



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

4th June 2019 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY 5:30 PM

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome** - Steven welcomed everyone and thanked for coming despite the weather. Welcomed new Committee Member Roy Spooner.
- 2. Apologies** – Janet Kolle, Dave Arnison, Deena Govender, Whatsapp groups,
- 3. S.A.P.S Feedback** – Steven –
Total of 1 house breaking case was reported, Marlin, 1 theft out of motor vehicle.
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. Holiday season is coming up with holiday makers becoming targets.
Bobbies are chasing people, the Bobbies are no-nonsense guys, they are fitting in nicely in Pennington.

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 – May – Stats -Bobbie Patrol 124; Night Patrols 38; Day Patrols 32; Total Patrols = 194.
5. **Total Membership** – Lou - 348 members –Talk to people to join.
6. **Street watch communications** –
Protocol sent out to all the groups. 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. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.

- 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

Enough pressure on municipality to fix roads by all parties.

- 11. 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.

- 12.** Thanks for attending, be safe and vigilant.

- 13.** Next meeting is **2nd July** – Pennington Library