



PLUMSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting on the 30th July 2020

WELCOME / AGENDA

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the first ever virtual Annual General Meeting of Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch.

I'd like to extend a special welcome to all our SAPS, LE, CPF & SSP members that have joined us online tonight.

We are going to move through this AGM tonight quickly as not all members have unlimited data. The order of business tonight will go in the following order:

- 1) Corrections to the minutes of the previous AGM.**
- 2) Financial Report – Samantha Vorster**
- 3) Operation Report – Justin De Vos**
- 4) Chairpersons Report – Avian Bell**
- 5) Nominations/Results & Congratulations to the new EXCO**
- 6) Questions / Queries**
- 7) Adjournment**

If you have any questions at any point in the evening please submit your questions in the conversation box of MS Teams and limit your questions to a maximum of 3 as per member as per page 10 of the AGM Booklet sent to all members via email.

APOLOGIES

None received

CORRECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

The 2019 AGM minutes were uploaded to the PNW website and were sent out to all members on Monday 27th July 2020.

No corrections of these minutes were received as of 30th July 2020 at 17:00.

Please can two members adopt these minutes by typing "I adopt" & "I second" in the conversation box of MS Teams.

(1st Adoption: Lynne Little)

(2nd Adoption: Natasha Wells van der Merwe)

FINANCIAL REPORT

We will now move onto the financial report by the current treasurer Samantha Vorster.

If you have any questions for the Treasurer during the report please type your questions in the conversation box, no more than 3 questions per person. Thank you, to all the members who donated throughout year, without them PNW could not operate.

Please see attached income statements and expenses.

Question: Lynne Little – can a nominal fee (membership) of R20.00 per month be charged

It is up for discussion with the new Exco, on the handover it will be discussed.

(1st Adoption: Adeeb Khan)

(2nd Adoption: David Marchington)

OPERATIONAL REPORT

Since the last AGM 28th August 2019 - 8 mini operations and 14 integrated special OPS – SAPS & LE

Basic Training courses were put in place and other courses (First Aid, Fire etc.) but due to COVID it has been postponed, the New Exco will inform everyone when these courses will begin.

The Response Team have been highly active, they have responded to 107 emergencies - 40 motor vehicle accidents, 15 motorbike accidents, 20 trauma, 15 medical, 7 crime related and 10 pedestrian vehicle accidents. These cases have been in and around the Plumstead area. Would like to thank all our role players and stake holders for the success of our Response Team

Question: Merle Dearham – will Justin De Vos be Co-opted in to assist Peter?

This will all depend on our hand over next week, discuss at our first meeting at this point in time I am happy to assist Peter in the background.

The system sometimes blocks people from commenting – Nicky Burnell having problems – Nicky Burnell please send the message via WhatsApp - OPS manage or alerts group – apologies.

Question: Gary Klugman – Can you please shed some light on the Volunteer LE advantages PNW will receive?

LE Auxiliary offers – members registered of a Neighbourhood Watch – to join - SMS – aux to 33002 – the city provides training to members and then deployed back into their respective areas to assist there Neighbourhood Watches. What this means for PNW we currently have 7 LE Auxiliary officers which means we can call on them for blue light support and assistance when required. The advantage is backing up our Patrollers when needed.

Question: Reg Jemmet – What is happening at CVWA?

We cannot speak on behalf of the Constantia Valley Watch Association at this point they will be making an announcement in the next couple of days. As far as we have been told the CVWA will be dissolving. What that will mean for PNW is nothing will change they will be starting up a new association. With regards to the control room CVIC 24-hour control room that will function as per normal.

Apologies for the delay there are some members experiencing technical difficulties on their side, please bear with us. We did expect these things to happen tonight being the first V-AGM, please standby for us and be patient. Please note we will only be accepting questions from members apart of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FUNDRAISING/MARKETING AND GIVING BACK TO THE PLUMSTEAD COMMUNITY

The cost of running PNW has increased over the years and PNW does not have consistent financial contributors each month. This leaves the Neighbourhood Watch in a vulnerable position when coming to pay the monthly expenses. We did a few fundraising drives through FB and emails which brought in thousands during the year which has helped us keep PNW operational. We thank all who has contributed. Going on to the Community Action Network during the COVID lockdown there were a lot of community groups formed throughout Cape Town which is called the COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (CAN) group. A few of these groups requested high visibility patrols from patrollers within our area when it was allowed, while the CAN group handed out food parcels and various other items to people in need. This effort by our patrollers was

well received by these organizations and we would like to thank all our patrollers that were involved in this great cause.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES – AS PER WEBSITE:

As of 30th July 2020 – PNW has 1 771 registered members of which approximately 50 consistently financially contribute. (2,82%).

