Road - or anything relating to road signage - also does not fall under the ambit of police either, but is the responsibility of Road Systems Management i.e. ETA (eThekweni Transport Authority).

2010/12/15 Trucks in vernia road? Nirvana road firwarded to inspection. I would assume Carl would have contacted Business Licencing regarding the

*> investigation by them on the legality of the trucking businesses located
> here.*

- 28/11/2010 letter re the Truck problem in Clairwood.
- 27/10/2010 School violence Harlequins – Guy Fawkes
- 25/11/2010 Drugs and fire display at harlequins: SAPS/ Metro joint operation SAPS visit the main Bluff Scools11/2010: Harlequins fire display –a vast amount of correspondence ranging from crime to animal cruelty. One has to note that the original program agreed upon between the management and the animal welfare was not maintained. We had no good reports from this exercise – only the SAPS and metro handled the project well.
- 22/01/2010 sleeping on and around the beaches – saps has attended to that problem as well. All we need is the public to be alert. Squatters that have built two camps in the dunes south of Anstey's between Anstey's & Cave Rock. Cpf reported to Terry Goulding and the case has been sorted out Regards Gxagxisa
- 15/10/2010 18/09 Singleton rd Building plans do exist for both
- Signage for Lighthouse rd (Bushlands School) and Grosvenor High school in Tare Road.
- 01/11/2011 Durban solid waste fence repairs

7.2 Trauma unit:

- Various correspondence - 16 mails to this effect

7.3 SAPS:

- Continuous correspondence.
- Complaints regarding the officers in the charge office from public have been reported to the Station Commissioner and have been successfully resolved.

7.4 Land use: bpm@durban.gov.za Case number, CSM20100900050, on all communication.

- 07/09/2010 :Seeff Properties Bluff dumping of rubbish flats which is Hollesley Heights which is on the corner of Hollesley and Hornsey - dsouth@dmws.durban.gov.za Pamela Govender (Inspector for the Bluff area is GUGU)
- 16/12/2010 Bayveiw sports club_loud music and drinking was reported to Metro control at approximately 9am and by 2pm it was quiet.
Ref also **BAYVIEW SPORTS CLUB: STATUS REPORT:** 10 January 2011 from Duncan du Bois

- Hair 728 *Complaint registered and forwarded to Capt Gounden to deal with. Routing No. 101124 Doc. No. 23361521RegardsShoba. Legal department*
- 2010/12/22 Duncan du bois 441 MARINE DVE I visited the former St Gerards crèche today. It is a squatter camp. Every classroom and outbuilding houses the usual inhabitants, all busy doing their washing
- 2010/12/03 Church at Shop 4, 48 / 50 Lighthouse Road Bluff was evicted- with the help with the councillor
- Problem Vagrants 356TaraRd,Bluff I have forwarded your e-mail to the Head of City Police, Mr Nzama and I
- hope that your problem will be solved as it is a police matter
Squatter control: Harvey Mzimela
E-mail Address mzimelah@durban.gov.za
Office: 083 4615054
- 730 MARINE DVE - SOUTHERN BLUFF The dreadful so-called church relocated. Continuous complaints forwarded to the health department. It appears that they have not paid their rent for some time as well. Your Complaint is allocated to Les 031 311 7047 and your Case No. is CSM20110200115

7.5 Slum houses:

- 01/12/2010 24 Dolbe road Over crowding
- 12/2010 126 Andrea rd. vacant house being used for vagrants and hide outs Complaint Mrs Smith 0314672365.
- 09/12/2010 20 Hilltop road property owner, Mr Motala. Recently he received a copy of the book on prosecutions for the violation most of them. Thanks to SAPS initiated raid incorporating metro, the health dept, etc.
- Various comments were forwarded to the news papers.
- 01/12/2011 18, 19 SINGLETON RD FYNNLAND Plan approved for 19 but not 18 Singleton Road. Kind regards Richard Holgate Manager: Development Applications & Approvals
- 18 June 2010 it was reported at a meeting of the Bluff CPF on September 14 that building 356 Tara road. This is an illegal invasion of the property.
- 18/01/2011 135 Winchelsea Ave overcrowding no water/electivity
Health Department - phone (031) 4033450/ (031) 3113555 health hazard
- 2011/01/12 33 Dunville road it has been visited and some relieve was obtained. Siphon Duma (S. Constable) and Dean Nieuwoudt (Police Inspector) Durban Metro. Police Special Projects And I Trump
(O) 0312025785(C) 0748195750(E) badbuild@durban.gov.za
- 24 OLYMPIC AVE - GROSVENOR, BLUFF The owner of the above property - Jacques 082 751 9591 - is accommodating 30 workers in the garage and servants quarters. The was resolved by the Counsellor
- 1145 BLUFF RD
- Vusi Gudazi Principal Building Inspector 0313117448Fax 0313117830Cell
0718503467email gudaziv@durban.gov.za

7.6 Trucks

- 16 IVERNIA RD – FYNNLAND It was reported at a meeting of the Bluff CPF on September 14 that after 5pm on weekdays up to seven large trucks are parked outside the above address. Also reported by Duncan
- 1422 BLUFF RD Derelict trucks on verge. Does Metro remove them Sgt. Khumalo attended your complaint.

- On the 22 June 2010 the responsible person, Mickey, was served with warnings for; Isuzu no registration displayed, Hyundai ND39074 Mercedes ND72738, and Isuzu ND433668 To 2 Cradock place

Len George Enforcement Officer Development Management Dept. Enforcement & Prosecutions email: GeorgeL@durban.gov.za

- 5 /03/ 2011 Duncan reported that the green light was finally given to the required Height restrictions and a robot in Edwin Swales drive. The Cpf has sent various complaints in this regard.
- Lighthouse road 22/11/2010 zebra crossings and school markings
- 15//12/2010 Zanzibari land ongoing problem. The CPF had it cleaned up recently (2010/12/01)
Bruce Dale E-mail; dalebruce@durban.gov.za Tel; 031-3115160/ 5150 Nondumiso Nxumalo [nxumalono@durban.gov.za]
- 17/05/2010 stop signs-Watsonia/Acute, Dunville/Shamrock reference numbers are GLI449 & GLI416. rectified
- 09/09/2010 corner of Wentworth Road and Brighton Road. (There is no 389 Wentworth Road / Old Mission Road). Please confirm the correct address so that I can do an inspection drive way and truck

7.7 Liquor licence applications

- 01/2010 Wolf Electrical Misty Blue - [declined](#)
- 11/2010 Spice Bar – at the Formula 1 car. Declined The owner of the building in which the library, Formula 1 and that bottle store are situated is: wash SURESH LILRAM: 082 455 7112 - [declined](#)
- 02/2011 Spice bar amended - [declined](#)
- 11/2010 Bottle store Bluff rd - [declined](#)
- 11/2010 Hip Hop Club - [declined](#)
- 09/2010 Liquor licence Noel rd - [declined](#)
- 09/2010 Tavern Jacobs - [declined](#)
- 09/2010 Liquor license Edwin Swales rd - [declined](#)
- 11/2010 Bluff towers – [Granted](#)

7.8 Other

- 19/11/2010 Chrome dust from ore in Edwin Swales drive resolved with help of Peter Roberts (Health Department)
- 23/03/2011:Talk on DNA