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The Constantia Watch team would like to appeal to your generosity in the form of an annual 10% inflationary increase to your monthly donation towards the running costs / projects currently being undertaken by the Constantia Watch committee in order to further enhance the security of our neighbourhood and to protect you, your family and your property.

At the epicentre of this security network is the control centre (CIVIC) which is manned and operated 24/7. CIVIC monitors and responds to Licence Plate Recognition technology fitted to numerous cameras in the valley and beyond. It is the co-ordinating control responding to and patching through radio messages to and from SAPS, City Law Enforcement officers, City service requests for electrical, water, fire, medical and more.

Our dog project which we spoke of towards the end of last year is up and running. We acquired a Belgian Malinois dog, he is housed at our premises behind Constantia Village. Klein Constantia wine farm were kind enough to come on board and sponsor some of the funding needed and hence our dog is affectionately known as KC. KC, together with our SRT members are all undergoing dog training in order to be compliant with PSIRA (Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority) regulations. The cost of the project, including training is close to R100 000-00, a very worthwhile investment for our community considering our greenbelts and mountain borders. Looking forward we will be assessing the possibility of acquiring a second dog as KC cannot be worked 24/7.

Our technical committee has been mandated with upgrading our existing Axis cameras to the latest Hik Vision Darkfighter cameras which have the LPR software residing on the camera. This technology allows for more accurate plate reads. The residual Axis cameras will be utilised as added overview cameras. The budget for the installation and purchase of these 20 cameras is approx. R380 000-00.

We have also increased our number of covert mobile trail cameras to six, monthly running costs are about R300 each due to data, batteries and insurance. When triggered these allow for an immediate response and quick mobilisation to the marked location.

We would also like to purchase a large generator/alternative power source for the property so that the control room can run effectively during power cuts.

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Our SRT vehicles which are driven 24/7 come to the end of their leases in June 2020. Ideally we would like to own our own vehicles as then they are then not restricted to the monthly kilometres which apply to our existing leases. We are currently considering various options so that the community can receive the best service from the SRT team. Cars are expensive and thus funding needs to be derived for this project.

Continuity is always vital in any organisation and to this end we have sub-contracted another operations manager. He is busy learning all the skills from our current operations manager who still plans to be with us for a while before he takes things a little easier. Clearly this has added to our running costs but from a strategic point of view is a non-negotiable. On this note we also have a new chairman – Mr Trevor Vroom, new vice chair – Mr Gordon Chunnnett and new treasurer – Mr Peter Stenslunde, amongst a couple of other new committee members. This has allowed fresh ideas to emerge and also some former long standing members to finally have a well-deserved break.

There are other capex projects that we would like to potentially initiate and which are presently being investigated further.

Constantia Watch has had to evolve as the criminal patterns have changed and we endeavour to continue with this approach and would be truly grateful for your continued support. We remain forerunners in terms of neighbourhood watches in the country and continue to advise other watches and share our knowledge where possible. We believe in assisting our immediate neighbours where possible, as criminals know no boundaries. Our focus however, is the safety of the Constantia community.

We hope you will look on this request favourably and as always we remain grateful of your support.

Should you have any queries please email Susan at office@cvwatch.org.za

Our banking details for your kind attention are as follows:

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