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1. Appreciation. 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. Thank you too for your moral support and advice, we appreciate your positive attitude towards crime prevention in our areas. Our radio data bill is R2000 per month and we are looking for possible sponsors if that is at all possible. Ideas are welcome.

2. Flexibility. We adapt and change as required to keep up with criminal activities, available resources and volunteers. We have divided into 7 zones and 7 zone groups with a group rep. This system is working well and supports the idea that each zone has a different dynamic and requirements. The big emergency group is no more and the zone groups will accommodate the emergencies as required.

3. Database. We are also continuously updating and correcting our database to reflect the correct information re our members. We will use this information when we redesign an evacuation plan for the different areas. Age, disabilities and resources are some of the things that affect the plan. Here, I have to take responsibility for all mistakes as I manage the data base.

4. Fire. In support of and in collaboration with our fire fighters we asked Liz Buncker to talk with us at our last meeting. She emphasized the importance of managing certain risks and we can all play a role in this. I have made a few points that are relevant to us all.

- a. **Fire**. We must not report any fire or suspected fire on WhatsApp, Telegram or any other social media. We must report this information directly the **Foxtrot on 0283122400**
- b. We can contact the fire service via fire@bettysbay.info for all and any other enquiries.
- c. They are recruiting volunteers and are busy with fire courses with the volunteers at the moment.
- d. The fire hydrant programme is still alive and well and many of us can assist with this important responsibility. Before we can adopt a fire hydrant it is important to join the volunteers. One simply fills in a form to join and then the fire people will train us in how to look after a hydrant amongst other things, like.
 - i. Looking after hydrants
 - (a) Vegetation around the hydrant
 - (b) Markings and paintwork
 - (c) Reporting defects
 - ii. Hydrants are used for filling tankers mostly
 - iii. Directing traffic
 - iv. Crowd control

4. Projects. In term of our fight against local crime and petty crime we are working hard to assist our community to find employment. At the moment we are driving or involved in the following projects and volunteers and advice to this regard is always welcome. Be advised that no money that you contribute to the BBNW goes towards these projects.

- a. The road assessment project. This is an assessment mechanism that produces a report to the municipality whereby they may direct their road maintenance schedules with better effectiveness. We are happy to be part of the solution. On the subject of road the following is important for us to comprehend.
 - i. Besides the obvious and most of which is out of our control but there is one thing that is in our control and that is speed. Our gravel roads are designed to take or handle a certain amount of pressure before it breaks up. At 40km/h a certain amount of pressure is exerted on the road and that is fine for our roads, however as soon as we exceed 40km/h the pressure on our roads increases and starts to break up the road. So the faster we go the more pressure we produce onto the road and the more road destruction we cause. Let's just keep this in mind.
- b. The Mooiplaas project is a project to grow vegetables on a permanent basis for the benefit of our community. The idea is to employ local community members to manage the garden and market the excess product. A number of people could be employed through this process. The municipality has given us land and LED has awarded a supplier to supply us with R30 000.00 worth of fencing, poles, sand, stone, cement and hardware required to start.
- c. The dog dipping project with GAWS is aimed at employing 1 or 2 people where we can dip our dogs and a fee. Once the bath is built and set up we can drive up to Mooiuitsig and dip our dogs, let them dry on the grass there and drive off again.
- d. The honey project is aimed at employing a few members interested in this endeavor to produce honey to be marketed for profit.
- e. We are looking of a site here in BB to have a car wash where more people can be employed. Ideas for sites are welcome.

5. It is important to note that all the projects, once up and running will be handed over to whoever is involved and we will step away and leave them to grow.

6. Neighbourly help. On Friday we responded to a call for help to transport a little boy in a wheelchair to the Kleinmond clinic as these people do not have transport or the means to arrange transport due to their financial situation. We saw to it that they got there and we picked them up and took them home again. This has sparked an idea to deal with these sort of things in our community. This is not the first time we have assisted people similarly across BB at different occasions. Do you think we could put together a group of people that could be called upon to assist when these situations arise?

