



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

2nd July 2019 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** - Lou welcomed everyone and thanked for coming despite the weather.
2. **Apologies** – Steven & Jayne Leech, Marcel Veleur, Whatsapp groups, Joan & Charles Knight, Stan & Cheryl, Di, Simon, Henry
3. **S.A.P.S Feedback** –
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. Dogs are a big deterrent, whether big or small to make a noise to alert owners. Deena – 1 case reported. Reported in June but took place in May – house breaking at 45 Garrick, 31st of May. Only incident reported in Pennington for June. Winter might be keeping the people away, a few arrests and visibility has reduced the crime, thank you to PCW for assisting in bringing the crime rate down and making the town a safer place. Other areas are having house robberies – Park Rynie, Scottburgh, Freeland park has picked up – violent house robbery in Freeland park. Park Rynie sub tried to copy idea, doing patrols, don't have bobbies – great effect bringing to spate of crime down

a bit. 3 months made 40 arrests for prostitution, patrols assisting in that. Eddie Baptie is involved in the policing forum. No funds for bobbies but if they do ask for bobbies, they will leave ours alone. Bobbies etc. happy to work in Pennington. Our bobbies sending thanks to everyone for working so well with them. New bobby needs to be added to the patrol group. Will be on for long as Gumbi has had an accident and will be out for 2/3 months. Moved bicycle bobby to patrol van and put new guy to the bicycle. Relay our thanks to the bobbies. Show our appreciation.

4. **Patrol Stats** – Lou – June – Stats -Bobbie Patrol 120; Night Patrols 39; Day Patrols 29; Total Patrols = 181. Down on last month. In May 194 patrols and 181 in June.
5. **Total Membership** – Lou - members –Talk to people to join. 363 members, close to 365 mark. Done most of the things we wanted to do when we got to 365 mark. Still need more members. Keeps us going and pays the bobbies. If you know anyone that could join. Give the forms, recruit people. Drop forms at Kwela Electrical
6. **Street watch communications** – discuss final draft at committee meeting
7. **Recruitment Drive Ideas** – Bobbies on bicycles to hand out forms to recruit members, to have a PCW sign on bicycle. Recruitment drive at Mall and Pennington Superette, marketing to be done at Curry evening and ask Conservancy to hand out forms and do promoting of PCW. Welcome any suggestions on how to get new members, speak to committee members. Also welcome new suggestions. Market that bobbies are sponsored by PCW as a lot of people don't know that. CPF logo, Deena will research and get back to us, bicycles can be branded. Bobbies to visit Lou and he will put stickers on the bikes.
8. **Finances** – Dave – apologise for being absent last month. 363 members, so bobbies will continue. `R10 000 in the bank – bobbies paid, Forecast – able to maintain and increase another 20-30 members then can have the bobbies 24/7 for the whole of the year – all 8 of them. Debit orders only come in at the end of

the week, bobbies are happy to get payment at the end of the month and then payment at the first week of the month. Continue the drive, in the last 2 months 20 new members. Penn Park R1500 per month. People should know about the bobbies. 10 people from Retirement village. Marketing in the press and from a lot of people so people should know what is going on. Word has spread as far as Margate and they are asking "how are we getting it right?". New people moving into Pennington are being told about it by the estate agents. Other estates are looking at coming on board. Thank you for everything you've done. 35 people pay an annual payment. Great help. Encourage new members to do an eft instead of debit orders. If you want to change from debit order to eft send an email to secretary. Organise a drive at the shops again. Give flyers to bobbies. Notice board with bobbies pictures showing that they are protecting us.

9. **Feedback from the Floor** –Any questions/comments? PCW is doing a great job - Andy
10. **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. Discount for annual payments – no problem giving small discount. Will discuss at the committee meeting.
11. **Golf Day** - Golf day on 22nd September. Subcommittee is put together. Anyone that would like to sponsor a prize etc. Put whatsapp advertising the golf day onto the groups.
12. Thanks for attending, be safe and vigilant.
13. Next meeting is **6th August** – Pennington Library