

Titahi Bay Community Security Meeting
12 November 2020, 7pm – 8:30pm, 25 Mana Ave, TB Community Church

Main points as Summary:

- Get to know your neighbour.
- Prevention is the first line of defence.
- If it's happening call **111**
- If it's happened call **105**
- Join the Neighbourhood Support Network nswellycoordinator@gmail.com, **021349660**
- Join The Community Patrol poriruapasifika@cpnz.org.nz **0273571126**
- There's a Community BBQ organised for Saturday 28 November, 2 pm at the Titahi Bay Community Church, 25 Mana Ave. Keep the discussion alive (and bring something for the bar-b)

Attendees:

- Steve Wairau Constable on the Community Prevention Team
- Jan Leathem the Community Constable for Kapi Mana
- Anne Masoe the Chair of the Porirua Pasifika Community Patrol
- Hine August one of our Ngati Toa Wardens
- Brendan Herder from past Titahi Bay Community Patrol
- Max Faletutulu, Chair for the evening, from the Titahi Bay Community Church who kindly offered us their venue.
- Abbe Holmes Scribe, from the Titahi Bay Community Group...so if you have any questions about these minutes than please get in touch titahibaycommunitygroup@gmail.com

And about 50 concerned Titahi Bay Community members who made it on the night

From Max a welcome and a karakia:

What needs to be done? ...I really dislike what's happening and especially when it happens very close to home. When we know we can all do something about it. Hence this meeting, what can we do?

Community member ideas:

- Get to know your neighbours... how do they do that?...you go over and introduce yourself and family. Ask them to get in touch with you (leaving your details) if there are any issues.
- More patrols. Look after our vulnerable.
- More signage and pamphlet drops to raise awareness for people that are not on Social media. Help bring people together.
- Get a dog
- Use a sensor light and get nosy when your neighbour's ones go off!
- Our Community needs a Community hub so that our youth have somewhere to go that includes them socially, receive an education and experience that enriches them and lets them have social interactions that create bonds with people all over the Bay, and keep them out of trouble.
- Provide opportunities for the youth to learn social protocols and behaviours (possibly at the community hub...it takes a village to raise a child)
- Drive slowly, the long route home to do a patrol and report unusual activity
- Ensure good lighting on your street.
- Think about getting a security camera or contributing with your neighbours. Someone's example: they had one set up and the guy was caught Friday morning and was in court the next Tuesday.
- Public security cameras. Maybe at the beach or the Main road entrance to TBay.
- Organise a street BBQ (or section of your street)

- Other ideas that came up:
- The street BBQs could be organised fundraisers to get security cameras put up in key areas of the Bay such as the beach or the entrance to Titahi Bay...A few thousand bucks will get a set of security cameras...

Steve Wairau, Constable on the Community Prevention Team for whole of Porirua, said:

Numbers to call are:

111 if it's happening.

105 the new 'it's happened number'

Begin with prevention. How do we prevent crime from happening? Your own little Community, preventing crime?

Prevention first line of defence:

- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Tell your neighbours your movements.
- Look like you're home - mow your lawns, get the neighbour to bring in your mail

Increase your network: Every single street should get together as groups and start working together...you don't have to do this alone. The Police have been working closely with a lady called Emma McGill. She's the Neighbourhood Support Lady of Wellington. Her details are: Emma McGill, Wellington Porirua Coordinator at Neighbourhood Support, nswellycoordinator@gmail.com, 021349660

You contact Emma and she'll start talking to you on how to create those small groups within the community...and from there. Everything is electronic. In the old days it was called Neighbourhood Watch. Unfortunately, that's all people did... was watch! Their details would be entered, but people would come and go, new neighbours moved in and we had no idea how to contact that person or what was going on. So now everything is electronic. Emma is more than happy to help you guys create the small groups and keep the system updated from there.

When a crime's occurred in a street, our experts come out to deal with the complaint or the incident, and then our second line of experts such as the fingerprint guys or our supervisor...but that's in a localised area; unfortunately two streets over they have no idea. So that's where Community neighbourhood support will kick in and help you guys out.

We understand that paranoia is going to play a part, especially if it's just you with just your household... but when you've got your whole street keeping an eye on each other, or your mum, you know that that paranoia will slowly ease away and then people come out and start talking to each other.

The Police interact with the patrolling Wardens, who send them information. If they see a dumped car, they will have a look. So we are looking into these things. Now that you guys have come together, it's a good opportunity for us to go 'Yep' to our bosses 'the community are now working together, they are sick and tired about what's going on and we are listening'

Jan Leathem is Titahi Bay's Community Constable for Kapi Mana Jan.Leathem@police.govt.nz

She says we can contact her directly but would prefer that you get in touch through the right channels of 111 or 105 if it's a police matter.

Police answers:

- They come out the Bay a lot, patrolling or sitting with radar. There are always requests for both and so they have to alternate.

