**CONSTANTIA KLOOF NORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**(“CKN“)**

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

**ON 10TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 19H30**

**PRESENT** : John Baisley (Chairman), Joy van Winsen, Surine Fourie, Keith Moore, Henry McKenzie

 Jenny Cooke, Liesl Diesel, Lorin Leuci, Cynthia Gray.

**APOLOGIES** : Johan Potgieter, Letitia v d Westhuizen, Anne and Steve Brown.

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

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

**CRIME STATS**

To date CKN has recorded 15 incidents. Three of these were armed robberies. Two armed robberies occurred where the robbers were admitted to the house. Burglaries have gone down to 3 after 18 last year.

Members are warned to be wary of fraudulent “Council workers” attempting to gain entry to homes.

The report of the car stolen from Fairview Mews has proved to be a false claim in order to defraud the insurance.

Theft of gate motors made up a number of crimes reported this year. Dowry have been tasked with moving around the area more frequently to minimize this threat.

Despite these reports, CKN is still extremely quiet when compared to neighbouring areas / associations.

**DOWRY**

Dowry guards are now required to report every 20 to 30 minutes giving their position and odometer reading in order to notify their control room of their whereabouts. Their cars are also often tracked by Dowry to check on them.

Xolani, our bicycle guard has been replaced. Vincent has taken over his duties.

**AREA MAINTENANCE**

Joy’s team have been doing a good job every Tuesday and the area is looking neat and well kept. Joy reported that they find a lot of alcohol bottles along Constantia Drive and around the Kroton Street park.

On 19th October a team of residents will be marking fire hydrants with blue cats’ eyes which are glued in the centre of the road. A number of hydrants also need to be found and cleared of rubbish and soil.

**FINANCE / MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is remaining constant, although we are getting a few new members. Since the beginning of the year we have been sending invoices to all Complexes, Businesses and members. This seems to have helped people remember to pay their monthly subs, and finances are looking stable.

There is a new Salesperson, Noeleen, at Dowry who is signing up members who have moved into the area.

Deo Volente are using Dowry for their armed response, and do not want to belong to CIKN. However they have agreed to pay CKN R500 a month for their Chairman of the Body Corporate to belong to our WhatsApp group and for our Dowry vehicles to respond in cases of emergency.

**CCTV CAMERAS**

The new Vumacam poles are up and John and Dowry have received a quotation for the use of them. However there seems to be some uncertainty about the legality of them, and their quotation was very expensive.

**WEBSITE / DATABASE**

Jenny would like to hand care of the website over to someone who could update it. It is technically very out of date given the new technical advances.

The DADIE database is functioning well and assists with sending the invoices and keeping members information safe.

**RECYCLING PROJECT**

The presence in CKN of bin pickers has often been reported as the opportunity for criminals to be in the area. Recycling is becoming an important part of care for our planet and our surroundings, and everyone has been encouraged to re-use and recycle where they can. The bin pickers are doing this job and earning a living from it. It has been found that up to 80% of normal landfill refuse sites are being saved by recycling, saving the City Council money.

Lorin put forward an idea to get to know the bin pickers in our area and make their job a bit easier by requesting residents to leave recyclable articles out in a separate bag on bin days. It was obvious that they would have to have some type of identification in order to allow them to move through the area more freely and for residents to trust them. Dowry guards already know those who are genuine recyclers, and after a meeting between Lorin, Dowry and the recyclers it was agreed that they would be given vests identifying them as recyclers and identity cards with their photos on.

A group of them were issued with their vests, showing the CKN logo and the word RECYCLER this week, and hopefully this project will be a win-win situation for both them and the residents. The vests were donated. Photos were taken for their identity cards. Lorin will have a meeting with them every week to try and identify problems and to report back on the initiative.

Lorin has also made contact with the African Reclaimers Organization, ARO, who are working in Gauteng, and they are willing to come and discuss this initiative with our residents. We can be very proud to be at the forefront of a change in the way waste is handled.

**GENERAL**

John will approach the residents to contribute to Christmas bonuses for the Dowry guards.

Lorin will be organizing Trick or Treat as usual for Halloween.

Liesl is organizing a Christmas market to be held at the end of November.

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