7. Crime in general. Stats show us that crime in our area has declined significantly in the past month or so. For this we must thank all our passive members for the information you have provided us with. It is you, the passive members that form the bulk of our watch and are the most important part of our endeavour to prevent crime.

8. The watch and its partnerships. Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch (BBNW) is no longer a standalone watch or single entity in crime prevention across the villages. We are part of an integrated system working together to achieve an effective crime management system. Our partnerships are dynamic and discussed in terms of serving the community outside of business policy or private opinion. Soon we hope to be in communication with Pringle Bay Street Watch to broaden our scope.

9. Partnerships. Here is an update of partnership developments.

- a. Kleinmond Street Watch. We are partners with the Kleinmond street watch as we shared the costs for the LPR camera array between Betty's Bay and Kleinmond. We will share all the information that is derived from this array and others.

- b. Pringle Bay/Rooiels. New partnership. At the moment we are in discussion to put up a second LPR camera array between Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay. This information will also be shared across all partners.
- c. NAVIC, is the primary service provider for all the camera information. What they do is inform us of all reported vehicles that appear on the system via a WhatsApp group. Soon we will be able to share some of this information with you when we give out the crime stats at the beginning of each week.
- d. Overstrand Municipality Kleinmond Administration and the Office for Local Economic Development. There is a general consensus that we need to uplift our community in order to reduce the temptation to do crime. With this said, they support our projects and assist where they can.
- e. Security companies. In our attempt to grow in support, we also try our best to grow the network for gathering intelligence and reporting information. Recently we have decided not to continue our partnership with CULIVE as intended. It is important to note that this decision is not because of anything that they have done. It is purely a decision taken because of us not being compatible with our strategies. For example:
 - i. Their rules state that they may not be part of any other group. By us putting their AR people onto our group we are in contradiction to their policies. On the other hand we do not make provision for group phones to be on our group because we need to know at all times who we are sharing information with. With a group phone we don't necessarily know that. This takes the CULIVE AR members out of our system completely.
 - ii. In the spirit of our collaboration at night we do come together and discuss happenings of the night or observations whilst everyone is sleeping at home. The policy or rules of CULIVE don't allow their people to "fraternize" with other company members and our watch members. So when we get together the CULIVE members may not participate.
 - iii. We have a group that includes certain members of the watch, ASK, BOLT, Sandown Bay, CPF, SAPS and private members that assist in crime prevention on an active level. If CULIVE's members are not allowed onto this group then there is no reason for their participation in the partnership. Let me give a simple example. If we had an incident of pot plants being stolen and we don't find anything during the night, then the next day if someone on the group sees a pot plant walking down the road, he/she can report it immediately on the group and we will know what it is all about and can react. So if you are not allowed to be on the group then we respect this and work with the people that we have. This is a new partnership and was established by the watch on mutual agreement and if the situation changes then we will welcome as many partners as possible in the attempt to grow.
- f. SAPS. Besides the JOCOM meetings on a Monday, we have established a good relationship with the members of the Kleinmond police service. We are in direct communication with a Sergeant and a Detective for fresh and relevant information on a daily basis.
- g. Anti-poaching. We inform relevant role players of all observations made in BB re Perlemoen and Crayfish poaching.

10. Funds. What do we do with the funds you donate? On taking over the watch at the 1 years ago, it was decided that R100 000.00 would be ring-fenced for the camera project. This is still true and those funds we are finally using for exactly that.

11. We also bought 10 cellphone radios for a better communication system at a cost of R26 000.00 out of the remaining funds in the watches subaccount. We have asked each member that has a radio to make a contribution of R200.00 per month. If it is not possible then the deficit is paid for out of your contributions. Other than that we are trying to accumulate funds for future camera and sensor equipment. We do not

physically manage our money, this is done by the treasurer of the BBRA and we are extremely grateful for that. We are looking for a sponsor for this cost of our radio data per month. We do not use any funds without informing everyone.

