



Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch

"Looking out for one another"

Minutes of Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting Held on the 18th of May 2023 @ 19H00 Plumstead Bowling Club, Princessvlei Road, Plumstead

1. Welcome by the Chairman – Gary Klugman

Welcome everyone we would like to have a minute's silence for one of our founding members Barry Speed who passed away. Would like to welcome Alderman Eddie Andrews, Cllr Emile Langenhoven, Cllr Carmen Siebritz, PCA Chair - Mark van Wyk & Secretary Carol Bew, Security Providers (Mr Dylan Williams from Zone & Craig Greef from Ituba), SAPS and CPF

Thank you to our head sponsors Ituba & Zone truly appreciate it keeps the Watch going.

2. Apologies / Attendance

Apologies: Ayesha Fortuin from DOCS, LT Col Jacobs & CPT Voges, Tony Schreiber CVIC

Apologies from Members as per register

Attendance members as per register

2. Adoption of the AGM minutes of the previous AGM, corrections of the previous minutes.

AGM held on 9th June 2022

(1st Kevin Bodenham and 2nd Clive Besterfield)

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3. Financial Report – Marc Roberts

Thanking Louw Cooper Rasool, Patrollers and all our Stakeholders

The financials are available on our website under Financials.

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Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

Figures in Rands	Notes(s)	2023	2022
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	3,509	12,348
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	143,565	114,995
Total Assets		147,074	127,343
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Retained Income			
Liabilities			
		139,083	113,376
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	7,991	13,967
Total Equity and Liabilities		147,074	127,343

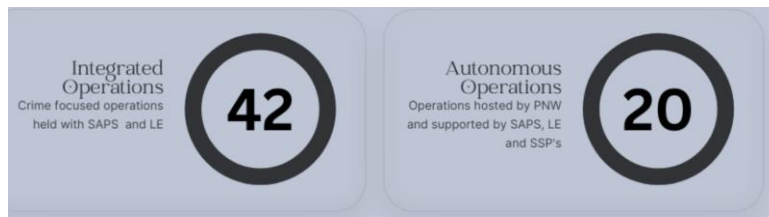
Income Statement

Figures in Rands	Notes(s)	2023	2022
Revenue			
Donation		97,708	114,099
Other Income			
Fund raising income		49,980	-
House boards income		271	300
Response team income			-
Reflective vests income		638	500
		148,596	114,899
Operating expenses			
Bank Charges		6,753	5,409
Camera maintenance		8,972	53,426
CVWA		37,208	39,529
Depreciation		8,599	12,465
Electricity		1,200	1,200
Functions and Meetings		-	735
Fund raising expenses		26,272	-
Gifts and Donations		1,683	1,000
Marketing Expense		5,000	-
PNW Decals		1,653	9,474
PNW Reflective gear		6,778	1,649
Printing and Stationary		859	597
Repairs and maintenance		10,589	5,082
Response team expense		3,873	6,523
Subscriptions		3,210	-
		122,650	137,089
(Loss) profit for the year		25,946	- 22,190

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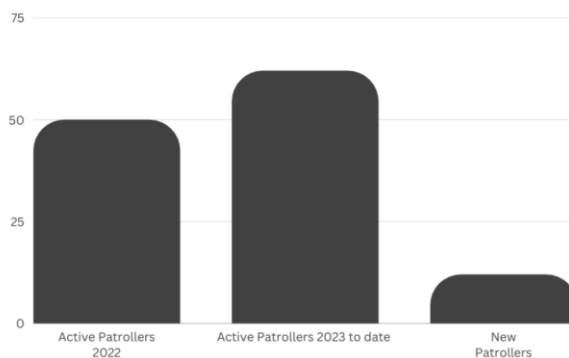
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4. Operational Report – Justin De Vos



We took part in 42 integrated operations in the last year, focussing on crime prevention and crime displacement. These operations were conducted by SAPS, Law Enforcement, all local security providers, and neighbourhood watches.

PNW hosted 20 Autonomous Operations in the last year.



From 2023, PNW increased its patroller number thanks to willing residents. At the end of 2022 we had 50 active patrollers, in 2023 we gained a further 15 patrollers bringing the total number of patrollers to 65. Number of patrolling hours was 7000 from our last AGM.

