

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 pm ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009
AT HARROGATE FIRE STATION

1. **Present:** Keith Roberts (Chairman), John Parker (Secretary), Katy Piazza (Treasurer), Peter Dallas, Mike Sims, Betty Squires, Charlotte Elcock, Brian Booker, Tina Oates, Chris Oates, Sgt Nick Widdowson, PCSO John Smith, Pat Turnbull

Apologies: Received from Maureen Asher and Inspector John Greveson. Although expected to attend Cllr Richard Cooper and Eric Walker were not present.

The Chairman introduced a new Committee member, Chris Oates who will take on Smart Water. We were also pleased that T/Sgt Nick Widdowson and PCSO John Smith were able to join us.

2. **Minutes of last Meeting on 6 January 2009.** No objections recorded. Minutes accepted.
3. **Matters Arising.** Items to be addressed within the published Agenda.
4. **Correspondence.** No formal correspondence had been received.
5. **Chairman's Report.** This item to be reported at Item 7.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Katy Piazza presented her report from the last meeting to date: Income: £373, of which £45 (donations), £328 (Smart Water) and Expenses of £125.33 which included £15 Room Hire, and £110.33 on new printer and labels. Balance at 3 Mar 09: £3,116, with o/s payments of £1,124 (£874 - Smart Water, £25 - Room Hire, and £225 – For new NHW leaflets. Keith expects a SmartWater order from Settle for about a further 30 Smart Water units from stock - generating £660.
7. **Chairman's Report and Reports from Other Meetings.**
- a. The Chairman had a very productive meeting with Insp John Greveson. Updating Insp Greveson on recent NHW activities Keith also informed him on the presentation and discussion with Insp Rob Bowles at the previous committee meeting.
 - b. RM problems were addressed also targets set by Sue Hucknall for Peter Thornes. Keith confirmed that NHW would do everything possible to assist in transfer of NW actions from the Police Office to us. RM remains the most effective way to disseminate information and NHW contribution is important. Other information is suitable for web site publication and this should be considered as a method of communication with our co-ordinators and the public.
 - c. Keith expressed his pleasure that, after 3 years, we are finally receiving feedback on certain reported incidents.

At this point the Chairman invited input from T/Sgt Nick Widdowson and PCSO John Smith - a fortuitous decision as both officers were called away on operational requirement ahead of their agenda report time.

10. Police Report.

- a. T/Sgt Widdowson circulated a copy of his latest Safer Neighbourhood Group Update which all agreed is an excellent system of communication. Information sharing is important and ideas and efforts contained in the updates are well received by the public.
- b. Use of RM is actively encouraged.
- c. The increase in 2 in 1 burglaries was discussed. This is mainly a cross border activity and awareness is essential. Re-sale of high value vehicles proliferates following theft to order.
- d. The 'Neighbours United' website in Saltergate is effective and is considered for expansion.
- e. Nick plans to revisit, establish and maintain contact with Coordinators throughout Lower Nidderdale and also wishes to set up 'Days of Action' Coordinators/PCSOs re criminality and antisocial issues.
- f. Operation Nimrod - Bike safety is still running.
- g. An invitation was extended to attend a Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting in Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall at 7.15pm on Thursday 5 March . *****

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- d. Continuing his report the Chairman referred to the problem with the NYP Accounts Dept. and also gave an update on the sale of Smart Water and Alarms. (Both N Yorks Police & NHW will pursue with the appropriate HBC authorities to investigate the necessity of holding a vending licence for sales in Harrogate.)
- e. Inspector Greveson was updated on Eurolock/Astral S Replacement Cylinders.
- f. Keith is currently preparing an article on coding methods (UV, Intag, Immobilise and SM).
- g. Received an invitation to a Police Independent Advisory Group featuring Police relations with ethnic minorities.