As of 30th July 2020 – PNW had 179 registered patrollers of which approximately 70 are active patrollers. (39,11%).

Both figures have dropped due to a mass clean-up of our membership database which resulted in the removal of a large group of members who no longer live, work or have vested interests in the area. Thank you to all those who were involved in this mammoth task.

HOURS PATROLLED – LOGGED ON WEBSITE:

1st July 2018 – 30th June 2019 = 11 791 Hours

1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020 = 9 069 Hours

A large contributor to the decrease in patrolling hours is due to the restrictions during lockdown level 5 & 4. No patrolling was allowed for 69 days which we estimate to approximately 1 964 combined patrolling hours lost.

Despite the drop in patrolling hours, we would like to thank every single patroller who has actively gone out there and made our community safer. Keep up the great work and dedication.

INCIDENTS BY SECTION - LOGGED ON WEBSITE (1 July 2019 – 27th July 2020)

Section 1: 10 (down by 11)

Section 2: 12 (down by 9)

Section 3: 20 (down by 19)

Section 4: 15 (down by 53)

Section 5: 9 (down by 12)

Section 6: 26 (down by 47)

Section 7: 26 (down by 51)

In my opinion this decrease is due to either one of two reasons or both.

The high visibility by SAPS, LE, SSP's and PNW is working and is slowing the criminal element in the area or residents are not reporting incidents to our control room and SAPS. We do hope it is due to the great work the various organizations are doing out there.

TOP 5 CRIME HOTSPOT STREETS AS PER INCIDENTS LOGGED ON THE WEBSITE (1 July 2019 – 27th July 2020)

Main Road = 9 Incidents

Gabriel Road = 5 Incidents

Dragoon Road = 4 Incidents

Adelaide, Churchill, Doordrift, Gray, Milford & Staines Road – 3 Incidents

Avondale Terrace, Cecil, De Waal, Evremonde, Garden, Naruna, Paul Kruger, Penhurst, Pluto, Tiverton, Topsham, Tynemouth, & Woodley – each had 2 Incidents

Patrollers need to ensure they do patrols on these roads as they the top 5 hotpots.

TOP 5 CRIMES AS PER CRIMES LOGGED ON THE WEBSITE (1 July 2019 – 27th July 2020)

Residential Burglary = 22

Common Theft = 18

Attempted Residential Burglary = 11

Theft Out of Motor Vehicle = 9

Common Robbery = 9

When patrollers are out there, they look for these various suspicious activities. These will be the top 5 that the patrollers must be on alert for.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Response Team: originally drafted by Andrew Lille was implemented last year and right from the beginning it received an overwhelming amount of support and praise by many role players not only in Plumstead but across the southern suburbs. It has continued to adapt to the needs of the community and has various role players involved which has led to many successes – we thank all response team members, liaisons and the CVIC controllers, this is exactly how a coherent team should work.

A first aid team: was implemented last year and has received an overwhelming amount of support from the community across the southern suburbs and praise has been received from the Emergency Services too who have seen the members in action in the Plumstead area – well done and thank you to all of you.

Joint mountain operations: introduced and led by SAPS to bring neighbouring watches and residents together while getting a breath of fresh air and a touch of exercise has been a great teambuilding exercise for everyone involved. Due to the pandemic these operations have not been running but hopefully in the future SAPS will reintroduce this.

Operation Lockdown: – Whilst patrolling was not allowed during level 5 & 4 lockdown there was an initiative organised by the City of Cape Town DRM (Disaster Risk Management) organisation which allowed volunteers from registered NHW's across Cape Town to inform and promote COVID-19 regulations at various locations such as stores, clinics and transport interchanges as well as patrolling school grounds to prevent vandalism. I'd like to thank the following patrollers: Adrian Dearham, Anthea Klugman, Clive Besterfield, Jennifer McCalgan, Jonathan Vorster, Linda Twine, Mike Ballard, Peter Ruthenberg & Sylvia Buchanan. You all quite literally put your lives at risk to protect our community, that is the dedication this community needs.

Communication Improvements:

The PNW Patroller Alerts Group has been working well and has been used exactly as intended. SSP's, SAPS, LE and the Patrollers have been using this group for various communication which has helped coordinate a quick and successful response in various scenarios.

The two PNW residents alerts groups have been slow on the uptake in reporting relevant incidents but it has worked well when suspicious activity and calls for assistance have been reported.

