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Greetings to you all,

A review of crime statistics shows that there was no significant increase in overall reported crime. What is cause for concern is the modus operandi of some of the burglaries. The burglars know the short comings of the installed security systems and manage to gain access to properties without being detected. We are making a serious appeal to home owners to take control of the situation and get your security company to evaluate your system and even do a risk assessment of your property. We know this costs money but in this way you will know whether the installed system is giving you the protection you want. Technology is advancing at a fast pace and so are the security systems available. Some examples would be to have micro wave sensors installed at critical points in your house and also tamper switches in the control box. Recent burglaries have been because old passives were installed and are old technologies type. The oldest passive will only sense body temperature but if the burglar uses an umbrella and screens himself from passive the alarm will not go off. Diving wet suits are also used which does not allow heat through. Recently a door was removed and used as a screen. nearly R90 000 goods stolen. The security control box did not have a tamper switch so they had plenty time to disconnect wires. The new microwave detector will sense heat and movement even should the intruder be shielded and is very sensitive to movement. BBNHW does not sell or install or is promoting them but it is for your safety to get them to check your alarm system at least once a year. If you think the cost of such modifications is too much you have other options such as burglar bars or other forms of protection. This is not the secure solution as burglars carry tools for cutting. Please do not leave the security of your property only in the hands of the security company; you must be in control of the situation. Remember that the security companies only react after the event and do damage limitation.

We have established an interim committee to liaise with the Overstrand Municipality regarding the camera project and primarily to explore sustainable funding options. I am sure residents are concerned that the camera project is taking a long time to get off the ground and this is true. The reality is that the Overstrand Municipality are delaying the process and Kleinmond are going to install cameras (independent of the municipality) and will have them monitored at a control room, our plan is to install cameras (based on affordability) and use the same control room. We are dependent on how soon Kleinmond can become operational. In the interim we will continue to raise funds and communicate with the OM.

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With the start of the holiday season there will be the usual influx of holiday makers. We will be attempting to inform our visitors of the situation in Bettys Bay and also to make them aware of the precautions they can take. There are those who are waiting for people to get into the “holiday mode” and will take advantage of any opportunity to rob people of their possessions.

Homeowners and residents are reminded that our 2 WhatsApp groups have been created for crime reporting only. We can't have people using these groups as chat groups and even more so late at night, so please avoid this situation.

We are in the fire season so Bettys Bay residents are reminded to take care when making fires, especially in the open. Neighbours are to be on the lookout as visitors to our area often don't understand the fire risk. Please spread the word that braai fires are to be extinguished with water after use and not left to burn out. Report any cause for concern to the fire department. A further reminder is that there is a total ban on fireworks in Bettys Bay.

Our AGM will be on the 8th December at 10am in Crassula Hall. During this meeting we will present a report on activities for the year including our financial situation.

Donations towards funding the camera system and our operating costs will be greatly appreciated.

Our banking details are:

- Account Name -Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association.
- Bank - ABSA Hermanus Branch
- Cheque Account Number 4066616439
- Please use your surname, NW and erf number as a reference.
- E-mail proof of payment to bbaynhw16@gmail.com

Wishing you all a safe month

AGM REPORT ON ACTIVITIES - 2018

Herewith the report on activities of the Bettys Bay Neighbourhood Watch for 2018.

1 Introduction.

Bettys Bay Neighbourhood Watch is accredited through the Western Cape Provincial Government Department of Community Safety and reports into the

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Community Police Forum (CPF) structures. There is specific legislation that governs how neighborhood watches are to operate. The BBNW works closely together with the Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association as we both serve the same community.

2. Operations

96 operations were conducted throughout the year each with an average duration of 2, 5 hours. The whole of Bettys Bay was covered in these operations although certain areas were given more focus depending on the incidents being reported. We have 32 people in our operational group and on average 9 members volunteered for each operation. A special word of thanks to those who have regularly given of their time throughout the year, without them we would not have been able to be of service to Bettys Bay.

Regular monthly meetings were conducted with the area wardens in attendance.

The total number of residents on our data base grew from 458 to 616 during the year. These people are split into 2 whatsapp groups (the first group is full) and are also on our e-mail address list. The data base is administered and secretarial services are provided by Joyce Sandy who deserves a special word of thanks.

Jorika Rabie resigned as Operational Co-ordinator and Rudi Perold and Gerald Scholly helped to keep operations ongoing, your assistance is much appreciated.

3. Projects

We have been exploring the issue of cameras and have formalised contact with the Overstrand Municipality regarding funding via the special ratings area. As mentioned in our last newsletter the process is being delayed by the OM. They have told us to follow the process used by Kleinmond and they have been extremely frustrated by the lack of progress.

4. Finance

A separate simplified financial statement has been prepared. Most of our funds are being retained for the project mentioned above. It is worthy to note that

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during a committee meeting it was decided not to compensate members for doing patrols.

5. Future

This is the most important part of the report as everything up to now is history. Currently there is only one type of service available to residents in Bettys Bay namely a response to an alarm situation once an event has happened. The BBNW attempts to stop crime from happening by patrolling the town and attempting to identify and report suspicious persons and vehicle movements but we have limited success due to a lack of manpower. The future must be the use of alternative technology combined with a dedicated response. We have been evaluating installing cameras in Bettys Bay at strategic positions to identify people and vehicles that are suspicious before a crime is committed. The info from the cameras will only be as good as the response to such info, this implies a dedicated response team based in Bettys Bay. Such a service comes with a monthly cost and the only viable funding model available to us is the special ratings area. Towns with similar problems as Bettys Bay have reported significant reductions in crime after installing a camera system.

A strollers group has been started with the specific aim of getting people who walk and or cycle in their neighbourhood to keep their eyes and ears open and report any strange or suspicious issues to a dedicated whatsapp group. This group has been functioning for only 1 week and we are optimistic that it will grow.

First aid training is being planned for the operational group and this training will also be available to residents. The cost of such training will be advised in due course.

I sincerely believe that with a focused approach we can make Bettys Bay the crime free area we all desire. It was a pleasure to head up the Bettys Bay Neighbourhood Watch during the past year.

Thanks to the Security Companies who have assisted us when SAPS were not available.

Once again thanks to my team!

Regards



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