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## **BBNW INFO BULLETIN 3 OF 2021**

## **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. Thank you to the new reps for taking on the responsibility of an area.
- 3. May I also inform you that the big emergency group will fall away once we have the respective groups sufficiently populated. Thereafter all chats and emergencies will be handled by the area reps. In the absence of a rep the BBNW chairman will act as your rep.
- 4. We had a meeting on 31 March 2021 and the aim of the meeting was consolidate our position and the way forward. In this bulletin I would like to share with you the members that attend these meeting and their respective roles.

## 4.1. Members of our meetings

Wayne Jackson	Chairperson	BBNW	Present
Rob Morrisby	Secretary	BBNW	Present
Dennis Greenwood	Area Rep	Stony Point	Present
Herman Breedt	Area Rep	Stony Point	Present
Analize Breedt	Responder	Stony Point	Present
Astrid Twomey	Area Rep	Jock's Bay	Present
Blacky Swart	Responder	Lake Side	Present
Donovan Ackerberg	Area Rep	Rondevlei	Present
Ruby Ackerberg	Area Rep	Rondevlei	Apology
Penny Davidson	Street Rep	Rondevlei	Present
Brian Van Der Merwe	Owner	Sandown Bay	Present
Gerhard Bruwer	Owner	CULIVE	Present
Dolly Kirsten	Coordinator	CULIVE	Present
Freek Van Deventer	Manager & AR	BOLT	Present
Johan Pretorius	Manager	ASK	Apology
Gill Coetzee	Ops Coord	Pringle Bay	Present
Jan VD Merwe	Ops Coord	Kleinmond	Present
Johan Toerien	Chair KSW	Kleinmond	Present
Hendrik Marx	Street Rep	Stony Point	Apology

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- 5. <u>Simplicity</u>. The watch was divided into two sectors, the active and the passive groups. The active members being the responders, area reps, street reps and patrollers. The passive group being the majority of our members, are the eyes and ears of the watch. These members report anomalies from home to their area or street reps.
- 6. <u>Use of all resources</u>. We are making use of all the resources available to us in the area. Official and private cameras, cellphone radios and smart phones, not to mention the active patrolling of the security companies with us between 20:00 and 06:00.
- 7. <u>Partnerships</u>. We are in a partnership with the four security companies in the area. We share the same radio communication system and respond to any call regardless of affiliation. We also have a partnership with the National Vehicle Intelligence Cloud (NAVIC). We have a special affiliation to Sandown

Bay in that they have assisted us with our first camera array. We are also in negotiations with Kleinmond Street Watch and Pringle Bay Street Watch to work closer together on certain levels.

