

Minutes of the monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Franschhoek Heritage and Ratepayers Association that took place on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 17:30 in the Executive Board Room of the Franschhoek Municipality.

Members	Pat Jacobs (Chairperson) Elmarie Swanepoel Kerrin Gregory	Denver Adonis (Vice Chairperson) Irmela Alberts Alastair Thorns
Apologies	Trevor Japhtas	
Invited Members	None	
Secretary	Elmarié Kretsenger	

1. Welcome and Attendance

- a. The Chairperson welcomed all members and thanked them for their time.
- b. Apology -Trevor Japhtas

2. Adoption of previous minutes

- a. The minutes were adopted with no change.

3. Portfolio Updates and Short Term Focus

a. CHAIRPERSON (PAT)

1. **Public Parking** – due to the onset of people being harassed for fees, there is a need for a sign on the opposite side showing that parking is free
2. **STR** – Pat to set up a meeting with Tamryn Kumm and Barry Phillips to discuss the land use issue and drive the process.
3. **Groot Drakenstein Games Club** – lots of development in trying to make it a community centre. Irmela to send Pat the contact details.

b. VICE CHAIRPERSON (DENVER)

1. **Train Camp** – Court case in progress but no other information available
2. **Erf 412** – No movement

c. SAFETY AND SECURITY (TREVOR)

1. No report

d. COMMUNICATION (KERRIN)

1. Nothing to report as Kerrin was away

e. INFRASTRUCTURE (IRMELA)

1. **Quarterly meetings** Feedback
 1. **Reservoir St** – streetlight was repaired
 2. **Bien Donne (Helshoogte)** – heritage site but cables have now been approved
 3. **Drought** – W/Cape declared as disaster area and Level2 water restriction have been implemented and communicated.

4. **Water Department** – Deon Louw (previous electrical engineer) has been appointed.
5. **Bulk Water pipeline** – parallel to R45 – issue was resolved where it ran over farmland by agreeing with farmer to put up a security fence for him
6. **Public Toilets** – Myra Francis was requested to look if there are funds in Development funding and will provide feedback
7. **Patrysfontein** – drain for overflow will be a problem and municipality will investigate. Lights around the dam will also be investigated.
8. **Le Roux intersection** – upgrade will start in May
9. **Speed Signs** – requested municipality to speak to province for speed signs from Alee Blue on R45 towards Franschhoek
10. **La Luc Development** – all approvals have been granted however;
 - i. Only borehole water to be used (what survey has been done regarding underground water availability in the village and surrounds
 - b. Dirkie Uys – widening of the road, which means that Domain Des Anges must move their wall
11. Alastair to investigate setting up a forum with planning in Stellenbosch like quarterly infrastructure meeting

f. HERITAGE AND LAND USE (ALASTAIR)

- i. **Erf 66 (45 Dirkie Uys)** – meeting requests a rebuttal to the appeal approval for the consent use to be done by Alastair
- ii. **Erf 1078 (La Terra de Luc- Red Roofs)** – object as the servitude must be taken into consideration first
- iii. **Meeting** – Alastair and Irmela to set up a meeting to review appeals.

g. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE (ELMARIE S)

1. Financial

- i. Letter from the Chairperson to keep current signatories in place

2. Governance

- i. Nothing to report

4. IDP

1. Aim to get as many residents to the meeting as possible.
2. Meeting will take place on 8 April in the Franschhoek Town Hall.
3. Pat will meet with the councillors to formulate IDP goals and the criteria to prioritise

5. AGM

In hindsight the interim committee should have been appointed for 18 months. The current process needs to be completed by 31 August 2026.

1. AGM scheduled for 22 April 2026.
2. Nominations must be called for 8 April 2026.
3. Current members must indicate to Pat if they would like to serve by Friday, 20 March 2026.

6. General

1. Pat reported that a more effective way is needed to work with the councillors and tourism
2. Heritage and land use are important portfolios and require competent assistance.

3. Pat thanked and congratulated Irmela for her work done in building relationships in the municipality which gained the committee access to the quarterly infrastructure meetings which is invaluable.

7. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 18:35.



EXCO ATTENDANCE REGISTER
WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FRANSCHHOEK

	NAME AND SURNAME	SIGNATURE
1	Elmone Uatsenger	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	Pat Jacobs	<i>[Signature]</i>
3	Kevin Gregory	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Dennis McElouis	<i>[Signature]</i>
5	Alastair Thorpe	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	Irmela Albert	<i>[Signature]</i>
7	Elaine Smeets	<i>[Signature]</i>
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