

## RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes of the Richmond Hill Community Meeting held on Wednesday 09 September 2015 at 17:30 at the Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

### 1) **Welcome**

Kevin Slattery welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2) **Attendees**

18 people were in attendance, as per the attendance register.

### 3) **Apologies**

Liana and Arno Janse Van Vuuren

Burce Wigg, Athol Trolip, Morne Steyn.

### **Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 12 August 2015**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12 Aug 2015, were accepted as correct. This was proposed by Rory Norton, and seconded by Jan De Klerk

### 5) **Crime Update**

#### **A. SAPS \*\*\* CAPT Ackerman \*\*\***

Aug has excellent statistics for crime for Sector 1.

Busiest days in the week Fri - sat 12am - 12pm

SAPS confirmed decreased in crime compared to other sectors. We are doing very well. There are a couple of dark spots in RH but we are much lighter than Sector 2 (Central)

#### **Comments and Questions posed:**

- Wat can we do with the vehicles with the permanent "FOR SALE Phone numbers"? (Capt. Ackerman confirmed nothing SAP can do by law) Nothing illegal having a "For Sale" sign on your car.
- Mr from 10 MacKay Street mentioned all his car break-ins happened between 4 - 6am, what is Roberts schedules? Capt. Ackerman mentions for Humewood police theft out of motor vehicle in total was 105 but only 5 of them are in Richmond Hill, but from there side most crimes happens between 12pm and 12am Friday to Sunday
- Rory confirming SRA is on call 24hrs Mr from 10 Mackay str can call any time.
- CPU team quite aware of where the drugs are thanks to the SRA team. They made an arrest in Mackay Street with Drugs.

#### **B. SRA \*\*\*\* Kevin\*\*\*\***

- Theft out of motor vehicles gone down by 4 Last month 10 was reported this month only 6
- Searches No Problem, done 162 for the month last month 67 so that is a big up.
- Searched Weapon removed last month 15 was also up and now 21 weapons removed for the month.

- The 1ARH WhatsApp group is working well and we should be widening it. It is working really well and the patrol vehicle responds immediately

**CRIME ANALYSIS FOR AUGUST 2015**

Code	Description	LAST MONTH	▲▼	TOT
01	Robbery with Fire Arm	1	▼	
02	Robbery with Weapon, not Fire Arm	4	▼	2
03	Robbery Common	7	▼	3
04	House Robberies			
05	Business Robberies			
06	Truck Hi Jacking			
07	Bank Robberies			
08	Cash In Transit			
09	Car Jacking			
10	Murder			
11	Attempted Murder			
12	Rape			
13	Assault Greivous Bodily Harm	2	—	2
14	Assault Common			
15	Housebreakin Residential	2	▲	6
16	Housebreakin Business		▲	5
17	Theft OF Motor Vehicle		▲	2
18	Theft OUT of Motor Vehicle	10	▼	6
19	Theft FROM Motor Vehicle	1	▲	2
20	Illegal Possession of Fire Arm			
21	Drugs	6	▼	2
22	Drunken Driving	1	—	1
23	Stolen Vehicle Found	2	—	2
24	Search No Problem	67	▲	162
25	Search Weapon Removed	15	▲	21
26	Search Drugs Removed	4	▲	7
27	Public Indecency	1	▲	2
28	Illegal Goods Handed to SAPS	3	▲	4
29	Vagrants Removed	2	▲	7
30	Arrests Made	2	▲	9
31	OTHER	103	▼	98

<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	233	▲	343
			126
343			217

## 6) Municipal Matters -

### A. SRA- Elaine

Lights out spread sheet was sent to the DA's office. There are 37 lights out on the sheet.

Robert reported a water leak on CNR Callington and Mackay at 08h00 on the 08<sup>th</sup> (yesterday) and by 12h00 it was being attended to.

Dumping site at bottom St Patricks' street from a School in Westbourne Road. They were fined twice because they did not pick it up the same day. Thank you to the Rangers.

We did 24 trips to the tip and took 957 black bags for the month of Sep to the tip.

Kevin- Bantam we did 4094km, Hyundai 1626km total 5720km averaging about 185km per day so 92km per shift, we don't want to limit the guys with riding, but fuel is expensive. We are not armed response, we are more doing the passive, softer patrolling, and we are still finding a balance between not riding/spending unnecessary but still covering the area.

Question asked: What has happened to Atlas?- They only respond when there is an incident, we are lucky Wensel was good friends with Robert, and we employed him, so they are not standing off in Richmond Hill as much as they use to. Atlas still works with us to a degree.

Questions asked: Has anything been done to subsidize them to stay in the Area? - Yes, it cost over R80,000.00 per month.

Our guys will come if there is a house break in, they are armed under their personal capacity which I have not always condoned, and if they should use their firearm we have indemnification that it is being used not under the RH SRA NPC. They are not expected to go into dangerous situation putting their life on the line.

B. Ward 5 - Kevin\_ we didn't get an apology. We are getting fob off with 5 St Phillips. It is a huge frustration with illegal businesses. Human settlements is "n groot gemors". We may have to do something a lot firmer than what we have been to get something done. Rory recons if DA comes in, things will get fixed. Most cases business that are not wanted will close down because they are not financially viable, at least it is not a shebeen. Elaine mentioned when she popped into the DA's office, they have more people for the shop than they have against the shop. Jan wonders why people buy there because spar is closer and cheaper.

Question - Does the shop attract unwanted element? Kevin cannot say with conviction that is so but he states it is illegal, it does attract the likes of Zaheer.

