



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



Meeting of SNWA EXEC. Committee at Diss 14th March 2017 10.30am.

Present: Tony Spall (Chair), Brian Sivyer (Secretary) Bob Gooch (Treasurer)

1. Minutes of last Executive meeting held on 5th January 2017 at Diss.

Agreed. These were an accurate record. BS reported that he had enquired of Alan Osborne as to how many Crime Prevention Panels still existed around the County. Only two were known to be operating that at Forest Heath in the west of the County and the Four Towns (Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, and Southwold) CP panel. There may be others but these were the only ones known to be existence at the moment. Other matters arising from the Minutes were already part of the agenda for the meeting.

2. Meeting with Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner 9th January at Martlesham Police HQ.

The meeting was attended by BS and BG. TS being unwell. A number of subjects were discussed.

- Putting together a new Partnership Agreement between the Constabulary and SNWA.
- Joint Involvement in Police public engagement events.
- Any document involving mention of SNWA should be brought to our attention prior to circulation.
- Police volunteer support.
- Access to police or Partner buildings for NHW meetings.
- Finance – funding, printing of leaflets – running expenses.

3. Meeting with Alan Osborne, Police Community Safety Dept. Manager, Julie Dennis, Ass. Community Safety Assistance, TS and BS, SNWA (BG unavailable) Mo Coulling, Police approved Volunteer. 21st January.

Introduction to Mo as a new volunteer resourced by the Community Safety Dept. to assist SNWA with the running of SNWA. This was introductory meeting with SNWA Exec. A discussion ensued around possible duties. This was a new venture/role for both SNWA and The Dept. It was realised that as a volunteer Mo would not be available every day. The role also would not necessarily mean her being in Landmark House the whole time. Mo is based in the west of the County and would initially spend a day a week at Landmark House learning about NHW and the police. The police would provide access to telephone and printing facilities. This was limited due to confidentiality. However, this aspect would be reduced with the acquisition of a laptop solely for the purpose of SNWA. As a police volunteer she would also qualify for certain expenses in carrying out her role with SNWA which would be borne by the police. It was agreed that as new venture it would take time to discover how useful/practical the use of a police volunteer would be. Both parties felt that this was an exciting project which could lead to the development of SNWA in Suffolk.

4. Meeting with Supt. Paul Sharp - Community Safety Dept., Leigh Jenkins - Business manager, Alan Osborne, Julie Dennis and TS and BS for SNWA at Martlesham police HQ. 28th February.

The meeting was requested by the Constabulary as an extension of the meeting held with the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner on 9th January.

Items discussed:

- Funding – support from the Dept. Funding by the PCC was a separate matter for discussion with them.
- Support for and funding from Suffolk SafeKey. A paper for further proposals for discussion would be produced by Leigh Jenkins. SafeKey to be invited to any Area meetings and would attend staff commitments allowing. Joint Area meetings to be set up by SNWA supported by the police.
- Agreement for the production of two leaflets which was approved.

- Access to buildings. Due to the closure of police stations and the sale of some, including security implications it was felt unlikely this could be progressed. The approval of certain SNWA members to allow access to police buildings had been suggested but this was left for possible discussion in the future. There were practical implications for both sides.
- Partnership Agreement. That produced by National NHW plus the old agreement would be looked at by both sides in order to reach a consensus.

5. Treasurers' Report :

BG reported that the Association currently has £1800.20p. There were outstanding mileage claims. A security deposit of £100, as well as the hire fee had been paid to Woolpit Village Hall. The security deposit was returnable on conclusion of the AGM providing everything was in order.

6. AGM.

Arrangements for the AGM were in hand. Alan Osborne had agreed to address the meeting prior to start of the AGM.

BS to bring - refreshments for the evening. Spare projector plus screen.

BG to bring banners and Patlock demo.

BS to collect key to open hall.

All to be present for 6pm in order to get the hall ready.

7. Networks

- TS had realigned all the current registered schemes with the three police areas.
- BS was meeting that afternoon with the police commander for the Halesworth SNT to discuss NHW in his area.
- It was hoped that if the role of police volunteer provide viable then perhaps one could be recruited for each Police Area in the future. This was seen as a long term aim.
- There was discussion regarding the formation of and support for networks around the County. It was agreed that such networks could be crucial in proving local support for Scheme Coordinators. Where such Networks existed it was felt that the Chair should be provided with an automatic position on the County Committee.

8. NHW Street signs

The problem of engaging with Suffolk County Highways Department regarding the cost and placement of signs was proving very difficult. No progress had been made despite TS having re-written the application form at their request. This matter was becoming critical in trying to encourage the setting up of new schemes. It was recommended that TS request the PCC to become involved to see if he could move the matter forward. The future development of the Association was at risk because of the lack of progress.

9. NHW week 17 -25th June

It was agreed that Schemes would need to promote it as they saw fit. The Association in its current state of development was not in a position to provide support. It was thought that perhaps an Area meeting could be held during that period of time.

10. National NHW

TS reported that he had been discussions with National regarding their data base and issues with data protection and also about the website. Both were ongoing matters.

11. AOB

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 12.30pm. Further date would be arranged after the AGM.

Brian Sivyver.

Secretary

17th March 2017