

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 3rd June, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Tyrone Clark
Kathy Moloji

Action:

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1. WELCOME

- Gavin welcomed everyone to the meeting especially all the new faces.
- Gavin confirmed the appointment of the new committee for the current year.

2. EMPD:

- Supt. Grant Glenn said they had received numerous complaints regarding Townsend and Acacia stop streets. They stopped 8 vehicles and 4 of them were charged.
- With the new robots on the Riley Road/Concorde Road bridges there have been complaints on the back up of traffic in peak periods.
- In Townsend only 4 vehicles get through at a time.
- 4 people were fined R2000 and 8 R500 in Townsend.
- Friday they were going to assist SAPS with road blocks.
- There are speeding problems at Kloof & Talisman and van der Linde Roads.

3. SAPS – COLONEL MHLONGO:

- Crime is happening at the station.
- There is an increase from last year of shop lifting at all shopping centres.
- Theft out of motor vehicles is still high and people are ignoring requests to keep laptops and other possessions out of sight in their vehicles.
- Hot spots are Bedford Centre, Eastgate, Licencing Department, Meadowdale, Virgin Active and at some of the companies.

- Malicious damage to properties in Elandsfontein is on the rise.

4. JILL HUMPHRIES

- The new robots over the two bridges have got teething problems. To ease the congestion she suggested that the robots be put on 'caution' during peak traffic hours, but the Department is not keen to do that. They say safety over efficiency.
- There is a large increase in cable theft. The community has to become more aware, with emphasis from the security companies being alert to it.
- If there are any illegal buildings being put up, the public must report them.
- Where there is building construction, people are vulnerable. A blitz should be done on these sites to ensure that the people there are legitimate.
- A traffic circle was requested on corner Kloof & Talisman. This could be finalised in the new financial year, being July.
- The circles going into Riley Road should start now and be finished by the end of June.
- Accelerate are doing clean ups around shopping centres on 1st Wednesday of every month.
- She requested that the community comes to the ward meetings on what is happening on 'Better Bedfordview' and assist where possible. Also, it is important that they attend committee meetings as well.
- The Municipality has slowly started to repair the roads.
- Oriol Park is getting outside gym equipment.
- Service delay in Bedfordview, Edenvale and Boksburg North.

SECTOR 3

- At the meeting there was a fair turnout from Klopper Park.
- They are having major problems with the bottle store. The owner does not adhere to store hours, and the crime is huge, especially drugs. 3 areas have been identified with drug taking. The EMPD & SAPS need to be more proactive and to clean it up.
- There are on-going complaints from residents in the informal settlements with the shabeens.
- Rise in malicious damage to properties in Elandsfontein.
- Sector 3 covers Meadowbrook, Harmelia, Klopper Park and Elandsfontein.
- This section needs immense input and commitment from their community, in conjunction with our CPF and SAPS.
- Gavin asked for someone at the meeting to stand to as Deputy, which Mirek Kund accepted.
- Jackson Mudzielwaana of the CPF opted to get more patrollers on board in Sector 3 and to co-ordinate and liaise with each suburb, including the squatter camp. He will be contacting Mark at RAG for back up.
- With our support, this sector can be run efficiently, especially with a structured plan. Leon will set up the plan.
- It is imperative to get the community behind it. i.e. such as erecting boards advising when meetings are going to be held, and try and encourage everyone to be at these meetings, street What's App groups, etc.
- SAPS back up is also desperately needed by this community, as people at the meeting complained that there is no back-up from them or from the EMPD. They stressed again that pressure needs to be put on the bottle store.
- The BCPF need all their profiles, which is crucial from all the people joining them, such as copies of I.D's, contact numbers, etc. for everyone. They cannot join if they have a previous criminal record.

FUND RAISING:

- Gavin thanked Alison for organising a very successful golf day.
- Sufficient funds were raised to get 8 more cameras, which brings the total in Bedfordview to 22.
- We need more fund raisers to bring in money for the upkeep of the cameras.
- Last week a cell phone was snatched. We got the details on camera and on Friday a successful arrest was made.

There being no further issues, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.