

Minutes of GPNW 7th AGM held at Hellenic Club, 22 Nov 2018 at 18.30 for 19hr

Chairman of the meeting: Charles Scheltema

Minute taker: Mnandi Bestbier

1. **Welcome to the 7th Annual GPNW General Meeting**
Cllr Dave Bryant, Ms Heather Tager, Marc Truss, Capt. Petersen, Sgt Balie, Jenny McQueen, Exco, committee members, GPNW and GPRRA members and visitors were all welcomed- as per the attendance list. In total 65 people present. CS
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:**
Dijon Anthony adopted and Gary Trappler seconded the agenda and there were no points added to the agenda by anyone present. CS
3. **Apologies:** Derek Salter, Jane Meyer, Laura Louw, Adam Behr, Col Engelbrecht and Gary Shaff, Jerry Margolius, Derek Waldman, Vicky Taljaardt and Jeunesse Park CS
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**
Meeting of 1 Nov 2017 – Adoption of the minutes by Dijon Anthony and seconded by Jenny McQueen. CS
5. **Introduction of the GPNW Exco:**
Charles mentioned that younger people are needed who can engage and assist taking GPNW forward. CS
 - Chair: Charles Scheltema – CS
 - Vice Chair: Gary Trappler – GT (incl WhatsApp groups) and Dijon Anthony – DA (incl radios)
 - Secretarial positions: Mnandi Bestbier – MB and Maria Anagnostellis – MA
 - Treasurer – Sandi Feinstein - SF
 - Operations: Dijon Anthony (mainly radios), Matt Feinstein (technical) – MF
 - Charles thanked everyone for their commitment
 - Management committee (Manco) – still work in progress with some positions to fill.
 - Invited anyone who would like to assist to come forward
6. **Treasurer's report**
- The report was presented by the Chairman as the treasurer was occupied dealing with new members. There were no questions to the treasurer's report and the report was proposed by Gary Trappler and seconded by Yvonne Shaff. CS/SF
- The main donation received was an amount of R56 822 from Bradley Braithwaite, founder of the GPNW. The chairman thanked Bradley (not at meeting, now residing in PE). A round of applause and appreciation followed.
7. **Chariman's report:**
- Review of 2018 – it was a challenging year for GPNW, as the entire committee stepped down as the last AGM, but committed to stay on until early 2018. CS
- An interim committee was formed, working with Bradley to keep the NW alive.
- An Exco committee was elected and Charles was asked to stay on as Chairman.

- More hands on deck need to become a strong NW.
- Currently 205 members with a few new members after the AGM.
- Only 27% of 205 members paid their membership fees.
- In order to fund expenses, for example, radios, the NW needs members to pay the membership fees.
- Purpose of GPNW: visit the website www.greenpointwatch.co.za
- The chairman reflected on the vision, mission and objectives of the GPNW and concentrated on the objectives:

Objectives – only highlighting a few:

- To reduce fear of crime
- To report crime and suspicious behaviour – important for SAPS and accurate crime stats
- Only approx. 50 % of crime (minor and serious) is reported
- Sgt Balie was introduced and it was confirmed that he is willing to do home visits in order to take down case details if need be. (Sgt Balie is a long standing member of Sector 1).
- Foster respect and pride in neighbourhood.
- Volunteer basis regarding admin/street captains
- Require problem solvers and not complainers
- To respect and be respected by our community.

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Membership criteria:

- Visit our website: www.greenpointwatch.co.za for details
- It is a voluntary membership and under SAPS mandate.
- Membership fee – R150 currently for new members signing up until year-end, but an increase to R250 has been proposed for 2019. The majority at meeting approved this increase and invoices for 2019 will go out in due course.
- Fingerprinting and name clearance – prescriptive from SAPS and also to avoid criminal infiltrating the GPNW.

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Communication Channels:

Website, Radios, WhatsApp Groups and emails are currently the main communication channels. Others will be approved and clarified by the EXCO during the year.

