

This last year for Linbro Park has been a fairly erratic year for the residents and Committee. Although the Committee has not communicated every action and task undertaken by the Exco, let us ensure you that work has been continuing on a regular basis to try and improve the investments that all residents have made in Linbro Park.

It must be noted that all the members of the Exco are volunteers, yet on average, each member attends two to three meetings monthly. All this is done at their own cost and for the benefit of the community.

Some of the more notable tasks include:

1) **Landfill site:**

The main issues over this past period with the landfill site were:

1. Security and fencing at the main gate, together with wall repairs
2. Non action on maintenance and rehabilitating the site
3. Cancellation of the transfer station and planning for the composting site
4. The proposed Methane Gas Plant
5. More recently the request for end-use Business Plan

Over this past period there had been major staff changes at Pikitup. Several ill-attended meetings took place over the period with our first meaningful meeting taking place in October 2008 when the new person in charge of landfills was present.

At this meeting it was agreed that the transfer station would no longer be used for collecting waste materials and instead they would allocate the northern section of the site to a composting site. This would include a place for the dumping of garden waste (as in Bryanston) and the collection of recyclables. More recently, together with UNISA, they have requested that we get a plan together for the end use of the site. The previous report dated March 2007 (and included by council in the current RSDF) was resubmitted as a starting point. More detail on layout and the overall running of the facility has been requested by their MANCO Committee.

Over the reporting period very little took place as there was a serious recall of funds to the City of Johannesburg due to the need to fund the Rapid Transport System. As a committee we issued numerous communications on the security of the wall, the ineffective security officers, lack of maintenance of the site etc.

More recently, with some funds trickling through, a meeting has been held with the person who heads up the security management at Pikitup. He has done a quick survey on security issues at the site and has put in a requisition to repair the walls and increase the security guards. (Due to lack of funds they had reduced the guard to an ineffective one!)

As of last week Alec Beck has been seconded to Linbro Park to manage and upgrade the site. Clay started coming on to the site two weeks ago from Bombela to start the capping,

however additional clay will need to be imported from elsewhere. Bombela has also agreed to take the issue of replacing the wall to Province for action.

During the reporting period we had a presentation on the proposed Methane Gas Plant. Copies of this plan are available for those interested. In principle we were not opposed to the plan, however we stated that they needed to place their working site away from the Third Road entrance to a less intrusive position.

**2) Roads:**

- a. This has been a continuous battle to try and remove the construction companies from utilising the roads of Linbro Park for the transporting of material and staff. This unfortunate situation was started when residents did not comply with council regulations and continued illegal business activities that then permitted other businesses to do the same.
- b. Douglas Road was always a trouble area, causing security and dumping problems by being inaccessible to most vehicles, thus allowing illegal activities to take place. Thanks to Jenny Nel and her efforts, Zandfontein eventually sent a team to restore the road to be more accessible.

**3) Bombela / Gautrain:**

- a. We have held feedback meetings with Bombela on a bi-monthly basis. Our major concerns with regard to this development was that the vehicles were using the roads illegally and causing a risk to residents by speeding through the suburb. We did on numerous occasions request that residents wishing to make a complaint should give a member of the Exco the details of the incidents. This was only available for a few incidents, from residents who made the effort to provide us with the information.

**4) Development Task Team**

- a. The Task Team does not and never did fall under the jurisdiction of the LPCA. It has always been an independent committee appointed by the community at public meetings
- b. Support of Task Team from the LPCA has been based on the support that the Community has given the Task Team, and members of the LPCA Exco have assisted where required

**5) Illegal squatting:**

- a. Certain properties in the area that had been sold to non-resident owners were being used for the illegal housing of workers for all the development taking part around Linbro Park. Thanks mainly to Jenny Nel, the threat of these squatters were initially removed yet have now started to reappear in Linbro.

6) **City Improvement District:**

- a. This plan was delayed during the year when Council put a hold on the formation of any new Residential CID's until a revised policy had been approved by Council. The presentation at the end of the AGM will further elaborate on this process.

7) **Blue Bantry Development:**

- a. Possibly one of the most important tasks was the investigation into the Blue Bantry proposal that was halted due to the LPCA not accepting that the proposers of this deal were being honest with the community. Members of the LPCA Exco, after investigating, had determined that the developers had first attended a presentation by the Department of Housing to find land to assist with their housing requirements, and Linbro Park was considered to be a viable possibility;
- b. It was purely a coincidental meeting through Proplinks, where the involvement of the community commenced, and lead to the antagonistic mail in May 2008 which created great concerns within the community;