



Somerset West Community Police Forum

Minutes of Somerset West CPF Public meeting held at 19H00 on Tuesday 17thth April, 2018 at the Somerset West Library Hall.

1. WELCOME

Mr Van Minnen welcomed everyone attending. Then introduced speakers for the presentation on “Drugs – Know the Facts” - namely Warrant Officer James De Ville from SAPS and Ms Alison Carstens from the Mudita Foundation.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Warrant Officer De Ville opened the proceedings with a prayer.

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Smith, The Chairman of the CPF, apologized as he had a prior engagement.

4. PRESENTATION

Warrant Officer De Ville gave a talk and slideshow on the various types of drugs and explained how they are used.

This was followed by a presentation from Ms Carstens on what the Mudita Foundation is doing and she explained the psychology of drugs and what interventions were available.

5. STATION COMMANDERS ADDRESS

Col. Williams thanked the speakers. She said the main drivers of crime were alcohol and drugs.

She introduced Sgt Jacobs who is the Domestic Violence co-ordinator and is also responsible for Missing Persons. She said that SAPS was not only responsible for Crime, but also for Safety. She said that she is the goto person to help get an interdict against a life partner or other people when there were problems. She also helps people who have maintenance payment issues. Col. Williams praised her for her dedication to duty.

Col. Williams said that Fraud was a big problem and that people should protect their private information such as ID and pin numbers etc. She explained how women in particular, were vulnerable.

She gave a run down on crime, highlighting that Sector 1 was a problem. She shared a few cases with the audience and also mentioned that there had been a couple of business robberies.

She said the community was doing so much to help SAPS at Sir Lowry's Pass Village.

She said that they had managed to reduce street robberies. There was no specific day of the week that could be identified.

With reference to Garden Village and drugs, she said that if the community does not stand together to help SAPS, then SAPS would not be able to make an impact.

Mr Leppan asked how the CID (Central Improvement District) was working, to which she replied that although she knew that they were visible, she did not know how it was working or what their function is.

Mr Poole said that recently someone was a victim in a shopping area parking lot, and when they went to see video footage of the crime, found out that all the cameras were dummy cameras. Col. Williams replied that many businesses were not taking their security seriously and this should not be the case.

Mr Roe from HCW said that the drug problem was all over and that if people saw, even a small thing going on, to note vehicle registration etc and feed the info back to SAPS, it would help the perpetrators to be caught.

Warrant Officer De Ville said that people attending should go out and inform the community and that will make a difference.

A resident of Garden Village thanked the Col. For what the SAPS are doing and urged the community to stand together against drugs.

6. General

Mr Van Minnen said that one of the problems we had, was bin scrratchers, and asked Ms Anela Marais to demonstrate "BinGuard", which is a solution to this problem.

7. The meeting closed at about 20H30



Bill Smith
Chairman

The next meeting will be held on 19th June at 19H00.