

## Community Police Forum Lyttelton Sector 4

### Minutes of Community Meeting held 10 September 2019 at the Dutch Reformed Church Elarduspark in the Artos Hall at 19:00

1. **Attendance & Apologies**
  - a. No apologies received.
2. **Previous Minutes**
  - a. The minutes are available on the website and will be adopted in the next 7 days.
  - b. We have requested volunteers from the community (1300 on street groups) to act as admins on street groups. Thank you very much to those who volunteered.
  - c. We also set out to relook the street group policies.
  - d. We set out to improve communication with Private Security Companies in our area of responsibility.
3. **Agenda Confirmation**
  - a. Community places trust in CPF LS4, feedback provided after welcome.
4. **Welcome**
  - a. CPF LS4 Chairman welcomes all to the meeting and in particular the following guests:
    - i. New SAPS Lyttelton Station Commander, Brig TP Motlala
    - ii. Sgt Harry McNish
    - iii. Sgts Raphahla & Teko
    - iv. CPF Lyttelton Chairperson Jaco V As
    - v. TMPD
    - vi. Fidelity ADT
5. **Chairperson feedback**
  - a. **Projects**
    - i. Street WhatsApp Groups:
      1. On 23 August 2019 we implemented the new group policy.
      2. We will send out the Webform again tonight, please forward to your neighbours and friends in the area. It is also on our website under Join Us. <https://form.myjotform.com/92182563933563>
      3. We have increased the credibility of the information provided on these groups, by verifying the information with SAPS as our credible source of information.
      4. We currently have 20 admins and we need 10 more to operate this service efficiently.
    - ii. **Patrollers**
      1. Our patrollers play a very important part in Crime Prevention, they are not Rambo's. They patrol the area in their own vehicle and own fuel.
      2. We have created a closed network between Private Security and Patrollers with very good response.
      3. Since James Manners-Wood took over as Patrol Manager, we now have 24 active patrollers and 10 more to be trained.
      4. Thank you for an excellent job done JMW. 13 Members did ..... (JR help)
      5. Successes:
        - a. The patrollers have woken up several homeowners to close their gates left open.
        - b. We have and are still reporting alcohol abuse in public areas.
        - c. We have assisted with 3 medical emergencies.

d. Patroller training is ongoing.

**iii. Operations**

1. CPF LS4 Patrollers have assisted SAPS and TMPD with 6 operations in the area since April.
2. They swept open fields, found weapons, drugs, confiscated alcohol
3. CPF LS4 Patrollers assisted with 5 roadblocks.
4. These actions resulted in several arrests by SAPS.
5. Please contact JMW to join as patroller.

**iv. Marketing**

1. You have asked us to focus on the value the CPF LS4 provides the community.
2. Welriet NPC funds everything the CPF LS4 does for the community. Please support financially to enable the CPF to continue providing the services. The NPC holds 2-3 meetings per year to give feedback to their contributors.
3. We would like to thank Jacqueline from the Elardi Community Market for providing us with the opportunity to have a free stall at the market once a month. This has enabled us to speak to the community in a relaxed atmosphere, and we have gained several members from this.
4. Facebook: We are happy to report that our Facebook traffic and likes have increased a lot, and we aim to increase the Facebook marketing in the near future.

**v. Street Braai Committee**

1. The Know Your Neighbour campaign is the basis of what we aim to achieve in the CPF. Your neighbour will in a lot of cases, be the first one to notice something is wrong, suspicious vehicles at your residence, or even report your medical emergency.
2. Street braais is an excellent way to meet and get to know your neighbours.
3. We are asking volunteers to form a subcommittee.

**vi. Welriet NPC Area Cleanup**

1. Welriet NPC is committed to cleaning up our neighbourhood.
2. Please volunteer for this subcommittee.
3. Refreshments, reflective vests and black bags will be provided.
4. Francois De Kock mentions that there is a huge amount of illegal advertisement boards in the area. With the permission form completed and submitted we are allowed to take these boards down and keep it for 2 weeks.
5. Suggestion to sell it back to the owners for a donation.