PNW provided, 10 patroller training sessions, and 2 Radio procedures training sessions and we plan on arranging First Aid training, Crime Scene Management and Fire Training

A massive thank you to all our role players (SAPS, LE, CVIC, all SSP's) but most importantly we thank our volunteer patrollers for all their time and effort.

5. Response Team Report – Adrian Dearham

In 2019 PNW created a Response Team with the goal of rapidly providing a neighbourhood watch “the first responders” to certain emergency situations in and around Plumstead.

The Response Team is comprised of our most senior and skilled patrollers who all take turns on a roster basis responding to emergency situations to provide effective feedback and situation reports allowing for the quick and effective dispatching of emergency services as well as providing basic first aid and scene safety.

The Response Team project is further supported by many professional medical professionals and service providers, SAPS, Law Enforcement, Towing companies, Local security services, and more.

The project received several donations that allowed us to procure several pieces of equipment such as traffic cones, fire extinguishers, medical kits, and more.

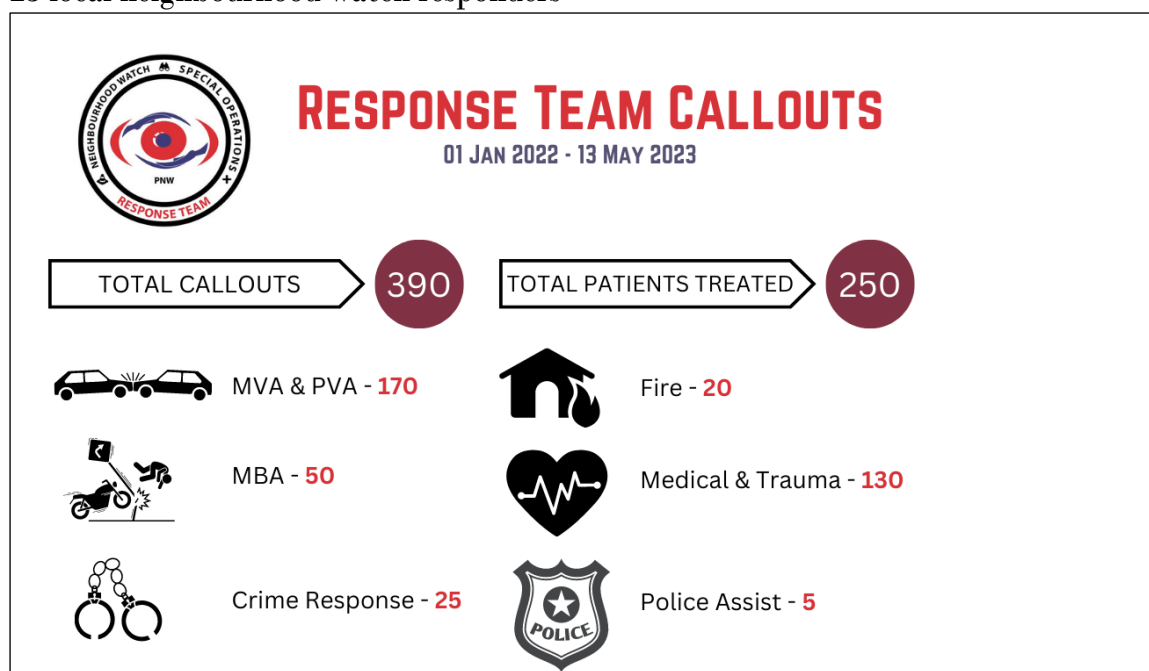
The Response Team responds to a variety of emergencies and situations in line with a standard operating procedure. These situations include motor vehicle accidents, pedestrian accidents, motorbike accidents, fires, medical and trauma emergencies, fires and more.

The team is also trained by professionals to keep in line with best practices.

