

MINUTES OF THE SUNDOWNER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2017 AT 19:00
AT ST. BONIFATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUNDOWNER

1 OPENING

A quorum for a SRA AGM is 64 residents

48 residents signed the attendance register

35 proxies received

Having established that a quorum was present, Tahana Ndlovu (Chairman of the SRA) opened the meeting at 19:10

2 WELCOME

- Tahana welcomed the residents of Sundowner to the AGM and thanked them for attending
- Tahana acknowledged the sponsors and thanked them for their support
 1. Rawsons – AGM invitations/noticeboards
 2. Lew Geffen/Sotheby's – venue and snacks
- Tahana introduced the SRA committee
 - Baffour Ababio - Vice Chairman
 - Chester Connolly - Committee Member
 - Dirk Schöttler - Committee Member
 - Ulrike Schöttler - Committee Member
 - Pat McEvilly-Woods - Committee Member
 - Anne Koppenaal - Admin & Security

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Details from Tahana's Powerpoint presentation

4 EXTERNAL FEEDBACK

• **SAPS**

Warrant Officer Gabriel Nonyane addressed the meeting

1 Honeydew sector yet to appoint a station commander

2 Crime within the boomed area is very low. Honeydew Road West – robberies are a concern

3 Gates left open – giving criminals easy access to homes

4 Car windows left open

5 Criminals hiding in the townhouse complexes – SAPS can't always gain access into the complexes

6 Overview of behaviour of residents

7 Highlighting the need for vigilance and warn your servants

8 Check employment – don't just employ them

9 How reliable are the SAPS records – finger-prints etc (Tinnefeld)

When you search – there's no evidence

The drug-lord in Morganite has now gone

10 SAPS can't just evict a resident. If they're renting they are entitled to be there as per Squatting rights – residents should read up on these rights.

13 Arrests – update on arrests done by SAPS

14 Vagrants – are contributing to crime

- **Honeydew CFP**

CPF Sector 1, Acting Chairman, Neil McMullen addressed the meeting

1 Northriding used to patrol

2 e-mail address – chairman@sector 1

3 JMPD not doing anything

4 Neil has guaranteed to organise with JMPD. JMPD are supposed to attend Sector meetings but they don't

5 Problem with drag-racing along Northumberland. Talked about the drag-racing

6 Honeydew is a very big precinct and Sector 1 is huge

4 cars to patrol the entire area

- **Londoloza update**

Lance and Shane

Brief overview

Honeydew 101 square km to be patrolled by SAPS

New SAPS appointments within the Sector 1 precinct :

New Brigadier – Maharaj

Colonel Theunnisen

➤ High pedigrees of policeman

Need to work closely with security companies

Sundowner boomed area crime is low, compared to suburbs in the Sector 1 precinct

Lots of operations done in conjunction with SAPS

Stolen vehicles parked on the street – increasing otherwise low crime statistics for Sundowner boomed area

Be aware – parking cars on the pavements is inviting crime into the area

Vehicle theft is rampant

Proactive patrolling – a key element of success in Sundowner

Medical response – Emergmed

Northgate – crime hotspot

Don't leave lap tops, bags, etc. on car seats

Check that you've locked your car. Jamming. Check the handle

Golden Harvest Park – Londoloza working with City Parks

4 months ago they got a letter & Londoloza is now officially working the park-conducting searches

Collaboration with the residents – Lance thanked the residents for their collaboration

Tactical services- back-up to patrol vehicles in Sundowner

Emphasised that they want to make the area safe

5 APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements had been circulated with the Notice of the AGM and were taken as read.

TN summarised – refer to detailed power-point presentation.

At least 3 months reserve requirement for security

Managed to keep costs down (reduction in guards)

Gardening services will now quieten down

The accounts were proposed and approved by the meeting - by show of hands

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The motion to reappoint the current auditor, A. Drew, was approved by the meeting – by show of hands

7 BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2017 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2018

Baffour presented the budget with the recommendation that there be no increase in the contributions. Met with a round of applause

Funding for speed bumps – below scenarios are being investigated :

Can we fund from reserves

R 80,000 for speed bumps

Reserves will drop by R 80,000, other contribution will be from VAT refunds

R 80 k out of reserves – is a big chunk

BA noted that our reserves though lower than the required 3 months security costs cover, had remained stable for the financial year under review.

Project to collect money for the speed bumps

Once off levy to fund speed bumps was suggested by residents attending the AGM

Special levy for 12 months – same as increasing the monthly contribution

- Proposals noted – the SRA committee will get back to the residents shortly

TINNEFELD queried why the maintenance of guard houses is the SRA responsibility.

Feels that Londoloza should pay – not part of the contract – our responsibility

AK advised that SRA has to carry the cost as per SLA.

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8 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Baffour gave feedback on the membership recruitment drive that had been targeted at residents who are non-SRA members currently

- Survey – 17 residents gave feedback
- Proposal to try a R 650 for a year and try after a year for the R 990 for new members

We need an additional 130 members to bring down the monthly contribution

House to house –

Some of the feedback from the survey :

to the SRA – still in discussions

Got our own security

Too expensive

Can't afford it

A seemingly lot of negativity/apathy

9 GENERAL – verbatim points raised by residents attending the AGM

Some Nursery schools – are not contributing

Residents noted the influx of Creches in the area - a problem

Institutions to contribute

SRA needs support – speak to your neighbours

It's not fair that some get the benefit free of charge

Try flyers at booms - Do it again

Electronic board - Security - Booms

Use the Estate Agents – Motivate the Estate Agents – give them the first month's contribution – TN mentioned that the SRA had already met estate agents to work with them to drive new membership recruitment and an incentive programme was discussed with the estate agents

Current Facebook page full of nonsense

Need to have an open page and a closed page facebook group .Closed page group should have clear rules.

Shock tactic – take away the security ??

Put pressure on the parents @ schools in the area

Welcome pack for new residents moving into the area

Palisades vs ClearVu for the perimeter fencing of the boomed Sundowner area

This is not really our problem area – people driving through booms

Phase 2 speed bumps – to please include Hardekool Street??

Last year the rehabilitation of the park was a big topic – is this still happening?

Eva is still involved – have to co-ordinate with the relevant departments

Booms open at 5 in the morning – irritating – shouldn't be open at that time

The silt dropped – Wendy is following up

Joining E-block watch was proposed by another resident

Residents mentioned the reported incident relating to lake – dumping – speak to Anne who will escalate with the Councillor and relevant authorities

9 NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The committee was re-elected, unanimously by attending residents as well as from proxies received for the AGM.

New member nominated to fill a vacant slot – Adam Scott

10 CLOSING

Meeting closed at 21:15