

PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH



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Registration number 290-808 NPO

MINUTES AGM MEETING:

Thursday 20 June 18:00h.
at the Ski Boat Club

Welcome by chairman Cornie Tosen.

Introduction of the committee members: Jade Sinclair, Ruan Lotter, Aukje van der Wal, Juan du Toit, Kim Bagshaw, Rahul Paparam and Mauritz Swanepoel, not present tonight.

We usually see the same faces at our meetings. PCW is a member driven organization. Thank you all for taking the time to be present. This year we had a large turnout of SAPS representatives, members of SAPS Scottburgh and SAPS from the Free State. Very impressive to see so many men and women in blue at our meeting. Big applause for all. 39 people signed the attendance register.

Apologies received by WhatsApp and other: Dawn Adams, Jan van Hilten, Simon Boyle, Andy Ladwig, Debbie Mansour, Cheryl Kopelowitz, Mark Davy, Riaan Leipoldt, Mauritz Swanepoel, Nola Coetzee and Dave Lyon.

The minutes of our previous AGM is accepted by Jade Sinclair and Andy Young.

Address by Rahul Paparam, SAPS representative on the PCW committee:

Thanks to all who play a role in keeping Pennington safe. Crime in Pennington decreased enormously, thanks to the cameras and thanks to the wonderful cooperation between PCW, security companies and SAPS.

Rahul highlighted some incidents from the SAPS monthly stats. In some cases, incidents went down with 100%.

Response Team Introduction:

Cornie Tosen, Juan du Toit, Eugene Dabner, Silvano Borea, Riaan Leipoldt, Shaun Willcock, Andy Young, Mauritz Swanepoel, Ruan Lotter, Gladiator and Ithuba.

Financials 2023 – 2024: Aukje. Because of increasing expenses on camera monitoring and server fees we increased the membership fees in November 2023. PCW installed a total of 145 cameras. A year ago, we had 35 cameras. The book keeping is audited by Muir Accountants in Scottburgh. We are a financially healthy organization with 490 paying members.

Chairman's Report:

A big thank you to both Riaan and Silvano, who stepped down. Thanks to Ruan Lotter for being the chairman. Ruan is still a committee member.

Cornie explained the monthly stats, as shown on the screen.

Notice to all residents and holiday makers: Stay aware, close doors and don't leave anything in sight in your car or in your garden. Set the alarm when you leave your premises.

Request to everyone to open a case at SAPS Scottburgh, in case of any incident.

In case you ask assistance with the lookout of a suspect or suspicious person, please give a full description and explain what is he/she doing that is suspicious.

Warning for possible unrest this month. PCW Responders and PCW Reaction group are on high alert. We are geared up and proud to have such a good cooperation with SAPS Scottburgh. Thanks to Ruan's hard work we have many contacts in CPF's at the South Coast.

We will make announcements on our PCW Emergency groups, in case of any unrest.

We need more patrollers and responders: please sign up and we will make arrangements to supply the necessary equipment.

145 cameras are installed and running, as shown on the map with all locations of the cameras. Thanks to everyone who bought into our camera project.

With the help of our cameras a suspect is apprehended the same evening, after a hit and run incidents, which is now handled as a murder case, because of intention, according to Lieut Col Moodley of SAPS Scottburgh.

WhatsApp Emergency groups:

in case you wish to be added, please send a WhatsApp to Aukje and she will check if you're a member and add you.

Last but not least, we have bought a new bakkie, a 'good second hand' and it's paid off.

Floor open for questions or remarks:

- What can we do about streetlights? Ask the municipality.
Last week replacement of faulty lights has started. It helps against crime.
- Involve estate agents to get new PCW members: we will look into it. Some agents already mention PCW to their customers.
- PCW being an NPO: you can claim donations back from SARS.
- Replacement of old PCW sign: please send an email to secretary.pcw@gmail.com or a WhatsApp to Aukje.
We have plans to replace all 'unreadable' signs in the near future.

Lieut Col Moodley thanked PCW and all its members for the cooperation, keeping Pennington one of the safest places on the South Coast. SAPS does patrols on hot spots and road blocks, where paperwork is checked and firearms are confiscated. Criminals are aware of the high presence of SAPS, PCW and security companies. SAPS members from the Free State will be here until month end and help with the operations.

Closing: 19.00h.

Thank you all for attending this meeting.

Minutes of this meeting are shared on our Emergency groups, on Facebook and on our new website: <https://penningtoncw.co.za/>