



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

07th MARCH 2017 5:30 PM - PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**

Derek welcomed all
- **Apologies**

Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members. Pam Thommassen; Lorraine Osborne; Steven Leech
- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**
 - 7 crimes in total
 - 6 house burglaries (when Bobbies were not on duty). These occurred in the early hours of the morning 2 to 3 am.
 - 1 common theft
 - 21 incidents occurred in March 2016.
 - Scottburgh and Freeland Park are having a crime-wave, of 42 incidents in the Umdoni area only 6 came from Pennington.
 - No house burglaries were reported while the Bobbies were on duty, proving that having the Bobbies patrolling is working well in Pennington.
 - If we could have Bobbies patrolling 24 / 7 we could virtually eradicate the crime totally in Pennington.
 - Deena Govender reiterated not to leave car and house keys in accessible places
 - PCW Patrols did 75 patrols (day and night) during month of February which includes the Police Reservists.
 - **Please remember all suspicious activity to be reported to SAPS Charge office on 0399789916 and then also reported on Street groups.**
 - 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.
- **Insurance - Scottfin**

Marius from Scottfin Insurance Company gave a talk on insurance.

 - 15 years ago it was easy to get insurance cover. Now it is much harder. Actuaries determine risk and policies.
 - Pennington is deemed a high risk area
 - Insurance Companies get stats from SAPS and other Insurance Companies on crime in the area.

- o It takes approximately 4 minutes to clean out a household of over R200 000.00
- o You need to be **Proactive** and not **Reactive**.
- o A Community Watch working in collaboration with the local SAPS is PROACTIVE whereas your Security Companies are REACTIVE.
- o The Community Watch and SAPS is committed to keeping crime out of the area.
- o Scottfin is carrying the Insurance on the cameras for one year.
- **Projects**
 - The installation of the 1st Phase of the Camera system for Pennington drive is to commence week of 13th March. 2 cameras to be installed, 1 to monitor cars coming in, 1 to monitor cars leaving. Number Plate recognition with remote control. The camera system will be accessed remotely.
 - Balance of cameras is to be paid this month.
 - The Police Reservists will be on patrol for the month of March on staggered shifts from funds raised from active paying PCW Members
- **General**
 - Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
 - Ratepayers meeting 29 March 2017.
 - PCW Annual Fees to be paid from 1st March every year.
 - AGM** date to be announced. Please bring your neighbours.

Meeting closed at – 19:00

Next Meeting - AGM 4th APRIL 2017