- 8. <u>Intelligence and counter intelligence</u>. We rely heavily on information from the passive groups in order to be as effective as possible and we give out information that could negatively affect the criminals. Information is key for our success as a watch. This is the reason that it is beneficial for as many members living in BB to become passive members of the Watch.
- 9. Reporting. It is important to report things that you think are out of the ordinary right away for someone to check out. The next day might be too late.
- 10. <u>Change</u>. We adapt and change as required to keep up with criminal activities, available resources and volunteers.
- 11. Who or what is suspicious. Any person that you don't know and to you seems to be behaving in a suspicious manner. If you are uncomfortable about the person then so are we. Report it for us to check out. In the event of a vehicle the same principal applies.
- 12. <u>Emergency and crime reporting</u>. Once we have the area reps established we will move away from a single emergency and reporting group to smaller groups managed by the area reps. Each area is unique and has its own personality. For this reason it would be easier to manage in smaller groups and critical information may be directly focused in a certain area without irritating or interfering with other group. The new WhatsApp groups per area will deal with normal chats and emergencies and crime reporting.
- 13. At the moment we are looking at certain Apps that could assist us more effectively and to include more response organizations.
- 14. The first of 3 camera arrays will comprise of a few basic components with a total cost of R52 000.00
- 14.1. LPR camera array @ Dr Flip, Installation includes the following.
  - i. 4.5 m concrete light post & ground work
  - ii. Weather box on pole for POE switch and multi plug
  - iii. 2x LPR cameras, facing BB & KL
  - iv. 1x overview camera protecting the assets
  - v. 2x nano links for internet as well as POE switch, multiplug eg.
  - Dr Flip will provide WiFi and electricity at no cost to project.
- 14.2. This link will allow us to have access to the NAVIC system.
- 14.3. With our array on the system we will have in effect access to the Arabella inbound set, the Pringle Bay camera array and our new link between Betty's Bay and Kleinmond.
- 14.4. We will endeavour to have access to the first camera set in Gordon's Bay/Somerset West/Strand for better search and find capabilities.
- 14.5. As soon as the OM are up and running our feed will also be made available to them.
- 15. How do we grow and muster responsibility by residents. It was discussed but no definitive method was agreed on. Each person could in effect recruit his or her neighbour to grow the watch eyes and ears.
- 16. <u>Zone rep to initiate emergency response</u>. This is in support of members taking charge of the area in which they live. The groups are smaller and the area reps have immediate access to help via cell phone radio. This would involve only the responders and area specific members.
- 17. <u>Security brief.</u> The security brief was fairly detailed and not something that could be published outside of the meeting. However we are understanding the playing field much better and are working hard to understand and combat the new threats to BB. There was a question by CULIVE about the sharing of intel during and before criminal activity. It was made clear that information to this regard is shared immediately to all relevant members of the Watch and to the four security companies. No one is excluded from this information and the Watch will not withhold any information from any partner or Watch active member.

- 18. <u>Typical criminal activities</u>. House breaking, Common theft, Drug dealing, Gang related activity, Theft of an MV, Armed robbery, Shop lifting, ATM fraud, Building site equipment theft. Although not all these crimes happen within our boundaries, the criminals often drive through or take refuge here. That been said indicates a connection to the crimes and this must be reported for action by the SAPS, anti-poaching units, and drug units, anti MV theft units and so on.
- 19. We established that:
- 19.1. We understand our threats and where they come from.
- 19.2. <u>Battle indicators</u>. We understand now what to look out for prior to any criminal activity. This is one of the reasons it is so important to have as many passive members. Eyes and ears within the community.
- 19.3. Know the bush we walk in. We are gaining more and more information regarding pathways and links between areas used by the criminals. We also encouraged reps and members to learn to know their own areas better so as to give good and accurate reporting.
- 19.4. Friend or foe. We spoke about how to identify a friendly person in your area and a possible mischief maker. It was agreed that the members would know when they saw it and then report the suspicious activity. Please do so!
- 19.5. <u>Cooperative patrolling and support</u>. It was again mentioned the power of working together with the security companies and the importance of passive members.
- 19.6. New threats. There is a new threat to our area and we are learning as much as we can about them and their MO.
  - i. Strangers walking around the area
  - ii. MV with 3 to 5 men driving slowly
  - iii. Cell phone photographers
  - iv. People looking for work
  - v. Beggars
  - vi. Trespassers
  - vii. New workers
- 20. What must we keep in mind when reporting a MV or person/s.
- 20.1. Motor Vehicles: Car make/Colour, Registration number, Occupants, Pics, Direction from/Direction to, Markings on the vehicle, Time and location and anything else you picked up.
- 20.2. People or groups of people. How many and complexion, Top/pants and shoes, What was in their hands, What was on their backs, Pics, Language, Time and location and anything else you picked up, like 1 male and 2 females.
- 21. <u>Training and exercises for 2021</u>. We will be carrying out an exercise sometime in the near future to challenge our capabilities and test our resources. This exercise will include:
  - i. ASK, BOLT, CULIVE and Sandown Bay Security.
  - ii. Kleinmond Street Watch, Pringle Bay Street Watch and our Watch.
  - iii. A volunteered house, car and 3 criminals.
  - iv. SAPS and the CPF to a lesser degree.

