



Ratepayers' & Residents'
ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Special General Meeting that took place on 1st September 2025 at the Flour Market, Hope Street, Gardens

1. Welcome & Acknowledgements

Jan Moolenaar, former acting chairperson, welcomed attendees and expressed gratitude to sponsors - Flour Market, Minimalist Wines. Ciao Deli Vredehoek, Hope Exchange

Thanks were also extended to CIBRA members who donated raffle prizes. Jan introduced **Nicky Essen**, former exco member, as chair for the meeting.

2. Meeting Purpose

Nicky explained that the November 2024 AGM was adjourned following member requests for more information—particularly regarding CTCRA—before deciding on CIBRA's future. This meeting aimed to provide clarity to support informed decision-making.

3. CTCRA Update

Bas Zuidberg, Chairperson of the Cape Town Collective Ratepayers Association, presented on:

- CTCRA's purpose and membership
- Recent initiatives
- Forward focus and strategic direction

4. CIBRA Activity Since November 2024

Nicky reported that a few former exco members remained active and continued with:

- Publishing updates
- Attending meetings on MPBL, marine outfalls, and traffic

- Joining CTCRA formally
- Supporting the rates petition
- Engaging the Ombud on the PP complaint
- Submitting comments to HWC via the Panel

5. Current Initiatives (Presented by Bonnie Jutzen)

- **Traffic Congestion:** November 2024 meeting with Urban Mobility officials failed to address concerns around the cumulative impact of rapid densification on traffic and the broader road network
- **Ombud Case:** September 2024 complaint about the public participation process for development applications was responded to in July 2025 with a request from the Ombud for resolution input from CIBRA. Extension requested pending new leadership.
- **Spatial Development Collective:** The City is forming 20 Subcouncil-based groups for land use input. CIBRA's nomination deadline: 14 Sept 2025.

6. Financial Report

Nicky presented the financials, noting:

- Membership fee income increased year-on-year
- Expenditure increased significantly mainly due to contributions to CTCRA's PR campaign (MPBL) and legal fees (COCT budget)
- Operating costs are primarily covered by interest on reserves

7. Information for Decision-Making

CIBRA's Evolving Role

- Founded in 1997 as a civic channel
- Now operates alongside digital platforms and other community groups
- City Bowl's population size and demographics have changed significantly

Current Structure & Functions

- Chair & Treasurer manage leadership and finances
- Exco leads public participation and policy response
- Community Connectors liaise with CTCRA, ward councillor, and drive projects
- Operations managed via WhatsApp, Google Drive, Hubspot, and website
- The Panel advises Heritage Western Cape on architectural and urban heritage

8. Panel Continuity Proposal

Karinina Ingwersen, Panel member, proposed:

- If CIBRA closes, the Panel will continue independently

- Would require a new constitution, refreshed identity, updated website
- Start-up costs and sustainable funding needed (e.g. assistance from CIBRA and application fees)
- A clear community mandate is essential

9. Member Discussion & Outcomes

Should CIBRA close?

- Members voted overwhelmingly to keep CIBRA active

What's working?

- The Panel
- Development notice map
- WhatsApp updates

Areas for improvement:

- Return to everyday civic issues (e.g. park walls)
- Clearer objection guidelines
- More user-friendly website

10. Election of Executive Committee

The following volunteers were accepted as the new exco:

- **Monique Vernooy** – Chairperson
- **Teresa Raposo** – Treasurer
- **Lisa Malcomess** – Secretary
- **Niel Vernooy** – IT Support

The meeting ended with the new executive members being congratulated on their appointment