



Minutes of Somerset West CPF Public meeting held at 19H00 on Tuesday 15th August, 2017 at the Somerset West Library Hall.

1. WELCOME

Mr Smith welcomed everyone attending. An apology was received from Col. Williams, who was ill.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mr Derick Esau. There was a minutes silence for Neighbourhood Watcher who was killed recently.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr Smith said that he had visited Patch recently and that the statistics were frightening. 40% of children were abused by family members. 6% were abused by professional people. A large proportion of incidents happened in affluent areas. He wanted people to become aware of these stats.

August month is Women's Month and there would be a meeting arranged by Ms Sue Buckland and Ms Ellen Esau. He said it was also a concern, when he drove through Sir Lowry's Pass at ten or eleven at night, and there were still children playing in the street. He said that we are hoping to make a difference with this get together.

4. STATISTICS

Burglaries in our precinct are down by 25%

2 suspects were arrested with breaking in material in the Parelvallei, Adam Tas area. Mr Smith said there had been a rape case in Lourencia Park at 3am. There was also a murder in Sir Lowry's Pass and the alleged perpetrator was in custody. They had caught two people for break in in SLP. He said the proactive policing was working well.

In answer to a question,, Mr Smith elaborated on two arrests made in the Adam Tas area.

Mr Zabbia asked Mr Smith if the parolees list would be public. Mr Smith said he didn't think so. There was a discussion around parolees and sex offenders. Captain Rainier arrived and gave a report from the 4th to the 10th August.

Murder: Sector3 - 1

Rape: Sector2 - 1

Common Assault: Sector1 - 1, Sector2 - 1 and Sector3 - 3.

Robbery with weapon other than firearm: Sector1 - 1,
Burglary Residential: Sector1 - 4, Sector2 - 6,
Burglary Business: Sector2 - 1, Sector3 - 1.
Theft from Motor Vehicle: Sector1 - 6, Sector3 - 1.
Theft out of Motor Vehicle: Sector1 - 1.
There was a discussion about the burglaries in Adam Tas area.

Mr Zabbia asked if they saw someone suspicious in the area, are they allowed to spread their picture on WhatsApp- the answer was no.

With respect to licence plate checks, Mr Zabbia said the SAPS system was always down.

There was a discussion on an operation that Neighbourhood Watch had done, and procedure was not followed by Law Enforcement when they arrived to check out a case of cloned number plates.

Mr Poole commented that we should have more specific feedback from SAPS in order to motivate people.

Mr Smith said that our Police Station has your interest at heart, and there are problems. He said if the police reacted slowly to a call - it was because it was eg, a burglary that happened a few hours earlier. He said that if your life or property faced an immediate threat, they would respond very quickly. He said that people were coming from other areas to get documents certified, as it does not waste time due to inefficient police stations in other areas.

Ms Marais explained about The Johnny Brown Memorial Fun Run and said she needed help and people to get prizes, It will be at Raithby on the 25th September and you may bring your dog on a leash. It will be 7.5km.

A meeting about water was announced to be on 28th August at 6pm at the Life Church.

Ms Buckland spoke about a workshop about Interpersonal Violence on 26th August.

Mr Smith, closed with the message "Lets protect our children."

Meeting closed at about 19H55