



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the Franschhoek Heritage and Ratepayers Association that took place on Wednesday, 15 July 2026 at 17:30 at the Executive Board Room at the Municipality.

Members	Pat Jacobs (Chairperson)	Alastair Thorns	Denver Adonis
	Kerrin Gregory	Sally Burningham	
Apologies	Trevor Japhtas		
No Apology			
Invited Members	None		
Secretary	Elmarié Kretsenger		

1. Welcome and Attendance

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

2. Adoption of previous minutes

- a. The minutes were adopted as presented.

3. Strategy

The updated Strategy document was formally approved.

4. Portfolios

The members were requested to treat the strategy as a live document. Report on what you have done and if you require help and/or support.

Heritage (Alastair)

- a. Groendal Gateway: Chairperson to set up a meeting with the Mayor and landowners.
- b. La Chameure; Heritage is questioning the municipality whether the grading has been affected after the approval of the alterations

Land Use (Sally)

- a. Riverstone Development: Sally is in the process of drafting a response
- b. Terbodore Development: Objections was submitted
- It was also decided that all relevant applications distributed to the Heritage and Land Use committee be copied to the Exco in future.
- Alastair will instruct Kerrin which applications to be sent to ALL ratepayer mostly anything that will impact the scenic route.

Local Economic Development (Denver)

- a. Chairman will set up a session with Denver to unpack.
- b. 412 – Chairperson, Sally and Denver to meet and discuss a way forward. Cllr Minnie will be able to add a lot of information
- c. Water Purification – Chairperson spoke to Dr Kevin Winter who is purifying water from the Stiebeuel River and is allocated 1000 litre per month for a vegetable growing project.

- d. More skips are required at the upper end of the Stiebeuel River

Communication (Kerrin)

- a. Bank account has been changed and await access for new signatories
- b. Once there is access to the funds, virtual storage will be set up
- c. Database will be expanded
- d. In principle, the members are in favour of a membership fee of around R250 per year in the future but at present it will do fundraising when there is a specific project.
- e. Website is up but not 100% functioning. Chairperson thanked Kerrin for all the work put in.
- f. Poling: Poll members to indicate their expectations from the committee
- g. Avoid over-communicating, as this may overwhelm the audience and reduce engagement.

Chairperson (Pat)

- a. The Chairperson is focusing on building capacity
- b. Quarterly meeting on infrastructure is valuable and will continue
- c. Working on setting something similar and workable up for Heritage/Land Use
- d. Working on privately funding a consultant to develop a local spatial development framework plan for Franschhoek Valley in collaboration with Stellenbosch Municipality. Chairperson may give a presentation at the next meeting on this matter. There are three pillars guiding this process:
 - Biophysical
 - Built environment
 - Social Economic
 - Refer to Koelenhof as an example <https://boord.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Draft-Stellenbosch-5th-generation-Integrated-Development-Plan-2022-2027.pdf>

Safety & Security

- a. The current situation is of great concern.
- b. Determine what support Trevor is requiring and define a strategy.
- c. Engage with Province and SAPS for strategy and support.

5. General

- Sally and Alastair met with the department responsible for tree planting. Committee to consider a tree planting initiative where businesses work together to fund it. Last year 30 trees were planted in Stellenbosch which included the 17 in the Franschhoek parking area. Chairperson to follow up on the planting of trees at the traffic intersection to be installed at Groendal which was committed to by Stellenbosch municipality.

6. Close

The meeting adjourned at 18:53