HARBOUR VIEW CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION General Meeting 3/11/2019

Called to order and prayer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Beryl Urquhart. Enid Bernard said the opening prayer.

Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to those who took the time to attend the meeting.

The following matters were discussed:

Declining membership:

Mrs. Urquhart said there used to be upwards of 35 members who regularly attended meetings but the numbers have fallen. She asked for suggestions as to how we could increase our membership and the following ideas were put forward:

- 1 Reintroduction of street reps to encourage persons on their streets to attend meetings.
- 2 Telephone calls to members who have been absent for a while.
- 3 Flyers in the supermarket and other businesses in the shopping centre
- 4 Engaging a town crier to advertise the meetings

The ideas were generally accepted with exception of the town crier which would be too costly.

Election

Mrs. Urquhart also advised the meeting that election was due in March/April of 2020. Persons will therefore be approached to be nominated for the different positions. Persons were encouraged to volunteer to serve in whatever area they could.

Harbour Drive (Mosaic Project)

The suggestion had been made (at a previous meeting) that residents demonstrate in order to get some attention from the relevant authorities about the plight of the residents on Harbour Drive. It was suggested and agreed on that a delegation headed by the president should visit the affected residents to ensure their willingness to take part in a demonstration. Sgt. Campbell advised that a letter should be sent to the Sup. Kingston Eastern, advising of the date and time of the protest and the approximate number of persons who would be involved.

Structure of Meetings

It was generally felt that the meetings needed to be more varied and interesting. Some members felt that we had several recurring issues which were not being resolved. The following suggestion were made:

- 1 Instead of trying to fix all the issues at once, we should deal with them one at a time.
- 2 Invite persons from agencies to speak on issues such as global warming, health matters etc.
- 3 Having a games/social evening periodically

Police update

Sgt. Campbell, officer in charge of the Harbour View Police Station, gave an update on the crime situation in the community. He said robberies were on the increase and that the police were undertaking some covert operations in the area. He implored residents to be cautious and aware at all times. One resident wanted to know what the police were doing about the noise nuisance caused by bike riders. Sgt. Campbell said it poses a challenge for the police as the newer bikes were built to produce that noise.

Adjournment

There being no other matters for discussion, the meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.