**vii. Wingate Park**

1. Derek Mohr manages the street groups in Wingatepark, with approximately 500 residents on.

**6. Sgt Harry McNish addresses the community on alcohol abuse:**

- a. He is the Liquor Inspector for Gauteng as well as SAPS LT.
- b. At a recent meeting of MEC's, it was discussed that the largest contributor to crime and motor vehicle accidents are liquor abuse.
- c. School children are assaulting teachers, are exacerbated by the use of liquor.
- d. Criminals also use liquor before committing crime for extra confidence.
- e. 99% of Domestic violence are caused as a result of alcohol abuse.
- f. 95% of Motor vehicle accidents are caused by alcohol abuse.
- g. The MEC's have announced a clamp-down on alcohol abuse.
- h. Drinking in public is against the law.
- i. From bottle stores you may only buy for yourself; no re-sale is permitted. The fine is R1mil or 10 years prison sentence.
- j. The provincial fine is R100,000.
- k. Parents may not give their children alcohol, not at home or in restaurants. The same fines apply. There has been a case of a teacher giving kids mampoor.
- l. Even if you brew/distil your own, you may not even give it away, as there has been no testing done on it, and it may cause serious ill health or even death.
- m. If you are selling liquor within 500m from a school, you can use your liquor license.

- n. If you know of any contraventions, please put in writing to Sgt McNish.
    - i. A Community member complains about public drinking on the corner of Barnard and Alberton, which is very close to the school.
    - ii. Public drinking may incur a fine of R300-R5000.
    - iii. Chairperson is working with The Park Centre Management to install cameras on the corners.
    - iv. Alcohol abuse also contributes to violence against women and children.
- 7. Sgt Raphahla addresses the community on how NOT to be a soft target:**
- a. A soft target is unprotected and vulnerable.
  - b. Be aware of your surroundings, avoid actions that distract you. If dogs bark or Kiewiets call, there is usually a reason.
  - c. When you were out and returning, and something unexpected or out of place occur, drive past and get help (security escort / CPF patrolman / SAPS if needed),
  - d. Try to get out of a situation rather than confront,
  - e. Many people have the mindset: "It won't happen to me", watch out, you can be next,
  - f. Criminals do their homework very well and look out for opportunities,
  - g. When people in public places bump you or grab your attention by talking, there's usually a 2nd person who steals from you,
  - h. Think, observe, do,
  - i. Traffic light: Look around, what is that guy doing, where are his hands, is he under the influence? (motivation for crime),
  - j. Traffic light: When stopping, make sure you can see tarmac behind the vehicle in front of you. It gives you enough space to get past and get out of a situation,
  - k. If you can't get out of a situation, yell "fire", everyone will pay attention,
  - l. Leave your car window 1cm open, it will splinter less easily when criminals hit it,
  - m. Parking: Feel your doors after you lock the vehicle with remote control, criminals block the signal (your vehicle does not really lock). Please make sure it is 100% closed,
  - n. Store valuable items such as phones, handbags, laptop bags out of sight (preferably in boot),
  - o. Beggars: Don't give him / her anything, it gives them a reason to keep begging,
  - p. Car guards: Where's your phone, handbag? Make sure the trolley is empty,
  - q. Withdraw cash: If there seems to be tampering with the ATM, don't use it, get away and go elsewhere. Before you insert your card, press cancel twice. Try not to withdraw cash alone. DON'T DRAW LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. There are safer ways to transfer money. If any person hangs around and / or asks for help, refuse and get away. Hold your free hand over as you type your pin.
  - r. SMS/Call hoax: Don't click on text links that say you won money.
  - s. Don't trust calls from the bank, rather go to the bank and ask why they are calling you.
  - t. Don't give anyone details over the phone. Criminals are very skilled at using social engineering to manipulate their victims into disclosing their personal or confidential information. They prey on the fact that not all digital banking customers are digitally literate. Using technology, together with social engineering, criminals can gather enough information to personalize victims by bypassing bank security protocols.
  - u. If the signal is lost on your cell phone, you should immediately check what the problem may be, as you could have been the victim of an illegal SIM exchange on your number. If you confirm, notify your bank immediately.
  - v. Register for your bank's cell phone notification service and receive electronic messages regarding activities or transactions on your accounts as and when they occur.
  - w. If you think your PIN and / or password is compromised, change it immediately online or at your nearest branch.
- 8. Sgt Raphahla addresses the community on Crime Statistics:**

