

**PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH  
COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM**

**4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY**

**17:30**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

- **Welcome:**  
Derek welcomed all
- **Apologies:**
  - Received via Facebook, street groups and attending community members.
- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**
  - 19 crimes in total.
  - 11 house burglaries – 3 on Estates, suspect arrested and linked to 4 cases
  - 4 theft
  - 2 theft from a motor vehicle
  - 1 rape – suspect arrested
  - 1 fraud
- Deena Govender expressed his disdain at the poor attendance and apathy of the public. Only 16 people attended the meeting which is fewer than the number of crimes in the preceding month. If the community does not give its support to this worthy organisation crime will escalate and become unmanageable.
- Crime increases over the festive season and everyone needs to be vigilant and take extra precautions to keep themselves and their property safe. HINT – do not leave valuables lying in your vehicles in full view of criminals waiting to help themselves.
- SAPS have been doing random roadblocks and will increase their visibility in the months to come.
- PCW patrol volunteers did 40 night patrols which equates to 80 hours during the month of September. PCW assisted SAPS and a security company in apprehending a suspect linked to the 4 house burglaries mentioned above.
- Petty theft is on the increase especially the theft of copper pipes. This is believed to be the work of outside criminals.
- **MEMBERSHIP**
- We currently have 115 signed up members which is slow. PCW are targeting 250 members by December in order to be able to afford 24 hour SAPS reservists. At this rate they will be able to fund SAPS reservists only for the month of December.
- It was proposed that everyone at the meeting should bring at least one visitor to the next meeting.
- Membership forms are available from the following people:

Pennington Pharmacy

Kwela Electrical

Facebook

WhatsApp groups admins

Or on the web @

[www.penningtoncw.co.za](http://www.penningtoncw.co.za)

### **GENERAL**

Craig Thomassen donated a bush camera to PCW for which we thank him. Andrew Sweet very kindly programmed it and it will be put into good use once tested. PCW have prioritised purchasing more of these cameras for the target areas.

Vacant properties need to be addressed and PCW will follow up with Umdoni Council.

Meeting closed at 19:00

Next meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> November.