Our stats are as follows:

80 group members

25 local neighbourhood watch responders



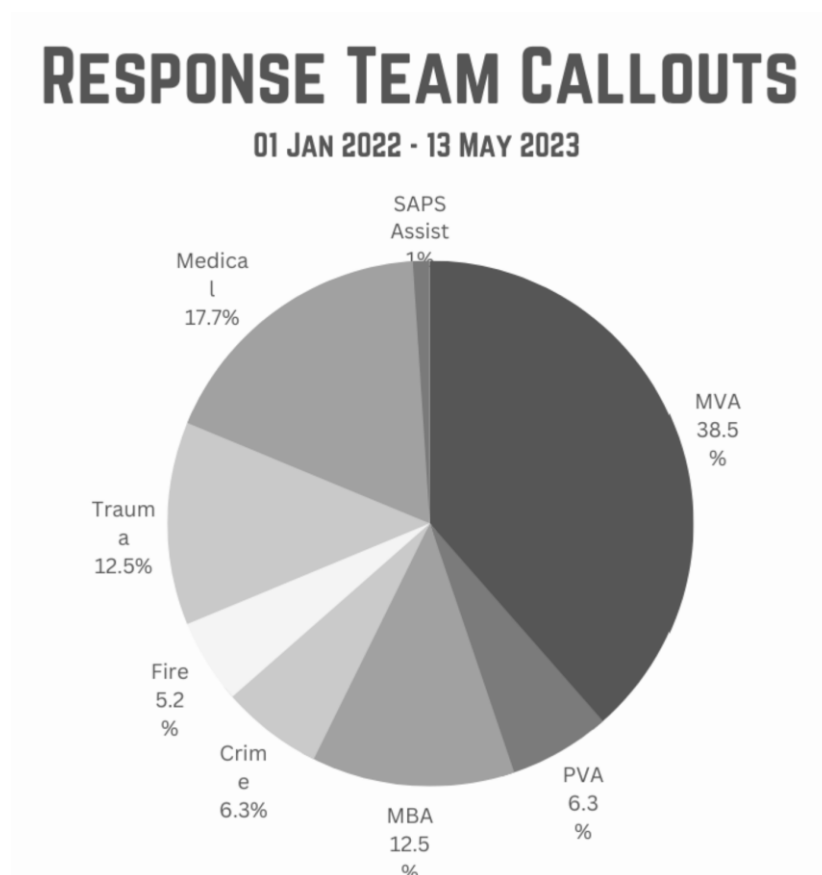
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Road traffic accidents account for **56%** of all our callouts with medical emergencies accounting for a further 17%

PNW did effective CPR for cardiac arrest patients on 15 patients, this led us to procure our own Automatic External Defibrillator or AED to provide the best level of emergency first aid care to our community members.

We thank all our stakeholders for their continued support in making this project successful and look forward to more growth within this project.



6. Sector Commander Report (Crime Trends & Stats) April 2022 – April 2023

Unfortunately, our Sector Commander SGT Zak Marais has other commitments. He will just present the report and any questions can be emailed to EXCO which will intern forward to SGT Marais.

Our biggest problem is theft out of motor vehicle and general theft.

Below are graphs that is marked with the hot spots in red.