Crime	Comparing Aug 2018 & Aug 2019	Street	Day & Time
Assault: Grievous Bodily Harm	Down	Alberton Bam & Linde Piering & Shale Solomon Mahlangu & Delmas	Monday Tuesday 00:00-02:59 12:00-14:59

Common Assault	Up	Frelon Piering Traka Umhlanga	Thursday Friday Sunday 15:00-17:59 18:00-20:59
Sexual Assault	Down		
Theft of Motor Vehicle & Motorcycle	Up	Gypsum Kniehalter Kort Lindross Paarl Vacy Lyle Verster	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 03:00-05:59 06:00-08:59 09:00-11:59 15:00-17:59 18:00-20:59 21:00-23:59
Theft out of & from Motor Vehicle	Up	Aberdeen Allandale Barnard Biotite Blue Crane Brick Boeing & Piering Barnard & Delmas Escombe Feldspar Grafiet Hagen Mirage Nellmapius Piering Selby Solomon Mahlangu Verster	
Common Robbery	Down		
House Robbery	Down	Petrus	Monday 03:00-05:59
Robbery weapon other	Down		

- a.
- b. Please report all crime, it creates a trail between cases, and enables heavier sentencing if cases can be connected.
- c. Capt. Dave Miller will attend our next community meeting.
- d. KYN campaign: Your neighbour will be first in case of medical emergency and will notice a stranger in your yard.
- e. JR mentions that August was a better month than July in some cases.
- f. Theft of motor vehicle is still a challenge.
- g. A lot of gates are found open at night, this is an open invitation for crime.
- h. Please give info regarding streetlights that are not working.
- i. JR mentions that we are receiving info from Private Security which we cannot share but can use to direct patrols.

#### 9. Brig Motlala:

- a. The Brigadier thanks the community for excellent attendance.
- b. He welcomes the community as ambassadors of crime.

- c. You are very important, the life of your neighbours and community as a whole, it starts with you being an active member of the CPF LS4.
- d. CPF LS4 is one of the most active CPF communities in SA. The crime is the best in CPF Lyttelton.
- e. The spirit of the chairperson looking at the bigger picture, is drawing economic investment into the sector. The key is the active community.
- f. Every homeowner is a station commander in charge of his family's security, checking gates closed, doors locked, windows closed, cars safe before going to bed at night.
- g. Take care of your space – report crime and vagrants rooting.
- h. Put pressure on SAPS LT – report crime or suspicion of crime.
- i. Sgt Raphahla must not be afraid to share crime stats with CPF LS4 community, because they are active in crime prevention.

