

Community Police Forum Lyttelton Sector 4

Minutes of Special General meeting held 12 November 2019 at NG Elarduspark Church at 19:00

- 1. Attendance & Apologies**
 - a. One apology received - JMPD
- 2. Previous Minutes**
 - a. The minutes are available on the website and will be adopted in the next 7 days
- 3. Agenda confirmation**
 - a. Community places trust in CPF LS4, feedback provided after welcome
- 4. Welcome**
 - a. CPF LS4 Chairperson welcomes all to the meeting and in particular the following guests:
 - i. Colonel Pagole
 - ii. Captain Dave Miller
 - iii. Sgts Raphahla
- 5. Election of Vice Chairperson and Secretary**
 - a. Colonel Pagole in charge of election
 - b. Firstly, election of Vice chairperson
 - c. 1 nominee – James
 - d. All accepted
 - e. James appointed as Vice Chairperson
 - f. Secondly, election of Secretary
 - g. 1 nominee – Eugene Greeff
 - h. All accepted
 - i. Eugene Greeff appointed as Secretary
- 6. CPF LS4 Chairperson welcomes new Executive committee members**
 - a. Welcomes and thanks new Vice Chairperson James
 - b. Welcomes and thanks new Secretary Eugene Greeff
- 7. Crime feedback – Capt. Dave Miller addresses the community on crime stats and tendencies**
 - a. Capt. Miller addressed community regarding figures from August 2019 – October 2019
 - b. Contact crimes is stable
 - c. Arson is stable but not 100% accurate figures as events can be reported incorrectly as arson
 - d. Malicious damage on the increase
 - e. Property damage on the increase



- f. Motor vehicle theft on increase. Be vigilant as new jamming devices that is very effective in use. Theft especially at shopping centres, school, churches and school events. Security companies asked to be vigilant of this. High risk on Saturday mornings.
- g. Other crimes going down.
- h. Crime in area mostly stable and low
- i. Capt. Miller gave tips to be vigilant as festive season is coming up.
- j. Make sure you get to know your neighbours and report any suspicious behaviour at neighbours' houses even if it turns out to be a false alarm
- k. When going on holiday stop regularly and always let family know when and where you are at times
- l. Questions raised:
 - a. Dog poison cases? Capt. Miller replied that no reported incidents
 - b. Where does the poison come from? Capt. Miller replied that it is mostly sold at taxi ranks and informal settlements. It is highly dangerous to human as well so be careful if any strange objects found in garden use gloves and report. Also keep charcoal at home as this helps the dogs which are poisoned.
 - c. What about someone with implement for break in? Capt. Miller replied that it is difficult as it is for everyday use and to arrest someone in possession is very difficult. There must be very specific reasons and circumstances to arrest otherwise it will only be thrown out of court.

8. Closing

- a. Chairperson addressed community
- b. Chairperson advised on WhatsApp groups for community and new admins that were appointed in each areas.
- c. Chairperson suggested that neighbour's make smaller WhatsApp groups during festive season and keep each other updated if there will be any person out of ordinary to come feed dogs etc.
- d. Chairperson also address disposal of electronic devices.
- e. Please make sure when disposing of your electronic devices and rather give someone a letter when giving away as with routine checks it is difficult to determine origin of electronic devices found in informal settlements.
- f. Community members suggested rather using hospice or churches as they have E-Waste Days. JMW to find out when Elardus Park e-Waste is.
- g. Another community member stated that it is illegal to dispose of electronic devices in your trash
- h. Community raised concerns regarding streetlights that have not been working since January
- i. Counsellor explained situation regarding tenders that have expired

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- j. Counsellor explained task team assigned and that it will be attended to in first week of December 2019.
- k. Counsellor also answered question and advised that list was being made regarding all problem areas
- l. Patrol men are in process of helping with list and if community can advise with pole numbers or street names and address it can help with process
- m. Counsellor advised that there is only one small task team hence the time frame as well
- n. Community raised concerns again regarding the Garsfontein Nature reserve / dumping site that has been taken over by informal settlements and what is being done
- o. Capt. Miller advised that they are aware of this problem and is being dealt with, but process has to be followed and information is being gathered
- p. Capt. Miller also advised on security company onsite must also be held responsible as they are not doing their work.
- q. Counsellor also addressed this issue and explained that the MEC of the department of environment has been there personally unannounced and he suggested that it be given to Department of housing, so the counsellor is working on it to get feedback and compliance from departments.
- r. Community addressed closing of Rietvallei Park.
- s. The Chairperson advised on it is a costly expedition and he will give relevant contact persons that can help with the process and questions on procedures
- t. The Chairperson also advised that 75% of residents should approve the boomed of area and all cost has to be paid up front
- u. Sergeant Raphahla addressed community
- v. He advised on 2 cases of arrest
- w. Firstly, case of arrest in Wingate park through the help of community and security companies and that the person arrested was sentenced to 16 Years in prison. He thanked all that gave statements and testified.
- x. He advised that another case of arrest will be sentenced tomorrow 13 November 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15