ROBBERIES FIN YEAR 2022/2023



BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL FIN YEAR 2022/2023



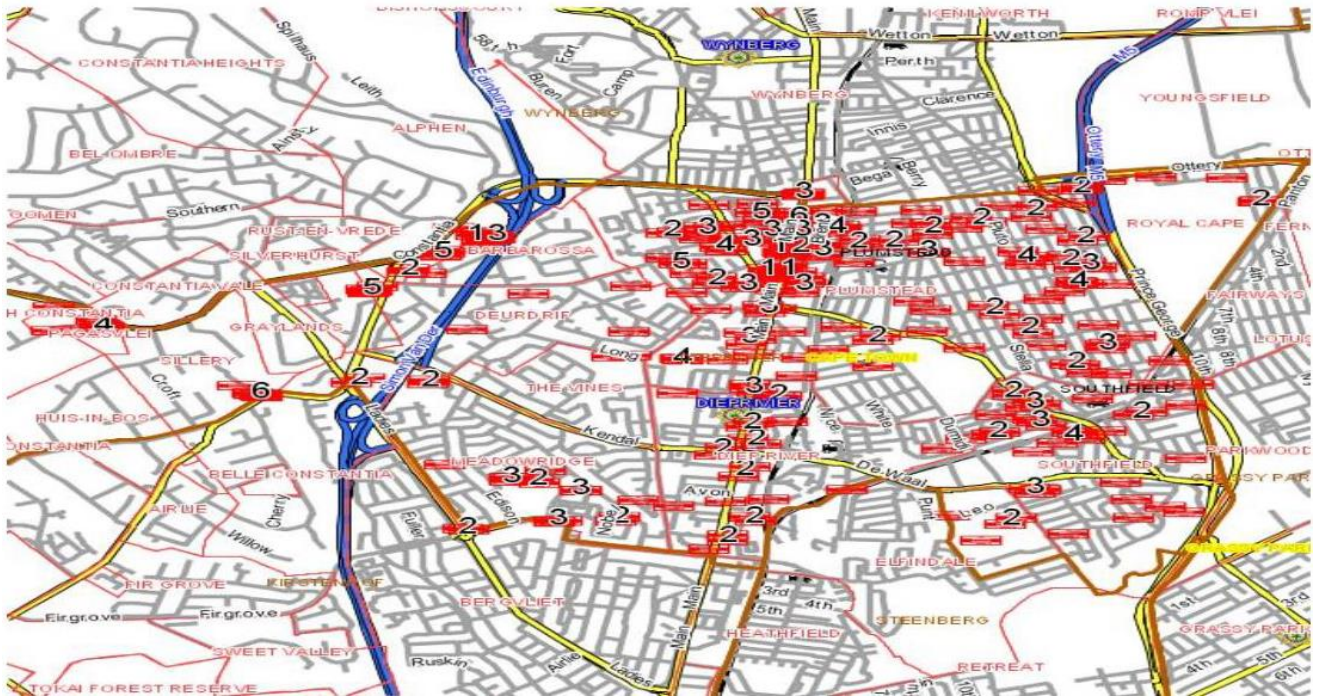
BURGLARY BUSINESS FIN YEAR 2022/2023



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THEFT OUT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FIN YEAR 2022/2023



7. Membership – Jenny Mc Calgan

In 2022 PNW had **1853** members to date **1898**, an increase of **70** new members. 42 members have moved out of Plumstead in the last year. We have a continuous drive for members and patrollers.

8. Public Relations Report – Eddie Wicomb

16th July 2022

Fitness Walk hosted by Community Police Forum; fun filled day at the Cricket grounds.

28th August 2022

PNW hosted a “Car Rally” for residence to get to know their neighbourhood. Unfortunately, it was a disappointing turn-out considering the efforts by all who arranged the event. Those who attended had an awesome time and discovered new things about the area they never knew.

24th September 2022

Another Potijie event which was hosted at Timour Hall Primary School

December 2022

Our annual fund-raising drive where shopping vouchers from Pick n Pay Plumstead & Prosper Spar was won by 3 lucky entrants.

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6th April 2023

Easter Egg Drive in conjunction with Crafters Club House, more than 800 Easter Eggs was handed out to residence of Barrington House (Old Age Home), Sunnyside Lodge (Old Age Home) St Georges home for girls & Mayfair House (Old Age Home)

Upcoming events for the year 2023

Christmas in July

24 Hour Patrol-A-Thon

9. Chairmans Report

Would like to share several initiatives Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch EXCO has embarked on. You would have noticed by email correspondence to all our members, where questionnaires were circulated with target driven objectives, unfortunately we had to put several initiatives on the back burner, due to as previously mentioned, “we are living in a systemic failed state”, and the viability currently would not be fit for purpose. We started off with our camera project that we hoped over a 3-year period would be extended throughout Plumstead but due to practical reasons with Eskom loadshedding it would have to take a back seat. The following proactive initiative for the Plumstead community is based upon “in the unlikely event of a total Eskom blackout what would we as a community do in Plumstead?” We sent out a questionnaire to all our members with a fabulous response, beyond our expectations on their skill sets which were isolated into various categories in the questionnaire, I am not going through all the categories however, a meeting will be held shortly with all the relevant individuals that relayed back to us what their skill sets were and what they could contribute in the Pillars of the contingency plan which is also falling in line with the City of Cape Town’s contingency plan, in the unlikely event of an Eskom Shutdown, however, Plumstead is a little diverse from what the City of Cape Town are planning. We must look at Plumstead the diverse community demographics and its needs, which are based on several Pillars, that is what is currently in the pipeline and will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting (TBA). Within the next week or two an email will be circulated for a meeting to be held open to all our members to access the actual buy in, viability and to see what we can and cannot do within the scope and realms of holding it in our hands and been able to manage it effectively.

