

**PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH  
COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY**

**17:30**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

- **Welcome:**  
Derek welcomed all
  - **Apologies:**
    - o Received via Facebook, street groups and attending community members.
  - **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**
    - o 9 crimes in total.
    - o 8 house burglaries
    - o 1 malicious damage to property
  - Deena Govender thanked the PCW for their assistance over the festive season and for funding the SAPS reservist from the 15<sup>th</sup> December to 3rd January 2017. This had a major impact on the crime over this period with ONLY 2 incidents reported. Past history shows that during December the crimes report are well into the 20-30. He says this is due to the SAPS being visible 24 hrs and activities of the pcw patrols.
  - PCW patrol volunteers did 77 patrols during the month of December.
  - PLEASE REMEMBER.
  - ALL SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO BE REPORTED TO SAPS CHARGE OFFICE ON 0399789916 AND THEN ALSO POSTED ON THE STREET GROUPS.
  - Try taking a photo on your cell and posting on the street groups for better identification.
- 
- **Festive Season Security**
  - Derek thanked all those involved over the festive season, SAPS, Security Companies and PCW patrol volunteers. It made a remarkable difference in the area with the crime reported as one of the lowest over this period in over 5 years. This was achieved by having funds available to put in the extra preventive measures.
  - Cherry lane donated R4000 which is much appreciated and will go towards paying for the SAPS reservist for January.
- 
- **PROJECTS**
  - PCW are now looking into starting with the first phase of the Camera system with the ANPR camera in Pennington Dr. The system can be accessed remotely and alert warnings are sent out via sms. This saves us from having to monitor the system all the time.
  - We will also be bringing the SAPS reservists back on a scheduled basis to keep police visibility in the area.

## **GENERAL**

Mike Schwikkard suggested at the last meeting that we draw up a membership list and distribute it to all members so the non-members can be approached to join.

A membership list of addresses will be drawn up and posted on the PCW Facebook. As this is a closed group it will only be visible to the PCW members. Community members willing to assist in canvassing can see by the gate signs who are already signed members as there is a reflective number on it.

Membership is Voluntary and the more property owners joining will bring even quicker results and a safer community for all. The facts speak for themselves as we have seen with the spate of crimes now in Freeland park, Scottburgh etc.

It is unfortunate that when policing is increased in a specific area, the criminals will move on to more vulnerable areas where the risk of being apprehended is less.

Once again I would just like to appeal to everyone on the Street groups to minimise the posts and not use the groups as a chat room and please use it for what it was intended. People are leaving the groups and this reduces the effectiveness of it.

Some street group Admins have duplicated the group for their area and use one for only crime related matters and the other for daily problems in that specific area e.g. water or power out , dogs missing etc. This way you can mute the social group or exit it if you feel there are too many unnecessary posts.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and to have a safe year ahead.

Meeting closed at 18:30

Next meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2107.