

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

PENNINGTON SUB SECTOR

And

PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

3rd March 2015 – LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, PENNINGTON

MINUTES

Present: See attached list	Action
<p>Welcome: Derek Johnson welcomed everyone saying how nice it was to see such a good turnout again.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes: Derek clarified that he is not the Chairman and the Committee was being established from volunteers requested in the January meeting.</p>	
<p>SAPS Report:</p> <p>W/O Deena Govender: 16 Cases in February, 14 house break in, 1 robbery, and 1 theft. 4 suspects were arrested in a road block to Umzinto. They were linked to house break in's in Pennington earlier that day and got a lead from the community Whatsapp.</p> <p>Capt. Ivan Van Wyk gave a brief talk on the roles of the SAPS and Detective unit and they are dedicated to try and resolve all cases. Unfortunately they have a heavy case load so it does take time. When they arrest suspects, a lot has to be done to try and get them convicted and sometimes the courts release them on bail. Drugs is a big motivating factor in the robberies as they need the money to feed their habit. Capt. Van Wyk was pleased to see that Pennington was starting the community watch and this was heading in the right direction. The community need to be involved in their own safety and looking out for each other with the support of SAPS and security companies.</p> <p>Deena reminded everyone to report any crime related incident and to call the SAPS charge office to report suspicious activity. He can then follow up on the report.</p> <p>Calls can be made to 10111 which is the call centre in Port Shepstone. They are doing their best to have well trained staff on call but any problems call Deena direct in an emergency.</p> <p>Reminders</p> <p>Do not buy stolen property! You will be charged. You are creating a market.</p> <p>If you are away from home make sure a neighbour picks up your Rising Sun and switches on lights while you are away. Look after neighbouring holiday homes by taking away their Rising Sun.</p>	
<p>PENNINGTON CRIME PREVENTION</p> <p>Safety tips will be put onto the web site and on the back of the monthly meeting Agenda</p> <p>Please use them as a lot of the material has been taken from history statistics to compile the list.</p> <p>Web site sponsored, designed and maintained by Anderson Networks. Now up and running and can</p>	

be viewed at <http://pennington.za.org> A request to provide suggestions and comments to improve the site and content.

Pennington community watch sign boards have been sponsored and we are in the process of getting quotes.

A geographical map has been obtained to mark the entrances and possible escape routes. Pennington is going to be a difficult area to control as it is surrounded by cane fields and has many entrances from R102, railway line and the beach.

WhatsApp groups are growing and is being coordinated by Marcel. They are marked on a geographical map and request for more group Admins by Marcel to control areas not covered as yet. The community is starting to use the WhatsApp communication tool more effectively now and has resulted in arrests by the SAPS.

A request for volunteers for Patrol teams was made so we can be more visible and hopefully be a deterrent for possible criminal activity. Training will be provided for the volunteers. If you would like to nominate, please use the nomination form on the website.

Funding

Bank account is now open and info available on the website.
When donating into the account - use you name as reference.
A fund raising event is to be organized Sky's the limit.
A list of all sponsors will be placed on the website.

The new committee consist of (Chairman to be elected.)
Derek Johnson, Cobus du Plessis (sec) Ian Lawrie (treas) Deena Govender (SAPS) Marcel Verleur (group coordinator) Steve Leech, Stan Suter, Denzil Thomas, Alan Suter.

General

Mark Davie suggested we set up a meeting with the 3 security companies.
Derek said he would try do that in the coming month.

Derek thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped that they benefited from the information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2015