- They always monitor the Facebook pages
- Jan is present for the local Mayoral meetings for questions or concerns
- Stats for crime at this time of year have not increased. We have to all be aware that in the summer months, we will get a bit complacent and leave our doors and windows open, and we leave the lawn growing at the back.

Her big push was: It doesn't have to be big, just report it to the police. No matter how minor you think it is please call the police, before your neighbour...unless you report it to the police then we can't do anything about it.

Reiterating if it's happening 111

If it's what's happened 105

Issues she sees a lot of:

- Beach use - people for or against cars (50:50) can cause a lot of issues.
- Speeding of cars
- Houses where drugs are being sold. We've heard many, many stories. Police have a variety of networks that work, all eyes on. So we're always monitoring the places of interest.

In relation to the traffic stuff. We're working with Council to say look, we can't police it by ourselves. They have to come to the party. Perhaps speed humps, perhaps redirection of traffic flow, anything they can do to enable us to do our job better.

Regarding the beach - there was a survey done to analyse how people (about 50) felt and they were pleasantly surprised that most people felt very safe in their homes. The Police are aware of a group of teenage girls and the Mob and the issue of cars being on the beach with antisocial behaviour but most people felt very positive about their Community and felt safe.

Community Patrol:

Anne Masoe, Chair of Pasifika Community Patrol

'I like to do one patrol a month, each shift is 3 hours and I try and stick to that because we were busy people.'

- They work really closely with the Police
- Currently patrolling Friday nights and hopefully branching out to Thursday, late night shopping.
- They aim to get enough patrollers to be present during the day when school ends or the weekends at the beach etc
- They have no base presently, but hoping one day...

About patrols:

- There is always a group of two
- You get trained with the Police. They train us to know what to look out for and go out with us.
- There is a car.
- They've got everything they need, but boots on the ground
- The shift length is 3 hours...but you don't have to do that. You could choose to mail drop or stand by crossings after school to check that children get across safely.
- They have hundreds of signs that they can put up in your street to show you have active patrols
- They take people from all walks of life, age etc.
- Anne says she's still learning every time she goes on patrol
- Safety First
- Support us to make our community safer

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"I'm not going to turn anyone away because they don't want to do three hour shifts or a two-hour shift or they want to do it during the day, there are so many options.

We've got all the gear - polos, high viz vests, jackets if it's cold, walkie-talkies, spotlights. We've got the works... Now, we've got a car... We've got the little orange strobe light for the roof... You could use your own car with the CP NZ door magnets. There are street signs. We've got great support from the police the other well-established patrols"

Brendan Herder - previous Titahi Bay Community Patrol volunteer:

"Occasionally you catch someone in the act, those adrenaline-pumping nights are few and far between. It's usually cruising around in your car and getting to know someone else in your community. Doing something good and giving back. Prevention, because you're visible and helping people feel safer in the community.

We've got everything we need except more boots on the ground. So if you want to get involved now is the time we can have a big push and get it started. The police are so accommodating and helpful because Jan would love to have cars going around here all the time. She can't but if we are driving around we the eyes and ears and feed it back. You get training - How to take meaningful noting so they can actually be used. Visit the comms unit in town to see the calls being taken. The training to support us there, we just need the people. So please consider signing up.

If we have enough patrollers, we can be out often enough and we can have justification for more funding for more gear, more toys, more advertising for mail drops and if you don't want to patrol, because that's a bit scary or you, but you have the time, you might just want to do a mail drop in your street. You might just want to patrol the Beachfest; stand by the school crossing at the end of the day to make the kids feel safe and let the speedsters know that you're watching them. It can make a difference if we work as a community that the hardcore group of six or seven just wasn't cutting it.

So I'm going to encourage people to text us as well. You can text us if you want us to do a patrol in your street, that's something that we encourage because we know it can be scary " * **NB if it's for immediate criminal activity call Police 111**

Hine August - the Ngati Toa Patrol

'we are what you call the Night Patrol'

- Patrol the streets and the centre silently.
- We are the eyes and ears for the police.
- I come out here quite frequently.
- Her husband knows every street of Titahi Bay
- They find kids that are on curfew and take them home.
- They are very present in our community and everyone knows them...the Beachfest etc.

"We are out there seven nights a week. I'm way up there, a great-grandmother! My husband's a great grandfather, but where were tired of the troubles and doing it for the sake of the safety of our communities."

Pappa Mitch (Hine's husband) does the nightly drive that includes the Mariner and streets of the bay.

By the end of the night 14 members of the Titahi Bay community put up their hand to help out by signing up for the Neighbourhood Support or the Community Patrol. Come join us! See the beginning of this script to see all the attendees and contacts or...for more information feel free to get in touch titahibaycommunitygroup@gmail.com and we'll point you in the right direction.