**10. Chairperson of CPF Lyttelton, Jaco V As:**

- a. The expectation with a new Station is Commander is that a new broom sweeps clean.
- b. God's strength to remain a new broom.
- c. The changes in management and control of the station is already visible.
- d. There is a new wind and atmosphere at the station.
- e. Gen Mawela has also been appointed as the new Provincial Commissioner on 6 February 2019, on 8 Feb the new Executive Committee was already engaged to manage challenges. He met with 142 CPF chairpersons and Station commanders on 13 March 2019 to discuss challenges of crime.
- f. Good presentation on crime by Brig Makalaka. Q: Why can that not be presented on station levels, doesn't include address, only tendencies. He can't see why not.
- g. More readily available info. MEC indicated Gauteng contribute 50% of RSA crime. If we can reduce crime in Gauteng by 50% in the next 6 months, we can improve for whole RSA. There is a lot of provincial and district operations being done. Clusters have been closed, 5 districts with commissioners in it's place.
- h. He also visited the 40 worst stations of which SAPS LT is one. 142 CPF's, 143 SAPS Stations in total plus airport SAPS. Every Saturday & Sunday he visited stations.
- i. Identified 5 Oct for 50 people to participate 09:00-12:00 in a crime presentation – refreshments needed.
- j. Questions and comments to be submitted beforehand.
- k. LT precinct premier programme GIPS – SC & Vispol Head, Detective Head, CPF Chairperson to respond – what are we doing. Discuss with Kopanong Thursday 08:00-17:00, report back every quarter.
- l. Aim is 80% of community being active, leaves 20% crime left.
- m. DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS? Meet more regularly and train community.
- n. How many people can confirm tonight that they double checked the locking of their vehicles?
- o. In closing – we are in year 9 since the establishment of CPF LS4 in 2010. Burglaries then were 55 per month, compliment on job well done! This requires a community that is committed.
- p. Invitation to participate in a study of prospective communities involved in CPF – due on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep from Dept Community Safety. The outcome will provide direction on focus changes.

**11. Questions & Answers**

- a. PG: Has been CPF LS4 Secretary for 4 months, have been asked to step down by EXCO.
  - i. JR: Exco is made up of Chairman, PRO Shawn Fouche, Patrol Manager JWM, in addition supported by Welriet Willie Vorster and Welriet Karen Botha, shared between LS1 & LS4. JMW has been co-opted as Vice Chairperson by EXCO for next 90 days. Nominations for Vice Chairperson & Secretary will be opened and notice of elective meeting given shortly.
  - ii. JMVA: 2020 Oct/Sep all CPF terms come to an end, new EXCO's to be elected. Elections held now, will be for remainder of this term. In Nov 2020 new EXCO members of CPF Subforums will elect a new Chairperson for CPF Lyttelton.

- iii. JMVA approved JR to take a month leave. JMW will stand in as chairperson. Open positions to be shared by EXCO members left until elections are held.
- b. Q to Brig: If a 12m x 3m container are sponsored, will SAPS consider a satellite station?
  - i. A: At this point No. A contact point needs at least 24 staff members working in shifts, 2 vehicles, office furniture and computers plus a functional Customer Service Centre (CSC).
  - ii. JMVA: In 2014 SAPS LT was downgraded to a Colonel status station. This resulted in 6 persons per shift. One vehicle for response. Complaint went to parliament in Feb 2017, where after the upgrade to Brigadier status station was approved. A brigadier was appointed in 2018. Members at station have not increased yet. This is a country wide challenge, caused by the "Fees must Fall" and Eskom financial problems resulting in R4bil in budget cuts. We wish to soon experience more staff members. We need to work together.
- c. Q: Recyclers on a daily basis on land at Delmas/Solomon Mahlangu & SITA (Janine Nel).
  - i. A: This challenge affects 3 SAPS stations: Brooklyn, Garsfontein and Lyttelton. Ward Councillor Francois Bekker is attending to it. The land is owned by PIC, it is private property in 3 portions. This has been confirmed with Town Planning. The property below power lines were auctioned off to GEPA of which PIC is administrators. They must remove the vagrants on this property to a location in the same area (by law). 7 Day period from 26 Aug 2019. Another 28 days process after City can legally remove. Human rights lawyers get involved. It is imperative to follow all processes to the letter. MMC for Agriculture and Environment, Community Safety & Housing group. DJ escalates all communications from community. Recyclable waste is being dealt with. DJ also communicates with community on WhatsApp groups regarding issues such as this. He will be at Boston Park (Elardi Market) on Saturday, to have a petition regarding this signed by community.
- d. Sgt H McNish reminds community to send complaints, he can assist to remove liquor from this property. JR: We will create email on lyttelton4.co.za to report public drinking.

The meeting adjourned at 21:10.

SGM will be held on 12 November 2019 at 19:00 to elect a new Vice Chairperson and Secretary.