Bedfordview Community Police Forum

Operational Meeting Held at The Atrium Bedfordview On Monday 4th March 2019 at 18h00

Present:

As per attendance register

Apologies:

Kathy Moloi, Peter Constan, Mark Morris

Action Resp.

1. Welcome and Attendance

 Gavin Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that the ops meetings will be taking place on the first Monday of Every month. Gavin also informed the meeting that the attendance register is being circulated

2. VICTIM SUPPORT

- All running well.
- New Volunteers are always welcome

3. POLICE REPORT - Captain Hlongwane

- o Crime is down from last year this time especially Trio crimes
- The following crimes are currently of concern:
 - Theft out of motor vehicle Theft of Laptops left in vehicle Malls are a concern currently
 - Theft of motor vehicle Etios and Ford Rangers seems to current hot vehicles Eastgate current hotspot
 - New constables have been allocated to crime prevention duties and are doing well in their duties
 - Trio crimes are down

4. EMPD - Supt Glenn

- 43 tickets issued for the Kloof/Talisman stop street enforcement
- Regent street, Townsend/Riley and Harper rd. enforcement is still underway
- Illegal trailers will be dealt with this weekend
- Operation to deal with vagrants will be done during the course of the month
- Klopperpark Spar and Carwash needs saps to attend to issue of illegal trading and suspected drugs – Feedback to be given at next meeting
- Issue of an informal taxi rank in Glendower was raised by community and noted by Supt Glenn

5. WARD COUNCILLOR

• Jill reported that Vagrants are again living under the bridge on Bradford rd. as well as lots of informal stalls being setup along the wall of a business next to the Zimbabwe consulate

- Also noted was the setting up of informal houses in the vacant stand by St Georges SAPS to assist in this regard
- Cllr also informed the forum that there are plans on the table to fence off the park in Senderwood on Chaucer ave and also talk of the taxi rank to be upgraded and fenced off.
 This area has been of concern recently with reports of drinking in public and theft out of motor vehicles
- Theft of fuses from mini subs in the area are also of great concern and need to be addressed
- Jill informed the meeting that there is also discussions underway to look at creating a public bike track on the Bill Stuart nature reserve.

6. GENERAL

- Complaint was received by residents that the road opening from Arterial rd. to Kloof rd. by the Mosque needs to be closed off as it is causing traffic problems
- The issue of some SAPS members not wearing their Bullet proof vests was raised as a safety concern for the members
- The DR for the incident where the suspects in possession of house breaking implements were let go by sector vehicle is still under investigation and the forum eagerly awaits feedback regarding the outcome.
- The New LED street lights in Klopperpark have been met with great enthusiasm by the residents as the area is now well lit.
- The issue of numerous large potholes was raised and if the community can repair or fill the holes and the ward Cllr indicated very strongly that this is illegal and the legal process needs to be followed through EMM
- The Chairman informed the meeting that the CPF had been in discussions with a company called VUMACAM to deploy more CCTV monitoring around the area and that they are still in negotiations with the tech company
- A Request from the CPF was made to look at the possibility of installing LED lighting onto Kloof properties that border the BSNR to improve visibility on the mountain and improve safety of the residents and community in the area
- TOP security officer's involvement in crimes in the area was raised after the news article was recently published and the Chairman indicated that after TOP management saw the footage and checked their AVL report they were able to link it to one of their employees who subsequently resigned. A query was raised by some residents of Rory Burne as to the validity of the footage as there is no clear view of the suspects actually getting into the alleged suspect Top security vehicle

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 18:52 and the next meeting will be held on the 1st of April 2019