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Radios:

- Dijon introduced himself as an Exco member.
- Explained his role pertaining to the radios and reiterated that GPNW most serious asset is the radios.

DA

Purpose and benefit of the radios:

- Direct Access to SAPS, emergency services, security companies and other radio holders.
- Need to grow radio holders, require more members but it will be tightly controlled with name clearance and fingerprinting – speak to Matt Feinstein or Dijon Anthony if interested to buy a radio and become part of the radio membership group.
- Currently the NW has approx. 30 units, about 10 donated to SAPS as there are radios in all the patrol vehicles.
- There is also a community support centre with Avenue Response recently agreeing to become the Watchcom in their control room.

- ADT has 2 of these radios in their cars.
- It is a powerful tool for all in the community.
- Subscription for radios – an additional fee of R250 pa.
- The batteries last only 2 years (all expenses for the NW)
- A special WhatsApp group has been established to support the radio holders.
- Daily check in: twice a day with Watchcom – 7.30am/7.30pm

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Other Communication – WhatsApp Groups:

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Gary Trappler gave feedback as follows:

Crime and Emergency group – approx. 100 members

- **Function** – report on immediate crime or suspicious behaviour, SAPS forms part of this group.
- **Requirement to belong to this group** – should be a member of GPNW, payment of membership fees with name clearance required.
- **Guidelines** – no casual chatting, only to report crime, there are admins who manage this group and the group meets with SAPS approval,

GP Chat group – unregulated and anyone can be a member.

Community news reporting, for example, requests for names of electricians/plumber/traffic issues etc.

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Neighbourhood watch Street Captains:

- Street captains – would like to establish for individual streets and apartment blocks in the area for 2019.
- The House owners need to appoint a street captain.
- The street captain should have a radio, and any crime/suspicious behaviour in the street should be reported to him.
- The street captain to report to Watchcom via radio and message received by Avenue Response, SAPS and other radio holders.
- Encourage members/residents to form WhatsApp groups for individual streets, to appoint a street captain and ensure each street has a radio.

The suggested way forward in Green point for 2019.

Projects:

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- Binguard – Charles invited members to approach Binguard with questions/problems and thanked the team for being present at the meeting.
- Averda – Liz Knight was introduced as the recycling champion and anyone interested in recycling could speak to Liz regarding bags/leaflets. Averda could not be present.

8. **Technical report.**

MF/DA

Matt Feinstein is responsible for the technical side and Dijon Anthony introduced him as a valuable member of the GPNW radio group.

Matt reported back:

- ICASA inspection took place this year and passed with flying colours.
- General check-up was done on the antenna repeater – passed.
- License fees go towards ICASA and is mandatory

Charles thanked Matt Feinstein for an excellent job done, and also thanked Dijon Anthony and Gary Trappler for the work done.

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9. **Presentation by Mr Marc Truss – CEO GPOK CID**

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Charles introduced Marc as one of the founding members and CEO of the GPOK CID.

- Marc commenced with a video presentation reflecting what the GP OK CID is doing at present.
- CID’s proposal – look at extension down Main road, a supplementary service.
- CID’s benefits: run 24/7, digital radios, vehicles visible, no control room or office for Marc – all costs money.
- Beautify areas, pave/plant trees, collect tons of waste, sweep streets, facilitate road planning, assist with faded road markings but handed it back to the city as it is their responsibility. Also facilitate communication with SAPS, Developers and open doors with the COCC.
- There is intend to extend from Boundary Road to Varneys Rd.
- Bigger buildings in our area, proposed CID.
- Need a 50 + 1 majority unless there are objections.
- Thanked Liz Knight for her supporting the idea. Need to get a majority and 1 July 2020 for implementation.
- Current budget is R100 000pm – do not get much for this amount.