- 22. <u>Payment for data on radios</u>. We asked those members who do have radios to make a monthly donation of R200 to pay for the data. However this is not always possible and your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. With the cameras come more expenses for monthly affiliation fees and insurance.
- 23. <u>Sponsor/sponsors</u>. This was put to the floor for possible suggestions to this regard. If anyone has any suggestions for this to be realized, please contact the chairman of the BBNW.
- 24. <u>Kogelberg garden circle</u>. This fine group of individuals have decided to have an event at the end of the year to raise fund for us.
  - i. We will provide security for this event
  - ii. They will do signage and marketing
  - iii. 25/26 September fynbos heritage open day
  - iv. Proceeds will come to us, so please try and support this activity
- 25. Intelligence that we feel must be shared with you regarding new threats this information is not for general distribution:
  - i. Men and woman in groups and individuals who are African and not known to you.
  - ii. These people are more confrontational and could pose a more serious danger to us than our local criminals.
  - iii. They seem to want more valuables and even your vehicle. For this they will wake you and demand certain things.
  - iv. They are also well prepared before they enter your home in terms of what you have and where it might be. They have intel on your home before attempting to carry out the burglary.
  - v. These people are usually in groups of 3 to 5 at a time.
- 26. Feedback on the tent plot. Nathan Ockhuis and his wife Cleo Ockhuis from Cape Town have moved onto their plot 4599 at corner of Pillansia and Polygala in the Disa circle area opposite the NG Church. They have moved there out of desperation and for now pose no threat to the community. Law enforcement and OM Kleinmond Administration have visited them to explain what they must do going forward. Situation monitored.

Figure 1 The account details are as follow: Our ref is your erf no and bbnw

Bank: ABSA

Account Holder: BBRA (Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association)

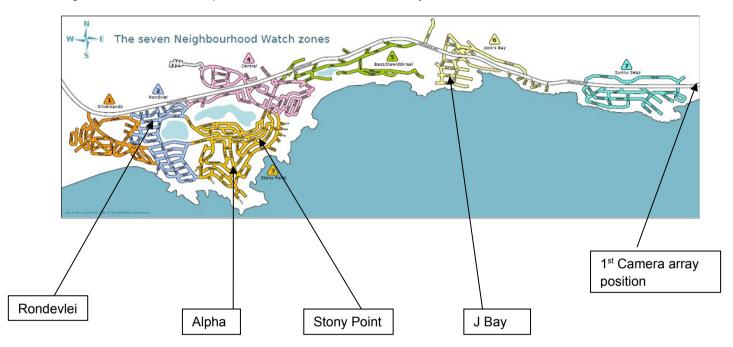
Type of account: Current Account

Branch: Hermanus
Branch code: 632005
Account number: 4066616439

Figure 2 Reps and call signs

Zone	Name	Surname	Cell number	Call sign
BBNW	Wayne	Jackson	0829281260	Alpha
Rondevlei	Donovan	Ackerberg	0728868323	Rondevlei
Stony Point	Rob	Morrisby	0825286053	Stony Point
Jock's Bay	Astrid	Twomey	0837250437	J Bay
Betty's Bay	ASK		0711359029	ASK
Betty's Bay	Bolt		0612001246	Bolt
Betty's Bay	CULIVE		0861626347	CULIVE
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 1
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay			Sandown Bay 2

Figure 3 Indicate Area Reps with Radios and 1st camera array



Roaming patrol with partnerships across BB every night

ASK, BOLT, CULIVE, Sandown Bay Security, BBNW MV

The above are in permanent communication with each other and with the area reps during the night

Area reps have groups that they manage and will initiate a response to any emergency in their area.

Members in areas without reps are to use the emergency group or the chairman as he will act as your area rep until such time as a volunteer may be found for your area.

All information should be channelled through your area rep or the chairman where there is no rep.