



Minutes of Somerset West CPF Public meeting held at 19H00 on Tuesday 17th October, 2017 at the Somerset West Library Hall.

1. WELCOME

Mr Smith welcomed everyone attending especially the large contingent from SAPS. Apologies were received from Mr van Minnen, Mr Delf Amm and Mr Alan Winter.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Ms Anelia Marais.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr Smith reflected on what had been done over the past year.

- Bi- monthly meetings with thw community at the library.
- He had attended numerous Neighbourhood Watch meetings, which he appreciated and thanked them for those efforts.
- The CPF had a breakfast for the Victim Support unit.
- We printed a booklet on "Securing Your Home".
- We had a banner made, shirts made and business cards made, in order to market ourselves in a better way than in the past, as many people don't know what the CPF is about.
- We had the "Walk for Cancer" on Strand beach with over 1200 people participating.
- We initiated the "Give Responsibly" campaign where Mr Derick Esau got all parties together at the Life Church.
- We had a braai for reservists
- We initiated cameras.
- There was an Easter egg habdout for the kids in Sir Lowry's Pass and Lourencia Park.
- We had the "Sports against Crime" in Sir Lowry's Pass.
- We had a meeting where Col Williams and Minister Dan Plato addressed the men of Somerset West and Sir Lowry's Pass to address abuse against women and children.
- There was also a meeting to address women at the Somerset West Cricket Club. He thanked Mrs Buckland and Ms Esau for organising a very successful meeting.
- We repaired the roof at the Victim Support Centre. He thanked Mrs

Esau.

- We had the Johnny Brown Memorial Run at Raithby. He thanked Ms Anelia Marais.
- We were the instigators of the Sir Lowry's Pass Civic Emergency Management, where we as residents will always be the first responders to a situation.
- We organised five special operations with SAPS and Neighbourhood watches. He thanked Mr Graeme Miller for assistance with operations in Paardevlei as well as the monthly reports which he sends us.
- Our facebook page has grown from just over 200 to over a 1000.
- Mr Smith has also attended numerous CPF Provincial meetings, and has chaired a couple of the CPF Cluster meetings.
- Also many meetings with residents over issues that they couldn't address and it was a busy year.

He thanked the CPF executive and particularly Mr Shand who has been his conscience and has taken over responsibilities when the need arose. He thanked Mr Peck for his guidance. He also thanked Mrs Sue Buckland for her efforts in Sir Lowry's Pass. He also thanked Neighbourhood Watch members, as there not enough resources to put a police official on every street. Neighbourhood Watch is an important element to fight crime, but "please do it within the boundaries of the law". The ethos of the Neighbourhood Watch is to be the eyes and the ears - nothing more and nothing less, He asked Neighbourhood Watches to get all patrollers to go to the police station to get fingerprints taken. He thanked the security service providers, who did more than what they were paid for and the extra effort that they provide.

Cllr Peck thanked Mr Smith for all the effort that he puts in.

4. STATISTICS

Constable Koen said that he was the Crime Information Officer at Somerset West. The past 6 months there has been a consistent decrease in most crime categories and it was due the strong security companies, good community structures and a lot of work from many people.

During the month of September, burglary was down 39%. Theft of motor vehicle had shown an increase spike and theft out of motor vehicle has been increasing for the last 3 months. He said that this was a provincial problem. Other threats were assaults which was mostly in Sir Lowry's Pass.

Hotspots were CBD, Audas Estate, Sir Lowry's Pass Victoria Park, Heldervue and Bridgewater.

Mr Smith said that we had lost one of our Police officers, Const. Mbuja, that morning due to a motor vehicle accident. He apologised for not mentioning it earlier. He offered condolences to his family.

Mr Smith said that with the dramatic drop in burglaries was due to our Police Officers doing a good job as well as security companies and neighbourhood

watches. He thanked them all. He reminisced on how the town had grown. He said that many police officers were doing far more than was expected of them and he thanked them for that.

Mr Durrant asked about conviction rates to which Col Fleischmann replied that dealing with courts was very difficult.

She said the police could not evict people from illegally occupied houses. She said that a lot of people (NWs) were working at night and doing a good job. She thanked them for what they are doing.

Cllr Peck said about the Jubilee Crescent problem house, that the Hillsong Church had taken to painting and restoring the house, as they wanted to turn it into a place of safety, Cllr Peck said that it belonged to the Public Works Dept.

he said that he had a destitute lady in his office the previous day and she had nothing as her daughter had taken her SASSA card.

Captain Riffel thanked the CPF, Ms Esau and Mr Miller for assisting to get a Neighbourhood Watch going in Garden Village.

Mr Miller asked about getting a mobile kiosk. Mr Smith said that he would speak to Col Williams about it.

Meeting closed at about 19H45

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Smith', written on a light-colored background.

Bill Smith. CPF Chairman.