

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

PENNINGTON SUB SECTOR

And

PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

5th May 2015 – LIBRARY ACTIVITY ROOM, PENNINGTON

MINUTES

<p>Present: See attached list</p>	
<p>Welcome: Derek Johnson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A few new residents were present due to the new time slot. Apologies – received from committee members not in attendance Matters arising from previous minutes: No matters arising as the last meeting was a presentation and overview of the new P.C.W.</p>	
<p>SAPS Report: W/O Deena Govender: 20 Cases in April, 9 house break in, 8 theft from Motor vehicle, 3 theft of garden furniture. Deena said the local scrap yards have been checked to see if the furniture has been brought to them and if they get any to advise SAPS immediately. 121 arrests were made in the areas controlled by the Scottburgh SAPS. SAPS are getting complaints from some of the residents because SAPS are doing stop and search in the streets. Deena reiterated that this is part of the crime prevention initiative and needs to be done. Although crime activity is down on last month we still need to be vigilant. Deena reminded everyone to report any crime related incident and to call the SAPS charge office to report suspicious activity. He can then follow up on the report. Without a report the crime goes undetected. Calls can be made to 10111 which is the call centre in Port Shepstone.</p> <p>Reminders Do not buy stolen property! You will be charged. You are creating a market. If you are away from home make sure a neighbour picks up your Rising Sun and switches on lights while you are away. Check on neighbourhood holiday homes.</p>	

Progress on the street groups (Whatsapp)

Marcel indicated that there was a concern that the street groups had stopped as there were no messages being posted. Reason in some areas is that they have had no criminal activity. He requested that he still needs group Admins for 2 areas – Palm / Syringa and Minerva/Marion to complete the Pennington street groups. He also proposed that during times of low criminal activity that other issues be allow to be posted eg dogs out on the street. This could be your dogs are out, which means your gates have been opened and thus your security is compromised.

Security Companies Meeting

A meeting was arranged with Chubb, Jensen’s and Magma but only Chubb’s representative arrived. Jensen’s had an emergency, Magma failed to pitch. Chubb have given the assurance that regular 2 hour patrols will be done in the Pennington Area and that they will alternate their standoff points. A follow up with the other security companies requesting them to do the same will be done.

Web site sponsored, designed and maintained by Anderson Networks is now up and running and can be viewed at <http://pennington.za.org> Your suggestions and comments to improve the site and content are welcome.

Projects in progress

Pennington community watch sign boards have been made and are now waiting to be erected. Two boards were put back onto the old poles to create visibility. We need to raise funds for the 8 poles require to erect the new boards. To date we have not received any donations from our residents! Cherry Lane residents have banded together and are installing a camera surveillance system at the entrance to Cherry lane to monitor all traffic. The initiative is been done through the PCW and the necessary approvals are being obtained from Protection Services and Umdoni Council.

A request for volunteers for Patrol teams was made so we can be more visible and hopefully be a deterrent for possible criminal activity.

All volunteers will be required to sign a document, code of conduct and indemnity. Jerry has taken up the patrol through the trail and onto the beach each morning. All Patrol / Volunteers will have PCW identification – Vest or Vehicle door decals. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of the person – report it on your group or to the committee. If you would like to volunteer, please use the contact form on the website or speak to a committee member.

Funding

Bank account is now open and info available on the website. When donating into the account – use you name as reference. A list of all sponsors will be placed on the website

Selborne golf estate have come forward to arrange a fund raising event. Jawitz Properties has kindly sponsored 10 PCW volunteer vests.

The new committee consist of Derek Johnson (Chairman), Denzil Thomas (Vice Chairman), Cobus du Plessis (Secretary), Ian Lawrie (Treasurer), Deena Govender (SAPS,) Marcel Verleur (Group coordinator,)Steve Leech, Stan Suter.

General

It was suggest by a resident that we have PCW signs made so that those who wish to participate may

have it on their gates. This will increase our visibility and assist in raising much needed funds.	
Derek thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped that they benefited from the information.	
Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd June 2015	