Meetings:

1. 19 Jan - Tier 1 CAP Gp involving Insp Jeff McKeown and the meetings are to remain in existence for 12-18 months as a Quality Assurance Group. Differences between rural and urban areas exist. There is scope for improvement and attempts to coordinate need to be addressed. NHW must be seen to include all areas ie Ripon, Knaresborough, B'Bridge etc as bias is currently perceived to be towards Harrogate.
2. 5 Feb - Invitation to Knaresborough Police Station from Insp Andy Chapman . - a very useful afternoon was spent including discussions with Ruth Andrews (Senior Trading Standards Officer) re, inter alia, proposed advance knowledge of first reported movements of rogue traders and travellers etc and methods of dealing with these people.
3. 28 Jan - Granby Ward, 18 Feb - Training Evening, 26 Feb – Ribston Ward.

8. **PR.** Peter Dallas has spoken with Tony Hay, Ackrill Group's News Editor re inclusion of NHW articles now featuring on the Court page in every issue in the district. Peter reiterated - Hgte & Dist NHW is one organisation; LookOut heading to reflect this. (Revision of Templates and Procedures in hand). Keith thanked Peter for his excellent work and incremental improvements achieved in this area .

9. **Existing/New Schemes.** Chairman: Set Up meeting at Spofforth on 27 Jan generated 8 new Schemes. Refresher at Granby Ward with Paul Stevenson and Mark Emsley on 28 Jan produced a new Coordinator. Maureen Asher: Set Up meeting at Granby Ward on Feb 17 resulted in formation of 5 new Schemes.
10. **Police Report.** Reported earlier in the minutes.
11. **NW Training/Police Training.** Very positive feedback received.
The Chairman takes a serious view of the security breach of Eon Insulation contractors (occurring early Dec), and will pursue the matter with the agreement of the household involved, police and Trading Standards.
Mike Sims expressed the views of several Coordinators that perhaps a different format could be followed
ie by introducing a speaker eg Trading Standards etc. He remarked that loud music from a nearby event had proved a distraction as had those people who talked over the instruction.
Keith to collate comments and suggestions to be implemented at next Training Event which is scheduled for 27 May, 7.30pm at St George's Social Club. Peter Dallas feels that a more suitable title for the training sessions would be appropriate. Bright ideas and inspired suggestions to Peter please.
12. **Marketing.** No marketing report as there has been little activity except for SmartWater.
13. **Website.** Progressing well. John reports in excess of 11,000 'hits' to date.
14. **North Yorkshire Network/Association.** Tina Oates gave a comprehensive account of the NY Network which now encompasses NHW areas from Skipton to Scarborough, Tees, York and Selby. Tina has established e-mail contact throughout this region and having sent a copy of our LookOut to London was pleased to see it published on the National NHW network. Tina also feels that 2 surveys completed and forwarded to London properly reflect the situation in North Yorkshire.
Personal contact will be made at a meeting on Thursday 5 March (Bridge Inn, Walshford) when sixteen representatives including Mark Custerson (Project Manager to Chf Con Frank Whiteley - Herts Force), Marion Lewis (Chairman National NHWA) and Barry McGowan (Yorks and Humber rep in London) will meet to exchange views, information and advice. Hopefully the newly established network will generate direct contact from National and Regional offices in the future and could lead to a NYNHWA Assoc. At Newby Wiske, at which The Chairman was the sole NHW representative, he was able to forge an important link with NYP, who are currently reviewing links with NHWs. Insp Nick Warnes addressed various subjects from the previous meeting including RM review, alternative systems to RM (OWL), Service Level Agreements and future partnerships Police/NHW. Keith was impressed by Jayne Schnabel's input and he will attend the next RM User Group meeting.
15. **AOB.** AGM venue to be arranged - (Katy to investigate availability of Hornbeam Lecture Theatre on Tuesday evening, 20th October.)
16. **Dates of Meetings 2009.** Tuesdays: 5 May 7 July 1 Sept 3 Nov
AGM: 20 Oct

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 2200 hrs.