Some of the challenges we have are radios we still have the old ICOM radios which are packing up and sadly there is no spare parts for these radios. The new radios sell between R4000 – R5000 and we as a watch cannot afford to buy 20 or 30 radios. Other options are being investigated.

We have had an increase in patrollers you might not see it as they all do not book on the WhatsApp group but do book on the website. We are going to try

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to make it a standard that they book on the WhatsApp group, so we know who is out patrolling. I would also like to thank the patrollers who have sacrificed so many hours during the past year.

It's pleasing to know the Watch has grown, both in membership and patrollers, there is a lot of opportunistic crime as we saw from our Sector Commander which is commencing to put a strain on our patrollers to try and increase their hours, however we cannot expect our patrollers to go back to the hours they used to patrol in previous years due to the current financial constraints on everyone, inflation is driving up the cost of food, fuel and all basic necessities. We must work our way around it and see how best we can come out as a Watch and manage our resources efficiently.

It would be remiss of me not to state a big thank you to our SAPS Sector Commander Sgt Marais, who is instrumental in achieving the large number of Operations we have had as well as been available to attend to all our documentation requirements from SAPS, attending our EXCO meetings and going the extra mile for PNW. To our Station Commander Col Jacobs and Cpt Voges, a big thank you for embracing PNW in the manner that you have. To our CPF, represented by Michelin Ohlson tonight, thank you and we trust that our mutual objectives will be realised.

I Want to thank our EXCO for the hours and dedication they put into serving PNW, it is phenomenal and it's all voluntary, same as patrolling is voluntary, I thank all once again. Our Stakeholders, Private Security, the work that we see on the ground with the various Security Service Providers is unbelievable. When it goes over the community radio, or the PNW WhatsApp Alert Group, in 1 or 2 minutes you have a response from a Security Service Provider, or multiple Security Service Providers, they are there for you our community day and night 24/7. Our Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officers, Insp Enticott, Insp De Vos, Officer Roberts, Officer Vorster, and Officer Ohlson. Living within the boundaries of our Neighbourhood Watch we have Auxiliary Law Enforcement, and they sacrifice their private out of work hours to assist in keeping our community safe, they form part and partial of our community, they are living in our community, understand our challenges and they support us where they can and especially on OP's nights and thereafter do their normal duties for the City of Cape Town

I just want to go back to the SSP's I don't know if you are aware of the comradery, that they have amongst themselves, I don't know if their Executive Owners know this. but on the ground, they work together, work as a team this is fabulous to see, and we value that and our residents value that we see it on our residents' alerts groups and FB Posts.

We have established several social media platforms where residents can post immediately and sometimes there are responses from patrollers when they are out and about, but most of the time it comes from our Security Service Providers.

At our last “Ward Committee Meeting” that was held, The City of Cape Town advised we had we must wait until the 1st of July for the new budget to be announced whereby they have allocated a large amount of funds to Security and Safety and that still must be decided where and how it will be allocated. The budget allocated to the 3 councillors will be divided amongst the projects from Organizations in the valley as well as the Neighbourhood Watches within the valley.

I wish to thank our 3 Ward Councillors for their unyielding support to PNW and always been there to assist, your commitment to our Safety and Security does not go unnoticed as your actions speak louder than your voices.

It is very pleasing that members are communicating with EXCO via emails, social media is increasing daily. There is a Stigma attached – if I join Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch (do I have to pay a membership Fee, do I have to Patrol) the answer is no. Maxine Liebowitz heads all our social media platforms; we will be conveying the latter answers to our community on our social media platforms shortly.

In closing, there will be a special meeting in September 2023 where 3 EXCO members will be standing down, as their 4-year term has come to an end. This would be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasure. Elections will be coming up in September for the 3 vacant positions on the EXCO and an email re nominations will be going out in due Course closer to the time. (EXCO members cannot stand for a period of longer than 4 years as per our constitution.)

I thank you.

Adjournment at 20h15 next AGM TBC