Added value services:

- Commissioner of Oaths, works with various Dept’s – street lights, potholes etc. but need support from property owners and be the eyes and ears. Newsletters, hand out brochures, give crime tips.
- Website – electronic mailing of various services
- Support and sponsor medics, available on the phone 24/7, and links with law enforcement, SAPS and Medics.

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Q & A opportunity:

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Yvonne Shaff – What support is needed from community?

- Need businesses behind the extension to put CID in place – the admin (door to door discussions with home owners to get 50 + 1 for Sept cut off 2019)

Marc Truss response –

- Need steering committee to be set up, business owners etc. and also committee of 3 – 4 people to go see the City, it needs a champion, go through the process and CID will arrange meeting to draw up business plan with costs. It is a long and tedious process to follow all the steps.
- Charles suggested Yvonne Shaff to champion the process and he will assist and has already spoken to businesses, i.e. Spar, Ultra Liquor, Giovanni’s, Hypermed, Mano’s etc.

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	With the CID extension and a strong GPNW, it could be a successful partnership and areas which do not have this in place are suffering with crime i.e. Lower Gardens.	MT
10.	<p>Presentation by Captain Petersen, standing in for Col Engelbrecht – Station Commander Sea Point SAPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked GPNW for continued support. - Reported increased criminal activity in the areas of TOOMV, House burglaries and cars stolen. - Requires the support from the GP community. - Captain Petersen mentioned that SAPS will have an executive meeting soon and will contact GPNW to join to discuss matters. - <p>Charles thanked Capt. Petersen and Sgt Balie for being present and gave the following contact SAPS numbers for direct complaints: Sgt Colin Balie – 082 302 2461 Sector 1 police vehicle – 082 387 7553</p>	Capt. Petersen
11.	<p>General Q & A opportunity:</p> <p>Question by member – Crime Prevention – what to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be ears and eyes of SAPS – report it in or call them. - Yvonne Shaff suggested forming street groups, be part of radio group, be part of GPNW, be a member of a security watch group like Avenue Response. - Charles confirmed that EXCO will discuss and engage with neighbourhood. <p>Charles invited Heather Tager to add comments as CPF Chairperson :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime has increased, SAPS not allowed to give/release stats. - TOOMV and house break ins on the increase but thanks to the cameras they are tying up 40 cases currently. - Leave no valuables in vehicles. - Be aware of increase in crime during Dec holiday season. - Soon holding a workshop for domestic workers regarding crime awareness – will be added to the CPF website. - Crime is often an inside job. <p>Comments by Marc Truss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cape Town Central No 1 TOOMV area in the country. - Don't leave anything in vehicle – break-ins happen for smallest item - Plan your trips, and don't put laptops or valuables in the boot in front of everyone. - Report crime and when it becomes a “hot spot” SAPS will come into the area. - Know your neighbours, look out for each other. <p>Dave Bryant – Councillor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAPS in general on a national level facing a crisis – lost approx. 4500 police offers in WC and reservists reduced to about 800. Very thin on the ground. 	ALL CS HT MT DB

- There is strength in communities – be a member of a NW and invest in radios.
- The most successful NW's have radios, and are part of the network, and that way crime can be addressed more successfully.

CID advantages:

- COCT can't do ring-fencing of rates funding, so it goes into a pot and used for different needs in the city.
- A CID allows for ring-fencing money for a particular area – and dedicates the money to specific needs in that area.
- Strongly encourage the CID extension and encourage other people to get behind it.
- The new mayor not happy with the amount of law enforcement officers in the city.
- Dave Bryant doing a tour in city area with the new mayor to see what can be done to get additional resources.
- He fully supports the proposed extension of the GP CID and he supports the efforts of the GPNW.

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Closing and Thank You

Charles thanked the special guests, the admin committee and the Hellenic club for the use of their facility and catering, EXCO, visitors and most of all, the members who attended and also welcomed the new members who joined.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.40hr.

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