



Minutes of the CPF Lyttelton Sector 4 Community meeting on 10 November 2020 at the NG Church Elarduspark at 19:00

1. Welcome

Eugene Greeff the secretary, welcomed everyone and gave a brief description of the area covered by LS4, Wingate Park, Elarduspark Rietvalleirand, Rietvalleipark

2. Attendance and apologies.

Apologies: Johan van Buuren.

Present: Attendance register is circulated, Facebook link is sent.

3. Chairperson's Report

James Manners-Wood (JMW) welcomed Brig Matlala from Lyttelton SAPS, Snr Sup Leyds from Region 4 TMPD, Merle van Staden Acting Chairperson of Lyttelton CPF and the community that came out despite the bad weather. James stated that he will give crime stats. **Crime feedback;** Crime is on the increase Wolwespruit is a problem they are harassing the staff. Theft out of motor etc is also a problem please keep your valuables locked away, don't leave your bicycles etc. in view of the street it is a temptation.

4. Patrols

Hannes Ebersöhn is one of the LS4 patrollers – patrollers have patrolled 1,101 hours since beginning of July 2020 and 8,000km main issue we pick up is Gates and garage doors being left open. Beginning of the year we had 16 patrollers and now 59 active patrollers. We need more patrollers out as we see, the more patrollers we have out the less crime we have. Thanks to Welriet NPC for the BPV, roof lights Hi-vis vests, ammo case to keep the kit in, roof lights without this we could not do patrols. Koos from Welriet handed over the new kit. Hannes then said we will be holding an awareness campaign with the petrol stations advising them of who to contact in an emergency and to try and get them to be aware.

5. VEC

Lauriahne Eksteen, "I am a councillor that operates in this area, we do community empowerment we offer people that have been victims of crime some sessions after the event as it is easy to appear at the crime scene and then just leave. We are wanting to offer a service to the community dealing with Trauma." Any councillor's willing to assist please contact Lauriahne.

6. SAPS

Capt. Dave Miller

"I must say off the bat last year I challenged everyone to bring someone with them and I don't think it was just that but the attendance here is awesome. All the activities by LS4 and Welriet help bring the crime levels down. With the relationships you are developing with the security companies all helps bring crime down. Thank you. Your main crime in the area is house breakings and wall jumpers in early hours of the morning. However, in relation to the rest of the Lyttelton SAPS area you are the lowest and whilst we agree it is still too high for you. We have a joke with James and call you the last outpost, however your management makes sure we do not forget you. Open spaces we have a problem in Pretoria with open spaces being taken over by unlawful and lawful squatters. Once the Mushroom farm case has gone to court, we will be better able to act in these matters."

Capt. Miller then handed over to Brig. Matlala.



Brig. Matlala:

“safety starts with you, it starts in your house, I always say you are station commander of your own house, your own street and then your sector, what is important for me is to say thank you, I don't think you know how much we appreciate your help, you offer your time at your own expense. Sector 4 and Sector 2 when we shine in meetings it is because of you. Those homeless people started as one, leave him then there are two etc. and then we can't control them Key here is when you see one or two people report to SAPS or TMPD so that we can act immediately. We sometimes patrol these areas at 2am so that we can see the people sleeping there. Trespassing is the biggest complaint I get in this area, when you see someone in the street at night don't be afraid to report them to SAPS / TMPD, they will be questioned and then they will know in Sector 4 we are being watched. Delivery vehicles car- jacking is a problem so if you see one stop to urinate ask him why you are stopping here you must stop at the garage. Asking someone what they are doing in the area what is their name this is called preventative measures, thank you Mr Chairperson I know you put a lot of time and effort in, and it is appreciated.”

7. TMPD

Snr Sup Leyds – Region 4 – Tshwane metro council is divided in regions. I am region 4 which borders on Boeing street and West towards the highway. I don't see my counterpart from Region 6 here so I guess I will take the heat. The people living in the open areas is a big problem we recently confiscated the goods from the man selling plants in Boeing park and the next thing we got a claim that he had goods to the value of over a million Rand and we had stolen his goods. The problem is that you have the lawyers for human rights protecting them. The rules are being looked at 3 strike rules if you get caught 3 times you are out. While we understand that the person is trying to make a living you need to consider the people living behind the walls where they sit 365 days a year. We need to look at putting up barrios because if the people can't stop, they will move. My side is only until Boeing we have has a lot of good operations with LS4 and Lyttelton SAPS.

