



Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch

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BBNW INFO BULLETIN 2 OF 2021

Dear members **THANK YOU**

1. Thank you, once again for your financial contributions to our account through the BBRA. These funds are extremely important in keeping our new cell phone radios operational and allow us to plan more watch related projects.
2. The reports you have given us since our last bulletin have been extremely helpful and very positive. Thank you.
3. May I just remind our members that the emergency and crime reporting group is strictly for reporting emergencies pertaining to you or when you are in the process of witnessing a crime. At the end of each crime report are important numbers to contact for other important stuff.

FIRE HYDRANTS

4. There were a few members that supported the "adopt a fire hydrant" project initiated by the fire and rescue team. I strongly recommend that we support their initiative as it could have a direct impact on our own safety at some point. I am convinced as more of us come onboard the better things will be for all. I will start forwarding our names to the Fire and Rescue team for leadership.

STREET NAMES

5. Across our village the street names are becoming more and more difficult to read because of overgrown vegetation or being moved out of sight. Is it not at all possible for us that have a street sign outside of our homes to adopt it and make sure it is looked after just as a side project?

HOUSE NUMBERS

6. Thank you to those members that have already put up their erf numbers and house numbers. It makes our lives so much better when searching and reporting. May we continue to have both erf and house numbers visible on our home walls?

SPOT LIGHTS

7. I understand the urge for some members to illuminate their property at night for security reasons. May I ask though, that you ensure that the spot light beam ends at your property edge? The reason for this is that the lights blind our watch members when on foot and does not allow us to recognize anything else in that space for a while. If you hear something in the bushes nearby it is impossible for our eyes to adapt to the different light contrasts. It also renders our night vision useless. Thank you.

ROADS PROJECT

8. For this project we intend to assist the BBRA in assessing our roads and giving them a score and status. Thank you to those that have indicated an interest in helping. Richard has indicated that they are almost ready to start.

CAMERA PROJECT

9. Who is involved.

	a.	BBRA (concept/project owner)	Bill Steyn
	b.	BBNW (project driver)	Wayne Jackson
	c.	The Hangklip/Kleinmond CPF (safety head)	Jacques Oosthuizen
	d.	Sandown Bay Security (major partner)	Brian Van Der
Merwe	e.	Kleinmond SRA (partner)	Dr Vic
	f.	Kleinmond Street Watch (partner)	Johan Toerien
	g.	Site provider No 1(camera site/elec/wifi)	Dr Flip Du
Plessis	h	Overstrand Municipality and their team (control room)	Director Neville
Michaels	i.	Technical advisor to camera supplier	
	j.	Camera supplier	
	k.	Kleinmond SAPS (partners)	Col May/WO Mossie
	l.	NAVIC (information service provider)	Jaco
	m.	Betty's Bay Village (finance)	Specific individuals

10. What's the latest on the cameras?

- a. I met briefly with Bill Steyn to brief him on our intention and progress to which he was in support.
- b. We met with Director Michaels and his team recently. It seems that they had a vision for cameras across the Overstrand. This vision has now been conceptualized without infrastructure at this point. We understand their challenges and red tape fully. For now they have in place the backbone hardware to accommodate the concept of linking up multiple cameras to a single control point. In the meantime we (all the villages) are going ahead with putting up cameras linked to NAVIC and partners. When the OM is ready, we will share our cameras with them and coordinate a joint watch with their added response infrastructure.
- c. I met with Dr Flip Du Plessis and he has given us permission to put a camera pole on his property, and he will supply the power for the cameras and he will set up uncapped wifi to accommodate the data streaming.
- d. After a technical and supplier meeting with all the watches, Dr Vic suggested that they would be interested in sharing the costs of our first camera as they would directly benefit from the data as well.
- e. We are currently waiting for quotes from camera supplier and installer to know exactly what the cost will be. We only have R100 000.00 available to us for cameras at this stage and I intend putting up 3 LPR camera arrays across our village. We need to stretch these funds as best we can and to get as many partners as possible. The reason for this is, once we have done the LPR network we can focus on putting up PTZ cameras at various hot spots across the village as well. The task is great and the money is few and the negotiations are frustrating to say the least.

11. So where are these LPR cameras going to be?



PUBLIC MEETING

12. For now we will not hold any public meetings; however individuals or groups may discuss issues with me via email or pop in for a discussion. The coffee is good.

GARDEN COMPETITION

13. After a few meetings with the Kogelberg Garden Circle co-ordinating crew, it was decided that we would no longer have a competition but rather a show later on during the year and the proceeds of that would come to us. This is a wonderful bunch of people and I find their support for the Watch refreshing and noble.

