**CONSTANTIA KLOOF NORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**(“CKN“)**

**MINUTES OF THE CKN MEETING HELD AT 23 BOOMGOM STREET**

**ON 19 APRIL 2016 AT 19H30**

**PRESENT** : As per Attendance register

**APOLOGIES** : As per attendance register

**IN ATTENDANCE** : Anne Brown (Secretary)

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, this being the first meeting after the AGM. The apologies were noted. As there were new faces, the Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman as usual reported on the crime stats around the CKN borders, and it is alarming that there was an increase of incidents taking place. Whilst CKN remained a low crime area, it was however noted that incidents in CKN had gone up. At present in the Honeydew precinct approximately 75% of the reported crime is taking place in Cosmos City . The Honeydew SAPs is ill-equipped to handle this crime surge with a shortage of detention cells and response vehicles. This situation will remain until Cosmo City has its own Police Station. Hijackings and car jamming were increasing. The Chairman advised all to double check that their vehicles were indeed locked at shopping malls / centres and to look out for suspicious vehicles following them home from these areas.

CKN is receiving requests from neighbouring areas to join our Association this however is not possible as CKN follows predetermined borders. However the Chairman together with Dowry are liaising with the requesting parties to find a solution beneficial to all.

Car stickers for the CKN residents have been issued to all who recently requested same. The CCTV footage is handed to the SAP to follow up on incidents which take place in the area.

The Chairman reported that Dowry occasionally leave the CKN area in order to support other security companies in the vicinity and their presence was kept to a minimum until the area security have arrived in sufficient numbers. This is a gentleman’s agreement between the security companies operating the area to assist each other in times of ‘emergency’. Dowry cars go to the Total garage for refueling and driver comforts.

Regardless of the above Dowry are still committed to a sub 2 minutes response to CKN residents.

**DOWRY / SECURITY**

The Chairman advised that due to the increase of incidents in CKN, Dowry are adjusting their modus operandi to prevent repetition and patterns in their patrolling, details of which are confidential.

Dowry membership boards are continuing to be erected on members property.

The names and personal c.v of Dowry patrolling officers are to be loaded onto the CKN website so that residents can become familiar with them, as that at the moment the officers know more about the residents as we do about them.

It is noted that on a Friday evening the patrolling officers are sponsored to a Pizza from Nonna’s Pizzeria, for which thanks is extended. The Chairman also thanked all the residents who provide these patrollers with refreshments.

**FINANCES**

The Treasurer is to submit the year ahead budget to the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that CKN finances operated on a tight budget and the drive to recruit new members is ongoing, as this is the best way to improve the finances and to keep the membership fees low and to avoid further increases.

**BLACK BOARDS**

New black boards are to be installed at the three main entrances to CKN under the sponsorship of Seef Properties.

**BROCHURES**

It is noted that the CKN information / membership brochures are to be updated. This is sponsored by Purple Fig Properties.

**CAMERAS**

The Chairman said that it has been suggested that more cameras could be installed as a further deterrent, but that this needs the funding of the members in the vicinity of the extra cameras which could be placed at key points in the CKN area in order to provide street views etc.

**AREA MAINTENANCE**

Frik advised that Lucky, his helper could no longer work in the area as he had relocated to Lenz. The cost of the transport did not warrant Lucky working here.

Various suggestions were made by those present that his replacement could be offered accommodation in one of the abandoned properties in CKN. This would also have the advantage of providing a ‘night watchman’ to prevent the looting of fixtures and fittings in these properties.

**WEBSITE**

Jenny advised that all was in order and that certain email address would be removed from the list as the residents had left CKN.

**GENERAL**

Once again, the debate of the booming arose. The Chairman advised the pros and cons of this exercise, together with the cost factor. Who would pay for this! The estimated cost would increase membership fees to R800 to R1000 per month, excluding the capital start up cost.

It was suggested that a “Reward” system be implemented for information leading to an arrest or crime prevention be consider by the Association. The beneficiaries of this would in most cases be domestics, gardeners and other workers in the CKN areas.

Concern was raised about the weekend “street parties” that occur along Jim Fouche in the vicinity of Jim’s Diner and the bottle store, not only is this illegal, there is also the litter problem and the hygiene. Can an approach be made to the relevant authority (JPMD / SAPS) to encourage the cessation of these gatherings?

The Chairman advised that the CKN Association would be celebrating its 19th birthday in May.

There being no further issues to discuss, the Chairman thanked the attendees and declared the meeting closed.

The date and venue of the next meeting will be advised.

**CHAIRMAN**