12. Besides the cameras and radios we have done a lot by using our own private money and resources. The active members are not compensated in any way shape and form. We pay for our own petrol usage; phone usage and we give up our time willingly. Most of the active members are also very busy people and can't spend our time with negative slander, assumptions and people that just find fault with everything we do.

13. New Suff. So besides all of the above we have:

- a. we have a new administrator
- b. we have another dedicated watch patroller
- c. we have a new rep for Silversands
- d. we are looking for a sponsor to cover our radio data cost.

14. The systems that make our watch so dynamic and effective is due to a system of operation and collaboration with other entities, but most of all our success must be attributed to the passive members, our eyes and ears. At the moment we have volunteers in 6 of the 7 zones, 707 households (approximately 1414 pairs of eyes and ears) if we use an average of 2 people per household. It is this passive membership that we wish to extend.

15. Future. We are recruiting younger people and husband and wife teams. Our watch is not about individuals and all about systems and processes driven by volunteers in collaboration with others. We have worked hard to build this system over the past 1 year and a bit. The system is basically in place now and of course will remain dynamic in its nature to change, change and change some more as required by new leadership and younger team of dedicated volunteers. I am looking to hand over the reins to a younger person as soon as this person has indicated his readiness. The announcement and vote will take place at an AGM.

16. Meetings. Previously we have indicated who would attend our meetings but there are no more than 20 people. If someone else wishes to sit in and even contribute to the meeting then by all means let me know and I will certainly welcome you. Our meetings are the last Wednesday of every month.

17. Bibs and Whistles. In order to show our presence across BB we encourage all passive members to wear a watch bib and a whistle when they walk around in their respective area. The idea of the whistle is to draw attention to yourself if you need help. Once we have sufficient whistles out there we will do an exercise for everyone to blow their whistles at the same time so as to familiarize all residents to the sound and what it means and what they should do.

18. The garden project. This is an effort to raise more funds. We are looking for two volunteers to stand watch over the vehicles that will attend the gardens on show later on this year. Just private me and we can discuss the details.

19. The Watch groups. Dear members of the watch. The watch groups are set up for the specific zone's benefit and to assist us to respond to a need. This implies that all things that are of interest and importance to the residents of that zone. However sometimes we forget and tend to chit chat away about mundane or irrelevant things. May I ask each and every one to be mindful of this in the future? If for instance, you want to find out something about a post, just private that person and chit chat away. Even if you want to tell me or ask me something specific, then just private me, it does not have to be on the group. I really do not want to pose any rules for these groups because I am sure we all understand what they are for and understand the need to keep it important and to the point. Thank you in advance.

20. To all that belong to our watch and to those that support us, go you well and be safe.

Figure 1 The account details are as follow: Our ref is bbw and your erf no or bbw and surname (4322bbw) (bbwjackson)

Bank: ABSA
 Account Holder: BBRA (Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association)
 Type of account: Current Account
 Branch: Hermanus
 Branch code: 632005
 Account number: 4066616439

Figure 2 Reps/patrollers/AR and call signs

Zone	Name	Surname	Cell number	Call sign
Stony Point	Wayne	Jackson	0829281260	Alpha
Rondevlei	Donovan	Ackerberg	0728868323	Rondevlei
Central	Henk	Smith	0825286053	Bravo
Silver Sands	Bennie	Sheppard	0788032722	Silversands
Jock's Bay	Astrid	Twomey	0837250437	J Bay
Betty's Bay	ASK		0711359029	ASK
Betty's Bay	Bolt		0612001246	Bolt
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 1
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 2

Figure 3 Snapshot of typical activities at night through radio tracking. As we move or respond the picture changes.

Security	Watch Reps	Watch patrollers	SAPS
ASK	Silver Sands	Alpha	Detective
BOLT	Rondevlei	Bravo	Sergeant
Sandown Bay	StonyPoint		
	Jock's Bay		

