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Proposals regarding the future of KSW

The KSW management committee has considered the future of KSW after the implementation of the crime prevention strategies that are part of the aims of the Kleinmond Special Rating Area. As these aims are similar to those of KSW, and as the changeover from one system to the other should take place in a way that serves the needs of the community, the management committee would like to present the following to the AGM:

1. Implementing KSRA

If all goes according to plan, KSRA will be receiving funds from September 2021. This will be collected as special rates from owners of rateable properties from July 2021.

The process of implementing KSRA's work will then begin within the framework of the budget.

The process of appointing a service provider(s) to install and maintain the camera system, to man a control room and to have a reaction team ready has already begun.

The process of installing cameras has also begun, funded by KSW.

It will be some time before the system will be able to cover all the hot spots in the town, as the necessary capital will not immediately be available.

2. Registration of residents on the KSW data base

As all property owners will be on the KSRA data base, and as their details will be kept up to date, it may not be necessary for them to register on the KSW data base

The KSW management committee therefore proposes that the KSW data base should not be kept up to date and should gradually be phased out.

3. Contributions to KSW funds

As all rateable property owners will be paying the special rate from 1 July 2021, KSW should consider whether it is fair to ask its members for voluntary donations.

The KSW management committee recommends that members not be asked for donations, and that those who give regularly should be notified of this proposal and that it is up to them whether they continue after 31 August 2021.

4. KSW patrols

Everyone is worried about the worsening crime situation and there are many discussions regarding the protection of residents against crime (especially against burglaries and robberies). Part of this discussion is whether KSW should continue with its patrols.

The KSW management committee is convinced that all efforts to prevent crime should be increased and that this should be done in cooperation with the SAPS, OM Law Enforcement and security companies.

It therefore proposes that patrols should continue at least during the transition period and that petrol costs should be reimbursed out of existing KSW funds.

5. Instalment of cameras

KSW contributed 50% of the cost of the first set of LPR cameras (to be placed between Kleinmond and Betty's Bay). As soon as the service provider(s) have been appointed, a number of AI and PTZ cameras will be installed at strategic spots in the town. This will be of great help in getting the camera monitoring system off the ground.

The KSW management committee recommends that not more than 50% of its reserve funds be used for this purpose.

KSW management committee recommends that this equipment be carried over to the KSRA NPC as soon as it starts its work in September 2021.

6. KSW management committee

It is recommended that the KSW management committee, the area coordinators and co-opted members continue with their tasks as long as there is a need for active patrols.

It is recommended that the current KSW management committee be gradually phased out and then reorganised to operate within a framework of an agreement with the KSRA board, and that they focus on patrols, so that there is no unnecessary duplication of tasks.