



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Malgas Hotel
on Saturday, 4th April 2026 at 09h30**

Present

As per Attendance Register –

Monique Mulder (Chairperson), Eric von Oppel, Warren Brewis, Ken Wentzel, Andrea Brewis, J Barreto, Rene White, Pam Penfold, Oliver Sedgewick, Johan Kriegler, Peter Venn, Dick Bates, Andries Mouton, Tanya Wilmot, Mike Williams, Jason Oxley, Neil McMurray, Darren Powers, Gavin Reynolds, Gail Powers, Laurian Sachs, Roger Lawrence, Angela Haste, C Taylor (Total 24).

The following members as proxies held by Monique Mulder –
Anthony Davison (Total 1)

The Chairperson confirmed that there were 24 members presented, and these were a valid quorum for an AGM.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson, Monique Mulder, called the meeting to order at 09:32

2. Attendance & Apologies

Apologies received from Marjo Felderhoff and Andrew Crawford

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes,

- a. The AGM meeting set for 22 December 2024 was not quorate with only 6 members present. The meeting was adjourned as a result. The minutes are posted on MRRA the web site and were taken as read.
- b. The postponed AGM meeting was held on 6 February 2025, minutes are posted on the web site and had been thus circulated to members. The minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved.

4. Chairperson's Report

- a. The Chairperson read the report, which is now posted on the MRRA web site.
- b. The key items presented were:
 - i. Environmental Compliance and S24 Application Matters
 - ii. Ward Delimitation
 - iii. Water Supply and Nuwedorp Challenges
 - iv. Disaster Management and Security
 - v. Waste Management and Refuse
 - vi. Malgas Ferry and Public Launch Site
 - vii. BREAF and Breede Estuary Management Plan

- viii. New Projects, including Private Access Roads
- ix. Conclusion reached on fraud case initiated by elected 2023 Exco via SGM held September 2023.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Chairperson noted that 2025 has been a stable year for the Association, with a modest overall surplus achieved after eleven months, due to the change in financial year-end to 30 November. The Association continues to manage its responsibilities effectively while maintaining core civic, municipal, environmental and community services. Cash resources remain sound, although special-purpose funds have been drawn down as planned and the Disaster, Fire and Security activities continue to rely on the core reserves to a limited extent.

Operational costs

- a. Ongoing server and hosting costs for the website (www.malgas.org.za) amounted to R5 787. The site is fully operational and continues to provide valuable information on current issues, historical background, roads, environmental matters, AGM minutes, the Constitution, financial statements and membership.
- b. External consultancy fees of R2 696 were incurred (primarily related to ongoing municipal and rates matters).
- c. Microsoft subscriptions remained at R1 499.
- d. Bank charges were a modest R372.
- e. Membership contributions totalled R24 010 (compared with R26 980 in the prior period). Paid-up membership remains in excess of 131 members.
- f. Interest received provided a positive contribution of R10 709, although lower than the previous year due to reduced average cash balances and interest rates.

Disaster, Fire and Security costs

- a. Fire-fighting equipment maintenance totalled R2 361.
- b. Radio network costs amounted to R12 374. This includes all rental and licensing costs for the 9 Two-Way radios in operation.
- c. These costs have been funded by the Association to the extent of R9 996 in 2025 (a reduction from the R18 217 funded in 2024). No donations were transferred into the Disaster, Fire and Security Fund this year, and the fund balance remains at zero. Additional community donations will be required in 2026 to maintain and expand equipment and cover normal operational costs.
We have to note that this report pertains to the 2025 financial year, and fundraising efforts have been initiated at the start of the 2026 financial year as noted in the Chairman's report.
- d. The Swellendam Municipality Grant in Aid (R50 000 originally received) continues to be utilised, with cumulative expenditure now at R28 214. The remaining balance of R41 786 will be fully spent before mid-2026, primarily on security cameras (R21 786 remaining) and Private Roads (R20 000 ring-fenced).

Special Funds

- a. The Jonathon Phillips Fund remains at R20 050 available to be spent on schooling, clothing and other needs. Communication and administration with the Social Department is a challenge.
- b. The Area 1 (Nuyshoek) Fund has been drawn down to R8 165 and is expected to be fully utilised in 2026.

