



Nuneaton & Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association

Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2009

Present:

Brian Lowe, Heather Lowe, Doug Blease, David Atkin, Steve Hammond, Bob Chambers, Bill Sheppard, Styfan Pihajeckyj Mohammed Teladia and Gordon Chadwin.

1. Welcome.

Steve welcomed all and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Conflicts of interest.

None declared

3 Apologies.

Terry Harris, Pat Alders, Nadine Dransfield and Police.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Accepted as a true record and signed as such.

5. Matters arising.

Brian had reported back on the request to fund banners at a cost of £3000 and had informed the project leaders we had agreed to a maximum budget of £500. This was welcomed but as yet no further action had been taken.

Heather had been in contact with the insurance brokers re the trailer and the total saving on removing the old trailer was around £12 so no action had been taken. This would be discussed further later in the meeting.

6. Correspondence.

Heather had received a survey from the Borough Council regarding their Policy on Equality. This she had completed and returned. Also received had been figures showing the reductions in ASB, due to the work undertaken by both the police and the local council. Heather had also been trying to finalise the venue for the next AGM. The Conservative Club in Bedworth had said Thursday would be a problem; however the Meeting Room at the Civic Hall was available on 15th April and would cost about £45. Heather also confirmed she had been told that at the moment no show was planned for this date so parking should not be a problem. All agreed to ask Heather to finalise arrangements to use the Civic Hall.

Correspondence had been received from Mike Crowther saying he had now been appointed as Community Safety Officer, to replace Seamus who had retired recently. This was welcomed by all. The Borough Council had also sent a letter asking if we could recommend ways to inform the public about registering to vote. It was felt this was not relevant to us.

Heather had also received by e-mail the guide lines for Not in my Neighbourhood week due to be held in early November. Brian said the Central SNT was having a stall to publicise the event and had asked if we could join them this had been welcomed by the police.

7. Treasurers Report

Brian gave the meeting a copy of what was in the bank at this time. The money for the A board was still in the bank as there were issues with ease of use, and until this was resolved, Brian felt we should not make use of this. We are due to pay for the latest edition of Crime Busters, and we also have a bid in to pay for 2 further editions and also another batch of street signs. As the work on the trailer was not yet completed we had not

paid the final bill. Work was being done to finish the signage to the inside of the doors so that the public can see who it belongs to.

Since the resignation of John Drwiega we need to appoint another signatory for the cheques. Heather suggested that Steve Hammond, chair, replace John. This was seconded by Styfan and carried unanimously.

8. Police Report

No report as no one from the police present.

9. Reports on Other Business

Heather told the meeting the trailer had been busy attending events at Shustoke, Stockingford, Camp Hill, Fillongly and the Fire Service Gala Day. It would be out again on Sunday at Galley Common and again on 11th for the recruitment drive in Abbey Ward. Thanks were due to Lynda Nestoruk who had contacted the relevant departments at the Borough Council to get us permission to have the trailer parked on the Green during the day. It had also been agreed that the local SNT officers would be with us during the day. Several Exec members told Brian they would be available to help.

Heather and Brian had also run a stall at Keresley Fete although the trailer was being used elsewhere. A new scheme had been set up in Dryden Close.

10 Project Updates

a) New Neighbours. Activities had been quiet due to the summer holidays; however PaYP had used the time to hold an open day to show the residents of Keresley what was happening in their locality. This had led to some interviews being done on the day and other being arranged for when the schools were back. Brian said we would meet all targets set for the project, and after the success of this open day this format would be used for the planned event to finalise the project.

b) Crime Busters. The next edition will be the 25th edition and Brian asked for approval to spend extra on printing costs. He would like to have Crime Buster printed on Silver for this edition. This was agreed by all. On the whole we are getting positive feed back on the contents and presentation of articles in CB.

11 Reports of other meetings

- a) WNW. An item of interest was the very large cost of sending out Watch messages and the reason for encouraging members to have messages by e-mail rather than telephone. Peter Guillaume was trying to standardise forms so that all districts are using the same format. Many that are being recommended are being developed from those in use by N&BNWA and NWNWA .It is good to know that we are being seen, more and more, as a professional and grown up organisation. A news sheet produced by the local SNT in Alcester had been viewed as a good way of letting the public know what is happening in their area and to be encouraged in other areas.
- b) Older Peoples Partnership Group. Apologise sent. Mins received and nothing of relevance to NW.
- c) NWNWA. Apologise sent. One item of interest 15% of all vehicle crime is the stealing of number plates. David distributed forms to get the special screws FOC from NWNWA. This is being done as there are different screws for different makes of car. 15th Oct is the AGM for NWNWA and will take the form of a skittle evening at Lee Marston Leisure Centre.
- d) Priority Crime. Apologise sent.
- e) Community Plan. Meeting due 29th Oct
- f) Anti Poverty. No meeting
- g) NABSCOP. No meeting until 12th Nov.
- h) Neighbourhood Crime & Justice Steering Group. N&B council has withdrawn as a pioneer area as more requirements were being added without financial help. Most other pioneer areas were places such as Greater Manchester, Sheffield. It was felt the meeting would continue as this group was seen as natural progression from the Community Confidence Group. The bid for funding from Community Cash had been successful and this would enable Community Payback to be provided with materials to continue their work. Brian also showed the meeting a copy of the latest Justice seen Justice done publication, in which it mentions the grant to spend on

12. Trailer

The initial problems with the door on the new trailer had now been resolved. The new graphics had been completed. The nose cone, which had been slightly damaged in a small accident, was now repaired, however there were still problems with badging this, due to the double curvature of the nose cone. The meeting was then asked to consider the position regarding the old trailer. After discussion it was agreed to offer this to NWNWA. Heather was asked to write to them formally offering to pass to them, but highlighting the possible safety issues with it, and the need to address these. It was further agreed that should NWNWA not take up this offer we go ahead and sell, again pointing out the safety issues.

13. AOB

We were to receive an award from WCAVA at their AGM to be held on Monday 12th Oct. As this is during the day the only person available, other than Heather was Bob, so Bob & Heather will attend to represent N&BNWA

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9-03pm

Dates for future meeting: - *Thurs 10th Dec 2009*
Thurs 4th Feb Thurs 25th March 2010