



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

06TH JUNE 2017 5:30 PM - PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**

Derek welcomed all

- **Apologies**

Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members.

- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**

- 9 crimes reported
- 2 burglary - business
- 4 house burglaries
- 2 thefts - 1 mv (arrested and vehicle recovered by bobbies).
- Pennington PCW Police Reservists (Bobbies on the Beat) have made 25 arrests in Pennington in May, 5 for serious offenses, 20 arrests for petty crime.
- No activity when Bobbies are patrolling, but when they are not patrolling there is a lot of activity.
- Palm, Fig, Marlin and Barracuda getting patrols to do extra shifts.
- If we could have Bobbies patrolling 24 / 7 we could virtually eradicate the crime totally in Pennington.
- Crime in Scottburgh now so additional resources in Scottburgh and Amandawe.
- Crime has also moved to Umzinto, with armed robbery at Ackermans in Umzinto on the 6th June. The perpetrators are repeat offenders.
- Deena Govender reiterated not to leave car and house keys in accessible places, and safe keys to be hidden away. Chain and padlock electric gates when closed. This is to make it more difficult for the criminals.
- If you hear noise or movements, put it on the Whatsapp group and give Patrol members and Bobbies a call, rather be safe than sorry. That is what the Bobbies and Patrols and Whatsapp groups are for.
- We need all hands on deck to eradicate the crime in Pennington.
- Derek advised that while the Patrol members are patrolling they see that a lot of residents do not take safety seriously and that residents don't seem to feel it is necessary. Doors, Gates and Windows are left open.

- o Alarms should be set when you go to sleep. Isolate your bedroom so if someone gets into your house the alarm will be activated. It is an extra warning.
- o PCW Patrols did 72 patrols (day and night) during month of May which includes the Police Reservists.
- o Night patrols were 19 done by Patrol Members
- o Day patrols were 9 done by Patrol Members.
- o 24 Patrols done by Police Reservists.
- o The patrols are still very effective as the crime stats are still under double figures
- o If we had more people joining the PCW we could have more Police Reservists (Bobbies on the Beat) doing patrols keeping Pennington safer.
- o We have 185 members on PCW, need 200 to 2nd phase. Which is 2nd set of cameras and 16 hour Bobbie patrols.
- o **Please remember all suspicious activity to be reported to SAPS Charge office on 0399789916 and then also reported on Street groups.**
- o All Patrol Members have Police Reservists numbers and at least one patrol member will be linked to a street group for more pro-active response.
- **Projects**
 - o All Pennington residents need to drive membership and to get their neighbours, friends, families to sign up, the more members PCW have the more it can achieve.
 - o Police Reservists will be on patrol for the month of June on staggered shifts from funds raised from active paying PCW Members
 - o PCW to approach business's for donations to PCW Funds.
- **General**
 - o Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
 - o Members to approach Body Corporates at Complex's to join PCW as a group.
 - o Milkwood – Martin Theron
 - o Pueblo del Mar – Brian Jerome
 - o Imphale Drive – Lourie Coleman
 - o Mrs Collins to approach Railways about a security guard on the railway lines.

Meeting closed at – 18:10

Next Meeting - 4th July 2017 – Pennington Library