



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the Franschhoek Heritage and Ratepayers Association that took place on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 17:30 in the Sotheby's Office.

Members	Pat Jacobs (Chairperson) Sally Burningham Kerrin Gregory	Denver Adonis Alastair Thorns
Apologies	Trevor Japhtas	
Invited Members	None	
Secretary	Elmarié Kretsenger	

1. Welcome and Attendance

- a. The Chairperson welcomed all members to the newly elected members.
- b. Apology – Trevor Japhtas busy with security matters

2. Adoption of previous minutes

- a. The minutes were adopted with no change.

3. Portfolios

Allocation of portfolios:

1. Elmarie General administration
2. Kerrin Communication & Finance (signatories must be changed to Pat and Kerrin)
3. Trevor Safety and security
4. Denver Community and social development
5. Pat Infrastructure & STR
6. Alastair Heritage & Land use (Chairperson)
7. Sally Heritage & Land use
8. V/Chair Use the position for capacity building.

- a) Chairperson will elect a chairperson to chair if he is not available
- b) There is capacity for one other member if the need arises
- c) Kerrin still owns a property in Victory Village, Franschhoek

Meetings

Heritage	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday of the month at 11:00 at Fransvliet until further notice
Ratepayers	2 nd Wednesday of the month at 17:30 at Executive Boardroom at the FHK Municipality

4. Strategy

There will be a Strategy session in June. Pat will send out a template for each committee member to prepare for the strategy session. Each portfolio will facilitate and drive their section. It was agreed that no external facilitator will be required. If required, Kerrin will do surveys to ratepayers on what focussing areas should be.

The Strategy Session will take place on Tuesday, 2 June at the Franschhoek Cinema from 17:30 – 19:30 (2 hours)

5. Groups

It was proposed and agreed to keep the various interest groups and incorporate them into the FHRPA on an ad hoc basis as subcommittees:

- a. 2023 Flood Action Group was formed and was very successful and will sit within FHRPA as a subdivision

6. General

- a) According to Alastair, the Bastille Festival Trail Run has relocated to Plaisir de Merle. The new management company at the Berg River Dam refused access to the site, which will unfortunately have a negative commercial impact on the village.
- b) The Montreux Jazz Festival received noise complaints as non-jazz tourists cancelled their stays. This issue is perceived to stem from a lack of inclusivity, as the event organisers failed to share information in a timely manner. Local business owners believe the festival was too exclusive. There is a general feeling that some events effectively capture the town.
- c) Evidence from the May 2026 flood indicates that containment of the river requires widening of the berm. Furthermore, due to significant electrical infrastructure challenges, the current power station in the main street needs serious attention.

7. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 18:40