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COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

5th June 2018 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**

- Steven welcomed all

- **Apologies**

- Derek Johnson Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members.

- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics – May 2018:**

- 1 case of theft reported - 60 days no house break-ins.

- **SAPS Feedback**

- The stats speak for themselves – SAPS Reservists patrols and PCW Members patrols are doing a great deal towards keeping crime down in Pennington.
- Pennington has had 2 excellent months, but we must not get complacent.
- The change of shifts for SAPS Reservists sent to Steven Leech on each change.
- Church Fete – SAPS Reservists ask to attend because of cash on site, were welcomed by community and bought cakes and coffee.
- Reservists have been asked to walk the railway lines to check for criminals.
- Pro-Active Policing, police to stop the crime before it happens instead of re-active as it is now. Scottburgh Police Station to do different shifts from Ilfracombe to Ifafa.
- Burglaries are non-confrontational coming into a house through a door or window, House Robberies are confrontational. Theft is if they steal something through an open window or off a washing line etc.
- 85% of house burglaries and robberies are non-members and do not HAVE REFLECTIVE SIGNS.
- Criminals are under the impression that PCW are linked on a network and if they break into a house with a PCW Reflective sign there is a good chance that they will be caught.
- The criminals come into the area during the day to scout the properties and for information gathering, if you see any strange characters report on your whatsapp group.
- 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. If your dogs bark excessively put it on the Whatapp group, so that the Bobbies can patrol that area this is what the Bobbies and Patrols and Whatsapp groups are for. Anything suspicious should be reported or posted on your Whatsapp group.
- While Patrol members are patrolling they notice a lot of residents do not take safety seriously and don't seem to feel it is necessary. Doors, Gates & Windows are left open.
- 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. Watch your own property and your neighbour's property.

- All residents off Pennington need to join the PCW. If we could have Bobbies patrolling 24 / 7 we could virtually eradicate the crime totally in Pennington. Only need another **50** members to have 24/7 patrols in Pennington.
- **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.
- There are 10 radios that have been given to Patrol members and SAPS reservists for instant communication with each other for a quicker response to incidents in Pennington.
- **Projects**
- The recruitment drive at Pennington Tea Gardens brought in 9 new members.
- 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. If there is not a reflective PCW sign on the gate then that resident is not a member. They need to join.
- There are still Pennington residents that do not know about PCW and what PCW does.
- A Recruitment drive will be done once a month to market PCW.
- All PCW Members will get stickers for vehicles.R10 for extra sticker. MEMBERS ONLY
- All cameras are now operational.
- Home owners should keep their verges clean of trees and places were criminal elements can hide. Crime could be reduced if this were to happen.
- Approach Estate Agents to tell new residents about us.
- Update Protocols and Brochure about PCW and stats of before and now.
- **Financials**
- R75 000 in the bank at the moment. Bobbies are here to stay 24/7
- **Members**
- 285 members
- **Golf day**
- New golf day to be arranged for 19th August.
- If all PCW members could give a bottle of wine, or sponsor something to the golf day.
- Last golf day brought in R30 000
- **General**
- **Feedback from Floor**
- Complement to Reservists on really good services
Recognition from adjoining community's they want to see and know what we are doing right
Welcome to all new members and new patrollers and new Pennington Residents.
- Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.

Meeting closed at – 18h20

Next meeting – 3rd July 2018 – Pennington Library