

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD AT CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROBERTS ROAD, ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT :                      Rob Evans                      Chairman  
                                         Rowan White                      Vice-Chairman  
                                         Dylan Horn                      Treasurer  
                                         Pam Read                      Secretary

140 residents

APOLOGIES : 22 apologies received.

WELCOME: Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was glad to see a good turnout. He also welcomed the two representatives from Himax.

Rob said that the success of the CCA is due to a team effort by the committee.

He said criminal activity has been low, but we must not be complacent. A patrol car has been in place since the beginning of April and we believe it is making a great difference. We fenced off the veld in Villiers Drive and expressed his thanks to Duzi Fencing. 3 cameras were erected in Taunton Road, Villiers Drive and at the robots of Taunton/Roberts Road.

Rob said we have an increase in residents joining and with the inclusion of Clarendon Ridge and Clarendon West our total is 250 residents and still counting. We have had approaches from below Roberts Road robots and we have agreed that they can be incorporated into the CCA without compromising us. However they need to do their own recruiting of members.

Rob read out the names of the Area Representatives and thanked them.

He also thanked the following people for their contribution to the neighbourhood :-

Rowan White                      – creator of WhatsApp, cameras, plus, plus  
Dion Curtis                      – creator of Neighbourhood Patrol and continues to maintain it  
Greg Dreyer                      – making up the metal gate boards and liaison with Himax and monitoring the patrol car  
Darren Rautenbach                      – doing the printing on the gate boards and the posters in Taunton/Roberts Roads  
Cathy Davey                      - for supplying the electricity – initially to the guard hut and now to the cameras and also for monitoring the cameras  
Rouen Bruni                      - supplying wifi for top of Taunton Road for the patrol car  
Derek Butler                      - CPF representative  
Craig and Shelley Smith - street light reporting

Jim Read thanked the Neighbourhood Patrollers who patrol our streets at night and allow us to sleep peacefully. Rob asked all the patrollers to stand up so that they could be seen by the residents.

Thanks to Con Malherbe for donating platters for tonight, as well as Parklane Spar and John Kassner for also donating platters.

Rob called on various committee members to give a brief report on aspects they have dealt with.

HIMAX: Greg Dreyer reported. The patrol vehicle started operating in April this year to replace the Bobbies on the Beat. They do 8 – 12 patrols in a 12 hour shift. It has a tablet linked to the cameras

and when they park off they view the streets via the tablet and cameras. The three drivers are Michael, Xavier and Decent and their purpose is to observe and report to the area control room who will advise them and if it is a serious matter they get hold of Greg who then formulates a plan. Reports on the car patrols are sent to Greg every morning and he said they have records of the drivers at all times and are logged in the OB book. Greg reiterated that this vehicle is making a huge contribution in keeping crime down and thanked everyone who is contributing to make this possible.

Jim said our experience in working with Himax is that they are a professional company.

Jim referred to the "Security Reporting Problems" document that has been distributed and this should be completed with personal details and put in a convenient place, e.g. on the fridge or next to the telephone. He also requested everyone to put up their car decals.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PATROLS:** Dion Curtis gave a brief report and said he has 62 patrollers and 13 in reserve. They do 2 hours per month and it is proving very successful and he asked for more volunteers. Rob said if we had more volunteers we could do extra patrols.

**CRIME REPORT:** Rowan White read out the crime statistics for the Clarendon area. He said petty theft is on the rise but nothing major and feels this is due to the patrollers and vigilant community. He urged residents to ensure their perimeter fence is properly secured and that gates are closed.

**CPF REPORT – Derek Butler:** Derek said we have one of the better and safer communities as we are making it safe. Statistics are recorded at the SAPS, Town Hill and includes Montrose, Wembley, etc. Crime is on the increase but recently there has been a drop. Derek said the SAPS in the last 2 years has become more vigilant and approachable. Their response time is 7-9 minutes and he thanked the SAPS, Town Hill.

He said many residents are not reporting crimes and Derek said the detectives are trying to bring these crimes to court – they must go to court. Rob reiterated that if a crime is committed we must report it.

**PROPOSED SECTION 21 COMPANY :** Rowan explained briefly what this entailed. In neighbourhoods that are managed by a Section 21 Company with structures in place, the crime has been significantly reduced. If the majority of residents support it then the municipality will charge residents a monthly levy. The municipality collects the money and has a dedicated levy fund. We would discontinue with our own alarm companies and get one company that will take control of the whole area and the one security company will be responsible for all security matters.

One refuse company will be employed and this will eliminate vagrants. The costs will be borne by the levy fund making it 100% of residents and not 50% of residents. This will also have the benefit that property values will increase in Clarendon.

There will be a once off fee to the security company. The monthly fee is likely to be lower as only one monthly payment is made. It would mean residents will not have to use another security alarm system. Rowan feels it is the future for the neighbourhood and that we should explore it further.

Rob mentioned what the CCA is doing for the community at present is made possible by 50% of the residents. He urged residents to encourage their neighbours to join. In essence 50% of the residents are paying to support the security of a 100% of residents.

Rowan said non-members in future will be taken off the WhatsApp group.

Gerhard Griesel asked regarding feedback of crimes. Rowan said all cases are handed over to the SAPS.

Derek Jones said during their patrolling duties they see many vulnerable houses and suggested we do a report to the owners to advise them on how to increase their security. Rob said this is a good idea.

A question was asked about the Himax drivers and where they meet to change shifts. Himax representative said they meet at the garage in Victoria Road and do not walk over the Roberts Road Bridge which is a problem area.

SAPS are aware of the vagrants sleeping under the bridge. It is a crime hotspot and it seems the SAPS are wary of approaching them. This needs to be monitored and alternatives explored.

FINANCES: Dylan presented his report. He said our income had increased over last year from R340,211 to R408,713. Expenditure is up by R70 000 which includes equipment for the vehicle.

The cost to Himax is R40 000 per month.

Funds: Camera Fund	R17 448,00
Fence	R 1 329,00
K9	R30 000,00

Rob stressed that non-members are getting a great service for free. There are comprehensive benefits for belonging and he thanked all those who are contributing and appreciate their support. No questions were asked about the finances and the report was adopted.

Rob thanked Dylan for the great job he is doing in managing the CCA's finances.

OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR :-

New Chairman	- Rowan White
Treasurer	- Dylan Horn
Secretary	- Pam Read

Rowan thanked Rob most sincerely for all that he has done during his term of office over the last 2 years.

Rob also thanked Clarendon School for allowing us to use their hall.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19h10.

CHAIRMAN:..... DATE:.....