

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 1st July, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Kathy Moloji

Action:

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1. WELCOME

- Gavin Henry, Chairman of BCPF, welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that it was possibly quiet because of the weather.

2. EMPD:

- Supt. Grant Glenn said that the Klopperpark drug issue was being attended to
- Klopperpark Bottle store still remained a problem and that the liquor board needs to attend to it
- Stop street enforcement was on going and many fines are issued
- Townsend traffic lights need to be retimed to allow more than 4 vehicles through
- Supt Glenn informed the meeting that in the case of speeding a J534 (Notice to appear in court) can be issued and taxi drivers can also be arrested for reckless and negligent driving

3. SAPS

- SAPS indicated that the crime in comparison to the same time last year was down for the most part.
- Areas of concern are theft of motor vehicle, especially at the licencing dept, Virgin Active and Jeppe Quondam and mostly double cabs like Toyota Hilux and Ford Rangers are taken. The other area of concern is Business robbery, mostly in Meadowdale area and that the security guards at a lot of the companies are not good
- Lt. Col Mhlongo also requested that cameras can be placed at the station to improve the security.

4. JILL HUMPHRIES

- Jill Humphries informed the meeting the upgrading of the prepaid meters was mostly resolved but was taking longer than expected and also reminded the members that a tariff increase was in effect from the 1st of July
- Major Water and Sewage issues are occurring especially in the Oriel area because of the replacement of the old asbestos pipes.
- Challenges at the water dept are also causing delays
- Construction of Traffic circles on Riley Road are starting soon
- Better signage and Road markings at swing bridge have been requested
- Cllr Humphries also informed the meeting that all issues with the street lights out in certain areas need to be reported to EMM and the reference number sent to herself for follow-up

5. Camera Project

- Mr De Bruin, Secretary of the BCPF, indicated that there are currently 23 cameras installed around the area with another 5 to 6 in the pipelines in order to seal off the entrances and exits into Bedfordview and the sites have already been identified
- More cameras are still needed within the area to further secure the area and allow security to be dispatched more effectively.
- With regards to Klopperpark, Vumacam has been identified as a viable option with security companies paying for access to the system, however the facility will be given for free to SAPS and EMPD via the CPF.

6. FUND RAISING:

- Mrs Grobbelaar, PRO of the BCPF, informed the meeting that the previous golf day had gone well and that there are a few events being planned with the annual Balwin walk coming up as well as an exciting luxury car show on the cards.
- The inclusion of Sector 3 to be more involved in the fundraising and events was welcomed by all.

7. General:

- It was noted that the joint operations with law enforcement and security personal was going well and more are to be conducted.
- The issue of corruption and bribery especially on Van Buuren Road was raised and SAPS noted it with concern and informed the meeting that any such issues should be reported directly to him and a DR can be made against the offending SAPS members.
- Feedback from SAPS regarding the progress of the DR opened against the saps members who released the suspects in the green Hyundai previously was requested by Mr Henry to be given at the next meeting.
- SAPS informed the community that should they be stopped by any SAPS or EMPD members they are allowed to request to see identification as well as record the encounter on audio or video and that the officers are not allowed to take the recording devices and the matter can be reported to the station commander.

There being no further issues, the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.