BBNW NEEDS YOU

14. We are looking for area representatives (reps). Area reps are people that can receive information from members in their respective areas and initiate a response. This person will be issued with a watch radio which gives him/her direct access to the four security companies and other watch reps. This is to eliminate any time wasting and the emergency/active crime can be dealt with as speedily as possible.

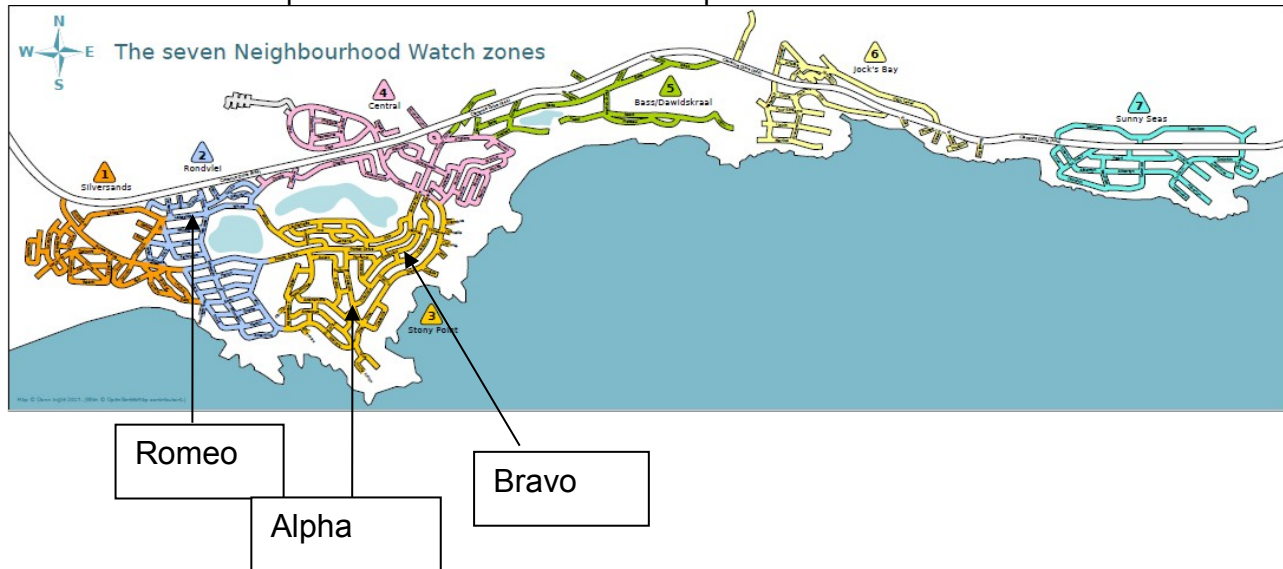
There are no reps for:

- a. Sunny Seas
- b. Jock's Bay
- c. Dawidskraal/Bass Road
- d. Central
- e. Silersands

15. We are also looking for street reps. Street reps are people that walk regularly in their area of domicile that would notice changes and anomalies very quickly and could report these changes to us via their respective area reps. ie vacant plots becoming building sites and people living on building sights and so on.

16. I need to say this. In an area/zone where there are no volunteer reps, it would be unfair for them to now expect volunteers from other area/zones to service these non-volunteer areas/zones. If you don't volunteer to become reps or be involved don't expect someone else to do it for you and then still have the audacity to criticize the Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch for not informing you with information. It is you that is missing from the arena of engagement and your presence is welcome. Keep in mind the BBNW is the only recognized and accredited organization in the area with established infrastructures. See attached certification.

17. Below is a map of where we have volunteer reps



ABOUT CRIME AND CRIME STATS

18. Crime is on the increase as can be seen on our crime stats. We need more eyes and ears for us to stay on top of things. We are in discussion with the powers to be to increase intel gathering.

19. It is clear and very important to know that if we are to get more positive results from our SAPS and Law Enforcement agencies we will have to do the following:

- a. If we have a complaint, we must make a statement with the SAPS or Law Enforcement agency and be prepared to follow up the report in a court of law. This has been lacking up until now. Let's work on this aspect to clean up our town.
- b. When we experience a break in or even an attempted breaking in, we must try and report it to the SAPS in order for us to get a case number. With this been done we can ask for finger prints and create a better portfolio of evidence to who and how the criminals operate in Betty's Bay.
- c. At the moment we have many vehicles entering our communities that are registered to crime in other areas and we need to know where they are when they enter our space. With this we can inform the SAPS and Law Enforcement as to their whereabouts for LE action. At the moment these vehicles are visiting with impunity.
- d. On a positive note the crime around building material theft has gone down.

