



■ Ye Olde Thatch burnt beyond repair in November 2017.

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Derelict houses a headache

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Wynberg residents are furious that nothing is being done about derelict houses that have been invaded by vagrants, however, a public private partnership with local schools could very well be a solution to the problem.

Two of three houses and the public open space behind them are owned by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Above them is a triangle of land called Waterloo Green, owned by the City of Cape Town and running parallel to Trovato Link.

The residents, who live nearby, got together last week to do

something about the escalation of home invasions, car break-ins and petty theft, according to resident Evelyn Holtzhausen. This is not the first time a meeting has been held.

Resident Werner van Kets said Wynberg Neighbours for Change was formed in February 2018 but it had fizzled out. Almost one year later 26 residents met in a Seymour Road garden to discuss a way forward after three criminal incidents occurred since Christmas.

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