

# PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING



<b>Subject of meeting</b>
Pringle Bay Safety & Security Questions & Answers
<b>Date and time</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019, 11am
<b>Venue</b>
Pringle Bay Community Centre
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Street Watch was asked if the stats they have, could not be drilled down further to include: are the houses which are burgled alarmed, are people in residence, are there burglar bars etc.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Crime stats show that the crimes take place from Thursday night – Sunday nights</li> <li>b. Most houses burgled are empty or occupied by holidaymakers who are relaxed about security. The holidaymakers also bring in ‘toys’ e.g. computers etc which are left lying in the open and which are desired by the burglars.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The stats provided by Street Watch showed that the major crimes were not on the perimeter of Pringle Bay but rather in the CBD moving towards The Point. The question is, does this area have a high level of B&amp;B’s\Holiday homes.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sector 1 &amp; 8 had the highest level of crime, which is surprising because they are not on the perimeter. Street Watch is constantly monitoring which houses are hit and why.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Does the increase of building in the area bring more crime into the area? It was pointed out that Sector 7 had a high rate of building currently underway, but only 1 burglary had happened in 2019.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Our stats show very little if any correlation between the occurrence of crime vs the increase in building activities.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Could the License Plate Recognition system (LPR) at the entrance of Pringle not be used as a virtual boom, by registering everyone who lives in the area. Then any non-residents can be monitored.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The current LPR system would definitely be used to monitor any unknown cars coming into Pringle Bay. Known friendly vehicles would not necessarily be monitored by the LPR system, as they could be excluded. Should we decide to appoint a company to perform command &amp; control then they would be responsible for tracking potential unfriendly vehicles otherwise it would be the responsibility of our volunteers to inform the security companies of a suspicious vehicle entering the village, etc.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Past stats have shown that when there is high visibility of law enforcement, crime tends to die down. Even a presence at the gate when visitors arrive tends to have an impact on crime.</li> </ol>

- a. This is currently under discussion with SAPS etc. The fact is that SAPS has a critical manpower shortage.
  - b. We have an undertaking from SAPS/Councillor Krige that a roving police station will be shared between Pringle Bay/Rooi Els/BettysBay. Street Watch also attempts to have a presence at the entrance of Pringle. More volunteers are required to strengthen street watch and provide better visibility on the streets.
  - c. The companies responding to the Request for Proposal (RFP) have also requested use of the guard hut at the entrance to Pringle Bay. This would be beneficial. ASK and Vetus Schola park at the gate every day to deter crime.
  - d. Baboon monitors are also asked to keep their eyes and ears open for criminal activity.
6. Are the security and safety committee considering applying for a Special Rate Area (SRA) with the municipality?
- a. The PBRA is kicking off the process to implement the SRA. This is a major process which will need to be driven by a separate committee as it is a major initiative.
  - b. Kleinmond is in the process of establishing an SRA.
  - c. The SRA process and impact will be shared with all residents as we progress.
  - d. The funding from the SRA will in all likelihood be used to fund operations and maintenance of the security system implemented e.g. command & control centre, maintenance etc. The funding of the Perimeter Intrusion Detection System, Camera systems, Command & Control facility and the associated integration would need to come from donations.
7. What is a slave camera?
- a. The proposed Virtual Fence consists of the Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PID) supported by a number of Assessing Cameras. The home position of the Assessing Cameras will always be towards the outside ensuring the privacy of the residence. Once the PID has registered an Alarm (something crossing the Virtual Fence) the closest Assessing Camera will automatically turn to the location of the alarm allowing the Command & Control personnel to assess the nature of the alarm vis-à-vis a threat or no threat (Hostile intrusion or friendly intrusion). The process of the camera automatically turning to the location of the alarm is referred to as "Slaving"
8. Does anyone have any idea how the stolen goods are leaving Pringle Bay? Often the items stolen are very large and no one could walk out of the village with them.
- a. History has shown that stolen goods leave the village in different ways through different modus operandi and routes including by foot, and/or by car.
  - b. It was felt that much of the crime being carried out in Pringle Bay is organised inside the village which makes the principle of eyes and ears so much more important.
9. Do blue lights outside houses deter burglars
- a. They do deter burglaries, but if the power is down and the battery dies, the light starts flashing, this then tells anyone on the outside that there is no one home.
  - b. However, it was still recommended to have an alarm system installed, as opposed to not having one.

**Parking Lot:**

10. Law enforcement visibility at the entrance of Pringle Bay
11. More municipal law enforcement
12. Communication methods need to be expanded. Many people in Pringle do not use social media.
13. Engage businesses in promoting Street Watch and PBRA membership.
14. What has been implemented in Rooiels? They seem to have very little crime.
  - a. Rooiels have implemented significant camera and monitoring systems. They have followed the route of having cameras on every street requiring high levels of maintenance.
  - b. Rooiels have a high percentage of permanent residents and their security system was funded by residents. They have been very successful.
15. Residents need to join Street Watch and the Rate Payers Association. It is vital to get support from the residents to make these organisations successful.
16. It was reiterated that anyone who wishes to remain anonymous when reporting a crime can. Residents can report crime to Street Watch. This can either be done directly through the Sector heads or via the Telegram SOS app.
17. Street Watch will provide a checklist to inform residents what to look for and note when seeing a crime take place.
18. Street Watch to provide a list of sector heads names & numbers.