**CONSTANTIA KLOOF NORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**(“CKN“)**

**MINUTES OF THE CKN MEETING HELD AT 33 WORSBOOM STREET**

**ON 24 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 19H30**

**PRESENT** : As per Attendance register

**APOLOGIES** : As per attendance register

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

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. The apologies were noted.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman said that the AGM will take place 2 March 2016 at Calendula Street for 19h00.

CKN switched it service provider from Dunmar to Dowry one year ago (18 Feb. 2015) and that the Dowry contract was up for renewal and an increase of 8% is being applied. The question is, are we happy with Dowry or should their position be reconsidered? The consensus of the Committee was that Dowry are fulfilling their contract and that they should be retained as the service provider for the next twelve months.

The Chairman then reported on the crime stats for CKN and the surrounding areas. He detailed some of the incidents which ranged from burglaries, car theft, theft of laundry and the removal of items from cars.

Whilst attending a CPF Honeydew meeting with SAPS it was pointed out that the crime rate in CKN is very low compared to other association areas with Cosmo City being by far the worst which results in SAPS concentrating their effort there.

**DOWRY / SECURITY**

As previously mentioned Dowry have indicated an 8% increase which unfortunately will have to be covered by the CKN membership. The increase in CKN membership fees, currently R250 per month, is to be evaluated in conjunction with our annual budget for 2016 at a special committee meeting and members will be advised accordingly.

A large number of dustbin scavenges has been noticed every Wednesday in the area and Dowry is to be requested to encourage them to move on.

Feedback from residence is that Dowry are performing well. It is comforting to know that residents on entering the CKN area can call on Dowry to escort them home at any time of day or night.

**CCTV CAMERAS**

CKN had been approached by both Weltevreden Park and Constantia Kloof residential association to join either in order to obtain the required number of users to qualify for the laying of fibre optic cable in the area.

Keith is to investigate what would be beneficial to CKN residents. As an aside Keith stated that the downloading of data from the CCTV cameras etc would take only a fraction of the time (currently approximately 12 hours) using fibre optic cable.

It was observed that one of the cameras has its view disrupted by a tree branch and the owner of the tree is to be approached for permission to remove the offending limb.

**FINANCE**

An audit of the membership fee structure and contributions is to be undertaken, as some members where still paying the old fees. It was noted that CKN would not turn away members who due to their financial situation were unable to meet the required membership fees.

A budget for 2016 will be presented at the AGM.

**AREA MAINTENANCE**

This is being carried out very successfully by Frik and his right hand man Lucky. However a heavy duty lawnmower has been requested for parts of the area not covered by Johannesburg Parks.

The CKN board at the Albert St. entrance is to be moved and possibly repositioned on the lower side of the Dowry Hut including a painted blackboard section.

The CKN board on Bamboes south is in a state of disrepair and requires attention.

**WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP / DATA BASE**

CKN has been congratulated by a number of ‘outsiders’ who have looked at the Website whilst investigating property purchase in our area as too its content and quality.

Jenny advised that CKN is looking for a website sponsor as the previous sponsor has emigrated.

It was proposed that ‘non’ members of CKN be invited to submit their email addresses for receipt of important area happenings / information.

**PATROLS**

It was suggested that a new SMS system be used as a reminder and by replying to this SMS that will confirm that the patrol will be undertaken.

This was discussed and was given the green light for a trial period.

**GENERAL**

The Christmas hamper drive was well supported and extremely appreciated by all concerned.

Should CKN consider doing a winter hamper ?

The question was raised as to whether residents should be washing their driveways and pavements during the current drought.

A list of non-working street lights has been submitted to the relevant authority for their action.

Honeydew SAPS has indicated that they are keen to restart community crime drives / projects with the Associations within the CPF.

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

The date of the next meeting to be advised.

**CHAIRMAN**