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COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

09th May 2018 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- **Welcome & Apologies**

Derek welcomed all, much better turn-out than previous AGM's.

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

- **Minutes Previous AGM**

Minutes were put onto Facebook and onto Website.

Minutes were accepted by Lou Jacobs and seconded by Dave Arnison.

- **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

- **Nominations – Elections**

Election of New Chairman – Steven Leech

Co-opted Committee Member – Derek Johnson

- **Introduction of SAP members**

The chairman introduced the SAP reservists who attended the AGM and thanked them for their contribution to the success of the PCW.

- **Address by Deena Govender – SAPS Committee Member**

Deena Govender addressed the attendees, on behalf of Colonel Ruiters thanking the community of Pennington for getting the PCW initiative going and keeping it going so strongly. To start any initiative is easy, but sustaining it is hard.

3 years now and the PCW has gone from strength to strength.

He thanked all the paying PCW members. This time last there were 8 house break-ins, , the same period this year there have been zero.

Criminals have now shifted their focus because of the patrols of both the SAPS reservists and the PCW Patrol volunteers and are now targeting the Gated Estates.

The focus for the PCW and SAPS for this year is months with zero crime.

The Colonel thanks the Committee and the Volunteer Patrol Members for the support and the countless hours and time spent on the PCW, be it at meetings or patrolling the streets of Pennington. Especially the SAPS Reservists who leave their family's and look after other families while they are patrolling.

Thank SAPS members and reservists for their dedication and support, they are always at everyone's call at a moment's notice. They are a fantastic bunch of guys and girls, and even the SAPS members in Scottburgh are envious of the SAPS Reservists.

To Pennington PCW, the Committee, the Volunteers and the SAPS Reservists thanks to all of you, and hope the PCW goes from strength to strength.

Please do not publish any stats to all and sundry for member's benefits only.

- **Statistics**

- Marcel Verleur presented the statistics and slides for the 2017 / 2018 year.
- Crime has decreased substantially due to the visible policing and Police reservists 24/7. It is a huge crime deterrent.
- Comparisons between first Police reservists 2016/2017 and whole of 2017 until December 2017 when we could have Reservists 24/7. Trend is definitely downwards with crime.
- Street Groups 9
- Street Group members – 702 – addition of Pennvalley & Airely / Silver Oaks
- Facebook members – 280
- Patrol volunteers – 33
- Initial signups – 177
- PCW Contributors (paid up members) – 265 up from ± 150 last year
- We need upwards of 400 members

- **Financials**

- Dave Arnison presented the financials.
- Income and Expenditure Report for PCW March 2017 – March 2018
- Cash on Hand as at 28 Feb 2018 – R61 211.87
- Proposed Budget 2018 – 2019
- Cash to be available after all expenses etc R31 449.60
- Derek Proposed acceptance, Esme seconded.

- **Chairmans report**

- The Chairman thanked the following :-
- Deena Govender who always there 24/7, always gives support.
- The SAPS, The Detectives, The Constables, the Colonel and the SAPS Reservists who respond to calls within 3 minutes.
- Committee members without whom the PCW would not be possible. The stalwarts – Steve Leech, Marcel Verleur, then Dave Arnison and Lou Jacobs. The PCW has a very good committee who will keep the PCW initiative going strong.
- Patrol Members (Residents) thank you for the early morning patrols, everyone appreciates the dedication.
- To all the PCW members whatever your contribution, these stats would not be possible without your contributions.
- To the Methodist Church for allowing the use of their Hall.

- **Closing**

- The PCW is committed to remain as a business but like all businesses the PCW needs cash to survive.
- We need more members
- More Pennington Residents need to commit to become members.

- Show of hands taken of those attending willing to contribute more towards a safer Pennington – unanimous.

Meeting closed at – 18h40

Next meeting – 5th June 2018 – Pennington Library