



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY 5:30 PM

### MINUTES

1. **Welcome** - Louw welcomed everyone and thanked for coming despite the weather
2. **Apologies** – Louw - Janet Kolle, Whatsapp groups, Steve & Jayne Leech
3. **S.A.P.S Feedback** – Deena –  
Total of 4 house breaking that was reported, Marlin dr, Barracouta Bend, Botha place, Natalia crescent, robbery at Douglas rd, 2 x assault cases, 1 at Douglas rd and 1 at Edward Crescent.  
Attempted robbery and assault at Douglas rd go hand in hand. Be cautious, people are carrying weapons, will harm you. Coming to cooler season, no need to have windows and sliding doors open, always secure house, don't go outside if you hear a noise. We have police and patrollers, post on group and someone will come around within 5 minutes. Don't put your life in danger. Be careful taking dogs outside at night, putting yourself at risk, lock gates and take keys out if so. Make sure the area is light around the house and be vigilant. 20 seconds to lock if you see intruders. Not immune to house breakings. 36 house breakings in Scottburgh precinct. Dogs are a big deterrent, whether big or small to make a noise to alert owners.  
**Crime is high.** Protests, taxis fighting, every day there is something happening. Be safety conscious. Easter weekend is

coming up, will be lots of visitors to the town, just want everyone to be safe.

Bobbies are chasing people, no nonsense guys, they are fitting in. Sassa cards are becoming an issue, be wary as they have had 30 reports of cases with Sassa cards. Duplicated, fraudulently used, etc. Use ATM at Pennington rather than go to Scottburgh, it's mayhem. Before using ATM, put your hand where your card goes and pull, if it's loose, don't use it.

4. **Patrol Stats** – Lou – March - Stats were up 12/14% from last month. Lots more adhoc patrols and extra patrols during the day. Glynn, also too much chatter on the Patrol group too many thumbs up. Stan says it's an acknowledgment. Hold onto thoughts and will be discussed at patrol group get together.

**Total Membership** – Lou - 325 members – 3 new members for March, need more members. Talk to people to join. Willie Van Der Venter – 71 Marlin – is he paying? Marlene Hays also at 71 Marlin (she rents from them). She pays half.

5. **Street signs project** – About 35 signs to be put up. Dave – if you have a street sign you would like to be put up, please call Dave and he will give you the ones you need. Marcel – Natalia Crescent, Allan Road. Signs have been paid for, Dave doesn't have time so would like assistance from people in the roads necessary. Some signs have been taken off by people. 30 signs still in Dave's possession. Please chat to Dave if you can assist. Dave is on the NW group, get in touch with him. Glynn has Porpoise Road

6. **Street watch communications** –Discussions around fence sitters for AGM. Floor would like them off groups. Just had a fight about load shedding and dogs, too much chatter. If power off, go to DB board, check, if it's on then phone eskom or check load shedding schedule. Don't report dogs and electricity on street groups, there are social groups for that. This creates noise and people ignore the groups, when something does happen they don't see it because there is noise.

7. **Finances** – Dave - Financial year ended 4 March, reporting R60 000 in surplus cash, last year R61 000, income of R63 300 compared R45 300, increase of R18 000, expenses went from R45 300 to R45 500. As at today, bank account sitting at R34 900, after bobbies being paid and before debit orders from this week, between R15 000 – R20 000. Budget next year (will be seen next AGM). If we don't get more members (50) we might have to rethink the shifts that the bicycle guys are doing, can't sustain them 24/7 if we don't get additional funding. Start coming into effect end of Winter. Passed year spent R45700 on bobbies.
8. **Feedback from the Floor** –Any questions/comments?  
Getting onto the beach on Saturdays and Sundays? Been living here for 4 months. Broken bottles, drinking. Dave, cops have been told to take bottles away from the bobbies and empty them. Do we go alcohol free on the beach? Deena, no bylaw against it, it becomes a race issue when dealing with it, even in Scottburgh. Eddie Baptie was supposed to revisit those bylaws. It has been rejected for amendment. Louis – Saturday, one of the bicycle bobbies took a drink away from the cops and dealt with it at the OK, in Pennington. Lou – not much the police can do unless they are unruly. If they are being a nuisance, report it, we will react, if it's not reported don't expect much to happen.
9. **General** – No emergency numbers down at the kiosk for emergencies – put a board up with PCW information and all emergency numbers.  
Umdoni Golf Course – Number to get through gate give it to certain patrollers - access into Umdoni  
Enough pressure on municipality to fix roads by all parties.
10. **Golf Day** - Golf day on 22 September, fund raising for PCW. If anyone would like to be on a sub committee to get sponsorship etc for the golf day. Speak to Bianca after meeting.  
Nominations for the committee – important in the community and please think about it and put your name forward if you will.
11. Thanks for attending, be safe and vigilant.
12. Next meeting is **AGM 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – Methodist Church 17h58.