20. Chat groups via WhatsApp and Telegram: Stony Point has a chat group which makes it easier to discuss things other than emergencies. It is my intention to start one for Rondevlei shortly. When this happens, I will put everyone from Rondevlei on the group and you may remove yourself from it or put it on silent as you please with no effect to your passive membership. Other than the emergency group, as soon as you remove yourself from the emergency group, I will remove you from the watch and all coms.

21. As far as information is giving information or sharing information, please stick to sharing more official information and don't offer it out of your own. There are weekly stats and that is for you and only you for good reason. If you need to know a little more I might be able to give you more information but at the moment ill-informed gossip and hyperbole is causing a lot of unnecessary problems at all levels.

22. At the moment there is a new group of criminals that are operating in Betty's Bay from outside and from within. We are only starting to learn about them now, so your vigilance as eyes and ears is even more important now than ever before. For example: there were a few observations made prior to a burglary, but that information did not get reported to anybody and nobody responded to that information. Information is important prior to any burglary. Strangers walking around, strangers taking photos of house, unusual vehicle with 4 people in it and so on. As soon as these observations are reported, someone can go and find out what or who it is. To offer this sort of information after the fact is history and we can learn from it but it should have been used to prevent a crime. In the areas without reps, please contact the BBNW number or me privately so that we can investigate all suspicious activity until you are up and running with a group and rep. Things are not as it seems and we need to stand together now more than ever before.

23. Keep in mind that only you and your neighbours belong here in Betty's Bay. Nobody else. The occasional visitor to the area, the builder, the garden service, the cleaning service, the municipal services and so on happen daily and we need to know these people. Everyone else is a stranger and we need to be challenge them as to their business. This is our space not theirs.

24. Donations/financial contributions: The account details are as follow:

- a. Our ref is your erf no and bbnw, (4233bbnw)
or
- b. Our ref is your erf number and radios, (4233 radios)
or
- c. Our ref is your erf number and cameras, (4233cameras)

BBRA
Current Account
ABSA bank Hermanus
Branch code 632005
Account No 4066616439

CONCLUSION: LETS TAKE CHARGE OF OUR SPACE

24. **We must take charge of our space, because nobody else will.** The idea that we pay rates entitles us to certain Municipal, Law Enforcement, SAPS, DEFF, Cape Nature, and, and, and support is true. However we must face the reality of the situation: all of the above mentioned organs of state are, under staffed, underfunded, incorrectly staffed, lack of enthusiasm, lack of expertise, to mention but a few. It is for this reason we need to change the things we can within our power and challenge the rest with robustness, but we should not sit back and watch how things are deteriorating around us and play the blame game. We can make a difference if we apply our minds in a more positive light and be supportive.

Thank you once again and kind regards
Wayne

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Figure 2: Uncoordinated response teams from 06:00 to 22:00
Coordinated response team from 20:00 to 06:00

Zone	Name	Surname	Cell number	Call sign
BBNW	Wayne	Jackson	0829281260	Alpha night team
Silver Sands				Echo
Rondevelei	Donovan	Ackerberg	0728868323	Romeo day team
Stony Point	Rob	Morrisby	0825286053	Bravo day team
Central				Charlie
DKraal/Bass				Delta
Jock's Bay				Golf
Sunny Seas				Hotel
Betty's Bay	ASK		0711359029	ASK 24/7 team
Betty's Bay	Bolt		0612001246	Bolt 24/7 team
Betty's Bay	CULIVE		0861626347	CULIVE 24/7 team
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 1 24/7 team
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 2 24/7 team


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KLEINMOND COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Dear Lt Col May & Mr Oosthuizen

RE: NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION APPROVAL –
BETTY'S BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – DCS 15/18/009

It is hereby confirmed that the application for formal accreditation for the abovementioned Neighbourhood Watch has been approved in terms of **Section 6, of the Western Cape Community Safety Act of 2013**.

You are advised that the accreditation is valid for a period of twenty four (24) months effective as from **05 JANUARY 2021**. Please note that you will be required to re-apply for renewal three (3) months prior to the expiration date.

As an accredited Neighbourhood Watch Structure you are able to access training and support opportunities offered by the Department. It should be noted that this is dependent on resource availability within the Department.

We acknowledge your efforts and willingness to make your neighbourhood safer.

An official **Accreditation Certification** handover ceremony will be arranged in due course and you will be informed accordingly.

Kind regards


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Dear Mr Raymond

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It is hereby confirmed that your application for formal accreditation has been approved in terms of **Section 6, of the Western Cape Community Safety Act of 2013**.


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