

**Waenhuiskrans Arniston Ratepayers Association  
Waenhuiskrans Arniston Belastingbetalersvereniging**

**WARA Chairman's Update March April 2019**

1. **Crime** - Since the pushback against crime in August we have had many incident free weeks, and we had a peaceful Christmas holiday season. However, there has been a recent spike in crime, with known offenders having been released on parole. Visitors to Arniston have been specifically targeted, which obviously affects tourism. We are working closely with SAPS and the WACPF to resolve this problem.
2. **SAPS – Bredasdorp** - SAPS has appointed Lt Col Tamboer as the permanent head of Bredasdorp SAPS and with whom we have met and are working closely. Lt Col Tamboer has appealed to us to ensure that all incidents of crime are reported firstly to SAPS Bredasdorp and then to Awie of Suidpunt Security, who will help with the opening of a docket. The reporting of the crime to SAPS will generate an Incident Report Number (IR Number) – which is very important as this creates a statistic which is used when applying for resources to fight crime in Arniston – if there are no IRs, then national SAPS presumes that Arniston is without crime.
3. **Cameras** – 6 cameras are up and working and thanks go to those house owners who have assisted. We have encountered 3 problems :
  - a. The LPR camera planned for Denel's entrance has had to be moved because Denel would not supply us with an electrical point. We are working with Schalk Lourens of StruisBaai/Agulhas CPF to get the LPR installed next to the Rugby Field at the entrance to Arniston with CAM's help – hopefully before Easter.
  - b. KassiesBaai cameras cannot be installed because the electricity is supplied by Eskom and not CAM. We are working to find houses within the village to circumvent this problem.
  - c. We are still well short of the funds required for completion of the whole project – 65% of ratepayers have not contributed anything, which is disappointing – any contribution from R1000 to R5000 will really help us. Thank you to all who have done their bit. These contributions sit in a separate account and can only be used for cameras, which are a long term project for the benefit of all of Arniston.
4. The **WACPF** (Waenhuiskrans Arniston Community Policing Forum) is up and running and registered with the national CPF. We have monthly meetings attended by :
  - Sebastian Jones – Chairman
  - Adrian Penny – Secretary (WARA)
  - Cornel van der Westhuizen – Treasurer (WARA)
  - Brendon King
  - Pauline Prins
  - June Meyer
 These meetings are well supported by SAPS Bredasdorp :
  - Lt Col Tamboer, Sgt Swart, Warrant Officer Martinus, Cpt Pieterse
  - Awie - guest

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5. **Harbour** : We have written to the DAFF and DPW regarding the Harbour refurbishment project (which has not to commenced on schedule) and to request that the slippery surface of the slipway be treated urgently . They have replied that :
  - a. They do not yet have a revised timing plan for the Harbour refurbishment project
  - b. They are awaiting lime to treat the surface of the slipway, which has been ordered but not yet delivered.
  
6. **Pink Buoys** – late last year we wrote to you to say that CAM had sponsored 8 Pink Rescue Buoys from the NSRI to be put up around the municipality’s coastline. We heard from the NSRI that, unfortunately, the first few of these buoys were either stolen or vandalized within a very short time of being installed and so the project was halted and Arniston did not receive any. The NSRI believes an awareness programme regarding the purpose and benefits of the Pink Buoys needs to be undertaken within the various communities before this is exercise is repeated.
  
7. **Cleaning of the Beaches** – we have met with Adrian Fortuin of Cape Nature, who is still waiting for funding to be approved for the “Working for the Coast” project. This means that instead of weekly beach clean-ups, they are only able to clean the beaches monthly. Again, we appeal to members to assist and pick up any plastic they find on their beach walks.
  
8. **Sand on the beaches – appeal for old photographs please** : The terrible fires of December last year have left the dunes quite bare, but regrowth is happening. However, there is a school of thought that the dunes need destabilising (cleared of vegetation) so that the sand can be blown back onto the beaches – several of our beaches have become very rocky. Cape Nature has appealed to us to provide any photographs with dates that show the beaches in their previous more sandy states.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter in Arniston and safe travelling.

Alan Butler  
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