- c. The Community (Nuwedorp Covid and Relocation) Fund stands at R7 331.
- d. The Swellendam Municipality Grant in Aid balance is R41 786 (as noted above).

General Observation

The Association remains in a stable financial position and is well placed to meet its responsibilities going forward.

The Members' equity (Accumulated Surplus) has increased to **R102 348** (from R92 157 at the beginning of the period), reflecting the modest surplus of R10 191 for the eleven months.

The annual membership fee of R250 remains adequate for the Association's core civic and municipal activities.

The Disaster, Fire and Security activities will continue to require additional community donations to sustain the effective voluntary service provided to the Area. Continued funding of these activities from the Association's core reserves would weaken the MRRA and limit its capacity to support municipal-related initiatives.

Although not in the reported financial year, we need to mention the very successful fundraising effort for the disaster management fund, currently with an astonishing balance of R 247,850

6. Service Delivery Public Administration Intervention Framework Proposal

- a. The Chairperson indicated that EXCO has, since 2023 been in discussion with role players in Swellendam Municipality to motivate a rates reduction based on services provided to the area.
- b. From this came a proposal, named Service Delivery Public Administration Intervention Framework, that was attached to the AGM invitation sent within the notice period via social media channels and newsletter for the purpose of discussion at the AGM.
- c. Main points of discussion were:

The primary goal is to achieve a fair reduction in the disproportionately high property rates paid by the Malgas community relative to the limited municipal services received.

The community is currently taxed on a residential tariff (with only a discretionary 30% rebate), while receiving far fewer services than residential areas in Swellendam town. The long-term aim is to secure a more appropriate agricultural or new "urban-rural" tariff classification, which could roughly halve the rates burden (from R6 million to R3 million annually, very roughly based on earlier estimates).

A clear definition of baseline services the municipality is legally obliged to provide under the Municipal Property Rates Act and related legislation must be established as well as the demarcated area.

A Special Rates Area (SRA) is viewed as a potential legal mechanism to achieve this, but not the immediate goal. It is seen as one possible tool among others, provided it delivers genuine rates relief and improved local services without simply adding extra costs.

It was emphasised that this remains a proposal for open discussion, with the first steps being the clear definition of baseline services the municipality is

obliged to provide under the residential tariff and motivation for a tariff reclassification.

7. Nominations for Committee

- a. The current EXCO members, Eric von Oppell, Ken Wentzel, Monique Mulder and Oliver Sedgewick are available to be re-elected.
- b. Mike Williams and Warren Brewis who were co-opted to the Exco has retired and is available for re-election.
- c. All the people available, as noted above, were unanimously elected as Exco members.
- d. It was noted that Oliver Sedgwick would be co-opted as an Exco Member, representing the eastern aspects of MRRA Area and with contact with IRRA.
- e. Rene White has retired as an Exco member, and we thank her for her valuable contribution to the community.

8. Any other Matters

- a. Nuwedorp Informal Settlement was discussed as well as the possible future of the settlement. It was recognised that the informal settlement is home to the majority of the workforce and faces very difficult living conditions. Given the strong social impact and the valid concerns raised by the community, any conversation about its future, including general discussions on possible relocation must be approached with great sensitivity and empathy.
It has also been mentioned that a the Vaalkrans River runs just below the location of Nuwedorp and some conservation concerns have been raised, mostly referring to inhabitants having no access to working ablutions.
- b. Further details with regard to the criminal case lodged by Exco in September 2023 for misappropriation of funds were requested. The committee pursued the matter persistently and refers to the concluded court matter under CAS 55/10/23. The case has been concluded in court on 17 October 2025 and the individual was found guilty. The outcome is regarded as favourable in the context of the MRRA, as the matter was not withdrawn but prosecuted to conclusion. Misappropriated funds were recovered and noted in 2024 financial statements.

9. Closure

- a. The Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:15

Presented by Ms Monique Mulder

A TRUE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

To be proposed for confirmation at the next General Meeting.



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Chairperson

04 May 2026