Scott says there are guidelines where business will be according to the Municipality. We have over 80 businesses running in Richmond Hill. We do not want to become like Newtown Park. Perhaps we need to become more visible, get letters going, leaflet etc. we need to go out to explain to people. We need to up our game and make it uncomfortable for the illegal business.

Suggestion was made "Can't we make the legal owners get more business" somehow? Maybe we should picket, but

that is deemed an illegal gathering. Rory said the answer is for the other (legal) shops around to offer something better.

Suggestion. Municipal bylaw Points out that you may not "breaking down and repackage, it is illegal you may not repack and sell.

SARS has not been at shop in 5 St Phillis as far as we know, and that could be an avenue as well. SARS is working hard at the illegal shops as that is where the illegal cigarette is being distributed. A lot of business don't have bank details, they only deal in cash.

Kevin to chat to Morne about the shop.

Mariaan got her letter that a business in her street, the postal slip came a week after they had to submit it, she could not submit.

Municipality is rotten. Jan and Rory and Kevin to have a mini brainstorm regards how to go forward with the illegal shops.

A small illegal shop in Campbell Street causing trouble, but she was happy to report that the SAPS did go in and raided them.

**7) SRA Matters**

**A. Finances** - Janine Uderstadt

**RICHMOND HILL SRA - NPC**

**BUDGET FOR JUL 2014 TO AUG  
2015**

	2014/15	Aug	Y.T.D.
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
1. Employee Related	34934,49		159 820,96
2. Core Business	18 756,82		55 482,96
6. Interest Paid			-
7. General Expenditure	113 590,38		318 795,89
MARKET LINK	100 000,00		250 000,00
Bad Debt Provision	3 500,00		42 000,00
9. % of Levies			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>170 781,69</b>		<b>785 045,76</b>

<b>INCOME</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	158 254,15	
Per Month		
1. Revenue - SRA Levy	70 000,00	840 000,00
2. Donations / Other Plus Surplus / Less	500,00	3 018,22
3. Shortfall		-
4. Branding Advertising		-
		-
		-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>228 754,15</b>	<b>843 018,22</b>
		<b>57 972,46</b>

Balance Carried Forward - Current Acc 57 972,46

Market Link: Carried Forward	150 600,31	
Transfer to Market Link	100 000,00	250 000,00
Interest	550,21	1 150,52
Transfer from Market Link		-
Balance Carried Forward - Market Link		
251 150		

Combined Financial Assets 309 122,98

We run 2 months behind with the municipality. We will know at the end of this month (September) if the municipality is going to give us money back or if there are moneys out standing  
Kevin mentioned that pensioner can apply for reduced rate

**A. General Update**

Kevin disappointed in the turn out tonight, but we still have a major responsibility which Elaine will head is a knock and drop "Welcome to Richmond Hill". To increase our data base. AGM must be set up, you must be member and up to date with your rates and taxes.

We are waiting for the Financials to announce the date for the AGM.

Challenge is the blocks of flats we have some data on it.

Jan has been helping on the Webpage. Thank you Jan and Chris. We would like people to use the Facebook Page. We would like to get the web page linked eventually.

Website - Jan is working on the website, all communication must go through website, people must use SRA FB page.

NB Site for Refuse is a burning issues, we have been offering fencing, and we just need to skips, to get through to Clinton Plaaitjies

It has taken 10mths for Rob to get peace offers badge, but still not done.

3 directors 10 on management team we are calling on people to help the more the less the load, we would like new people, fresh ideas etc.

Soccer in park, Jan got by law and we are looking for someone to enforce it. We want the law behind us.

Mariska Spoomaker donated weed eaterwhere we must just maintain the Wild Garden, what can we do with the park. What do we do with the stairs of the St Patrick's to put benched in the park, Extra bins in the area and who will be cleaning. Jan says we must ask Municipality to supply and clean bins. We must try and give people the benefit of the doubt that they will use the bins and keep our area clean.

Our cleaning operations will do big dumping sites. It is mentioned that the SRA should get the mileage on SRA doing the work and not the municipality as residents don't know that the SRA is doing the work.

Shaun Britte and Kevin going to get the car guards projects going, so we can have proper car guards, it is not for us to run it but to assist. Get good guys, get them Crim tested, and get them uniforms.

Metro Security - John Hickman 078 870 5178 Head of the new Security to clean up Central, they are in the process of getting car guards of the streets, giving certain areas certain color bibs to clarify and make them more official. They are seeing a big improvement. 9 out of 10 problems are from Overport, they are trying to flood them out of Overport. They have a professional camera man taking photos to profile the people. They will have 2 dog unit vehicles with 4 dogs each, they are offering that if need URGENTLY arises they could send one of those vehicles to assist. Problem Albany road there is drug station. They are busy mobilizing 66 staff they are part of the CPF they engage with Humewood. The cameras in Main Street are there but up to 1/3 might be faulty, they are addressing MBDA broken lights, Currently 22 man complement, and they have been fully operational for 2 weeks

Janine 7 Irvine street, what is the situation regards Vovo Telo applying for rezoning, and applying for a full liquor license, Kevin suggest we chat to Morne. Metro Security-They have a control room and base station at King Edward Hotel. Rory mentioning to put one of our radio to them.

Janine from Irvine street is Worried that Vovo Telo will become like another Beer yard or similar

**8) Matters arising**

Keep in contact with us with all the stuff going down

**9) Date of next meeting**

14 Oct

**10) Meeting Closes**

Meeting closes at 18h50

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**Approval of minutes**

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Date