And lastly, periodic newsletters and news releases have seen lots of praise from the community to the point where residents have started financially donating to PNW as a result of PNW's great successes. We thank these residents for helping us keep the NHW going and we thank all patrollers and various roles players for setting a great example for our community and giving Plumstead the great name it has.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE VARIOUS ROLE PLAYERS (CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS PNW IN MANY WAYS)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADT/Fidelity • Combat Force • DDS • GlamBins • Home Security • LouwCooperRasool • Prestaprint • Prosec • Safehouse • Sinsin • Towing Companies • Zone Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debonairs – Plumstead • Eat Out The Box • OK Supply Store – Wynberg • Pick ‘n Pay – Plumstead • Prosper Spar • Shell – Churchill Road • Shell – Gabriel Road • Spur – Plumstead • Werda’s – Southfield • CPF • CVIC • DOCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LE & Auxiliaries • SAPS & Reservists • CIVIC Association • Our Councillors • EXCO • MANCO • Section Leaders • Catering Team • Response Team • Liaisons • Patrollers • Financial Contributors
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Without you our watch would be nothing.

NOMINATIONS AS PER DIEP RIVER COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM OUR INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL BODY

15 Nominations for various positions were received in total of which
5 Nominees Declined and 4 Nominees Withdrew

Nominees Who Declined:

Anthea Klugman
Kevin Bodenham
Margaretha Van der Meijden
Natasha Wells van der Merwe
Reg Jemmett

Nominees Who Withdrew:

Angela Wilson
Arielyn Brown
Marc Roberts
Thania Wilson-Harris

As per the voting forms completed by registered PNW members.

The following results were documented and were checked to ensure legitimacy against our membership database as of 25th July 2020.

Chairperson: Gary Klugman

8,2% Rejected
6,1% Abstained
85,7% Accepted

Vice-Chairperson: Sylvia Buchanan

6,8 % Rejected
7,5% Abstained
85,7% Accepted

Operations Manager: Peter Ruthenberg

4,1% Rejected
6,1% Abstained
89,8% Accepted

Treasurer: Samantha Vorster

5,4% Rejected
6,2% Abstained
88,4% Accepted

Secretary: Jenny McCalgan

2,0% Rejected
8,2% Abstained
89,8% Accepted

Congratulations to the new executive committee of PNW for 2020 - 2022

Chairperson: Gary Klugman

Vice-Chairperson: Sylvia Buchanan

Operations Manager: Peter Ruthenberg

Treasurer: Samantha Vorster

Secretary: Jenny McCalgan

We wish you all the best in leading PNW and we look forward to seeing bigger and better innovations being implemented for the betterment of our community and PNW.

If any members have any further questions currently please submit them now and we will answer them shortly.

(received a few congratulations on various groups – congratulations from SAPS Constable Marais and CPF saying thank you for your collective efforts)

Question: David Marchington – Going forward, how are Exco going to get the Control Room to start working with PNW instead of Shutting them down when we respond to calls

That would be a question for the new Executive, will be discussed at the hand-over. It has been an ongoing issue due to the sheer size of Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch when you start looking at it statistically you bound to run into more issues and people obviously see you more so there is going to be more problems it will be a process of elimination. But will definitely recommend to the new Exco to try and amend those relationships and maybe see if there is an underlining issue, but otherwise I must say the control room works very well and it has to be a joint effort by both parties just as much as you expect respect from Control room you need to respect them as well as they are working tirelessly.

Chairman “I was informed by the Treasurer we did not have someone adopt or seconded the Annual Financial Statements my apologies” see under finance the adoptions.

CHAIRMAN’S OUTGOING SPEECH

I just want to thank all the PNW members you have been like family to me from the beginning. Just a little bit of background, I joined PNW the very first month I moved down to Cape town, thanks to Justin he introduced me to PNW and a whole bunch of friends so Justin I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sylvia taken over when I have not been strong thank you, I really appreciate your effort and congratulations and to for being the new Vice-Chair another 2 years in this position its going to be great. Sam thank you for handling all the financials you have been amazing. You are always telling me it is a click of a button and it is exactly that, its amazing and thank you. The PNW patrollers you guys are unbelievable, we have had a fare share of moments but collectively it has been an absolute pleasure and I cannot wait to see you guys out there on the road. It is the last time I am with PNW, but I will be as a Law Enforcement Auxiliary in blue along with my sidekick Justin. It will be my last as a PNW member but not the last time you see me out protecting and serving our community. I would like to thank Anthea Klugman she is in the office here with us taking the minutes so kindly for us and you were part of the membership clean-up as well. Before I start tearing up now, I am going to say my Farwell.

Thank everyone for joining us on the first ever virtual annual general meeting of PNW. Apologies for the little technical delays that we did have. We wish you all a good evening and be safe out there.

Thank you.