8. Acting Chairperson Lyttelton CPF,

She asked the newly elected exco to stand up, thank you for making yourself available it is a huge job, it never stops thank you for the hours you will be putting in. these are the people with the biggest hearts. Then the community all are being served by the patrollers I know when it is 2am and you don't feel like getting up you do. Sector 4 is the area with the lowest crime so thank them wave when they pass your house. Thanks to the security companies who are always there. Finally thanks to SAPS we have a good working relationship, and we need to thank them.

9. Ward Councillor

Daryl Johnston – Nice to see such many people. I must be the most fortunate ward councillor to have such a great CPF in my ward. We have worked well together e.g., started the Clean-Ups I believe we have made a huge difference. Wolwespruit we are working on it we have submitted a petition, both Solly and Randolph have been to site, so they know first-hand what is going on there. Ghost mall had two queries today the record and a lady claiming she is in the process of buying it. I cannot get answers, they claim to have an investor and that it will be complete in three years. I will make sure from a community point of view the pressure remains on.

Boeing road the contract was deemed irregular and has therefore been cancelled and will have to go for tender again

10. Questions & Answers

Q: Derek Moore – Wingate resident and serve on Wipra, Wingate used to be a community separate from LS4 we have worked very hard with James to become part of the LS4 community. WIPRA is 100% behind and working with LS4. From a crime point of view we are aware of crime syndicates however our crime that has increased from 0 to 100% comes from



2 areas Wolwespruit and Garstkloof dump. Whilst we have had a good relationship with Region 4 Region 6 is useless. SAPS when approached say Wolwespruit is Brooklyn not Lyttelton and Garstkloof is Garstfontein. Can we not do a joint operation? They are breaking the by laws by making fires in a park etc surely this should be actionable. My Plea tonight is Please let us work together to get this problem resolved.

A: – Snr Sup Leyds says this is not my area, however I know there is a fight between city of Tshwane and PIC on whose responsibility it is. Garstkloof we have been in there even took the equine unit with us and not one person was in sight it is as if they know we are coming. I may not just remove their structures. If I remove them without a court order I can be charged. Plastic view you will know that Tshwane went in there and burnt the structures and we had to rebuild it.

Snr Sup Leyds was asked where his counterpart is for region 6, he stated that even he has not seen him in 3 years.

A : Capt. Dave Miller then said the planning for the operation is in place, we can go and remove those people however tomorrow they are back. I am not pointing fingers at anyone but the access control etc is not in place. We do not have the resources to keep removing them. The planning has been put in place. Capt Dave Miller says they can commit to doing more operations there; we have a good relationship with Garstfontein etc so we can do it. I want to leave you with this thought though the military was busy with an operation to remove the illegal squatters on their property while they were busy they were told to stop immediately.

Q: Faan Bosch: Can we ask for a clear instruction on what the plans are as we have a lot of arm chair warriors who may feel they need to take matters into their own hands.

A: Capt. Dave Miller said the only answer he can give is that they commit to following through with their promises tonight. They will communicate their operations after the fact but remember these things will take time. Sometimes that action is not enough for the community, you each need to go back to your neighbours and tell them that there was a productive meeting and it is not going to be resolved immediately. As a communications officer I am limited as to what I am allowed to say.

Q; Claudie Kannenberg asked TMPD regarding the beggars, as a woman they are intimidating, and you don't feel safe – What can be done. Visible policing I see it is happening but it is not enough. Then Daryl Delmas needs to be taken up again due to speed.

A: Daryl says he has the petition however due to council being disrupted he was not able to submit, he will submit it in the next meeting. Cutting of grass can we request for certain areas to be cut, Daryl said yes let me have the areas and I will escalate it.

A: Eugene just want to go back to the question re communication, get everyone to join the groups we can only reach as many people as make the effort to attend, we only have 2000 members on the street groups yet there are over 14,000 people living in the area. We can post messages from SAPS and TMPD but if residents are not on the groups we are still not getting the information across. Each person should make sure their neighbours are on the groups and aware of LS4.

No further questions, thank you to everyone that attended and those that joined virtually.

11. MEETING CLOSED 21:03

Chairperson:

APPROVED: _____

DATE: 05 December 2021