

The Harrogate & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 6 July 2010 at Harrogate Fire Station

Present: Keith Roberts (Chair), Peter Dallas, Chris Oates, Tina Oates, David Siddans.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Maureen Asher, Eric Walker, Joyce Pearson, Katy Piazza and Mike Josh.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 4 May 2010.

These minutes were approved. (proposed TO, seconded CO)

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Correspondence

4.1. E-mail activity

KR reported that several messages on info@nwatchharrogate.org.uk had been dealt with by PD or himself.

4.2. Harrogate Borough Council

KR had received an invitation to attend a meeting on Neighbourhood Management

5. Chairman's report

5.1. Ringmaster

Keith commented on the repeated failure of the police in sending messages on incidents via Ringmaster. He is to talk to the Inspector for the central area to see if a better procedure can be organized.

5.2. Community Safety Manager

There is still uncertainty over the filling of the vacant post of Community safety Manager in the Harrogate area.

5.3. No Cold Calling Zones

More consultation is to be carried out with Inspector Chapman and Trading Standards on extending the coverage.

5.4. Replacement NHW Signs

There have been reports that signs ordered by coordinators have not been delivered. There also seems to be problems with the database used by NY Police to verify individual schemes.

6. Treasurer's report

6.1. Income and expenditure

KR submitted the following report of accounts since 4 May 2010 (on behalf of KP)

Income:	Donations	£ 237.00
	Smartwater sales	£ 198.00
	Other sales	£ 1.00
	Bank interest	<u>£ 0.00</u>
	Total Income	<u>£ 436.00</u>

Expenses:

£ 0.00

Balance at 4 July 2010: £4181.98

6.2. Proposals for reducing money held at bank

- Award for Exceptional Contribution: KR offered to sound out the other members of the committee, and particularly EW on the form of the award. He will also consult the Police (Andy Chapman) on the possible recipient. The possibility of an award for the most deserving PCSO was also discussed.
- Competition or Draw: PD suggested a competition with prizes of SmartWater. This could take the form of a draw, possibly at the AGM.
- Purchase of Bicycle: TO suggested the purchase of a second bicycle for neighbourhood policing. KR will try and find out what happened to the first cycle.
- Improvements to LOOKOUT: DS suggested that expenditure on improving the look and quality of the newsletter may be worthwhile. PD to examine options.

6.3. Committee members' expenses

KR reminded members that expenses claims need to be submitted as soon as possible. The association's financial year end is 31 August.

7. Reports from other meetings

7.1. HBC Neighbourhood Management

KR reported on an excellent meeting convened by Rachel Bowles, Ass. Ch. Exec. Harrogate BC, with the Police and others. The Partnership has been examining how different wards can be ranked by a range of indicators of crime, deprivation, income, etc.

7.2. Oatlands Gala

KR thanked committee members who took part in the NHW display which was set up as part of the Police mobile display. At future such events, consideration will be given to paying to have a stand within the arena.

7.3. Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group

KR attended the meeting at Beckwithshaw and reported useful contacts with Tim Madgwick (ACC NY Police) and the deputy Chairman of NYCC.

8. Press / publicity

8.1. Local Newspaper

KR's article on NHW was reported to have been turned down by the Advertiser. The press seems to prefer items of "news".

8.2. Lookout

PD confirmed the dates for the next edition- drafts to PD by 11/7, enveloping by 19/7. TO is to consider running off extra copies in view of the number of new schemes being developed.

PD is continuing to research the contact details for all parish councils in the Harrogate District.

PD is also researching the location of branch libraries for depositing copies.

9. Existing and new schemes

9.1. Woodfield

There has been a meeting with Greta Knight, the new councilor for Woodfield, at which the possibility of further schemes being initiated was discussed.

9.2. Harlow Crescent

A meeting held on 17 May was well attended. A coordinator has come forward.

9.3. Harlow Moor Drive

A meeting held on 28 May was also well attended. 3 coordinators have come forward.

9.4. Mallinson Oval

Some confusion about the registered coordinator is to be resolved.

9.5. Bilton Grove Avenue

A meeting will be held on 8 July at the Bilton Community Centre

9.6. Masham Road/Masham Close

A meeting has been arranged for 22 July

9.7. Knaresborough

New schemes were reported at Fairfield Avenue, Manor Court and Frogmire Close

10. Member support meetings

KR is to discuss with Mike Josh arrangements for a meeting covering the area east of the A1. EW will also be consulted. It is hoped the meeting will take place in September.

11. Engagement with Harrogate & District Youth

KR reported a Home Office inspired approach for NHW to consider ways of targeting young people. An earlier paper he had written on this had met with no response. There was concern expressed at the scope and implications of this initiative.

KR will raise the issue with MJ (himself a youth advisor)

12. North Yorkshire NHWA

TO reported on the AGM held on 22 June 2010 as follows:

- The Chair of the National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network, Marion Lewis, gave an update on developments with the NHWN and

future predictions. She was recently awarded an OBE for services to neighbourhood watch.

- NY NHTWA hopes to have a public launch in the near future with the signing of the NYP / NYNHTWA partnership agreement by the Chief Constable.
- A new treasurer is in the process of being appointed
- There is currently no representation from Richmondshire District. Insp. Ian Thomson has arranged a survey of NHT schemes which is currently being conducted.
- A second delegate is being sought to represent Craven District.
- A new representative for Selby District has been appointed, relieving the York rep who was covering the area.
- Future developments under discussion include:
 - The development of a NHT youth movement/sector, possibly involving a wider revamp of the NHT profile.
 - The creation of one umbrella organization covering all watch scheme types (neighbourhood, farm, shop, golf, etc.)
- At the end of March 2010, there were 5097+ NHT schemes in North Yorkshire, an increase of 17.5% from October 2009. Across the UK there are 173,000 NHT schemes covering 7.9 million households.

13. SmartWater marketing

CO reported that in the year June 2009 – June 2010 61 units have been sold. Current stocks stand at 13.

There was some discussion on the recent publicity given to alternative brands of marker material. KR and CO are to review the alternatives and also determine if any new supplies should be re-ordered.

14. Police report

There was no police report.

15. Arrangements for AGM

Hornbeam College has confirmed that it is available as a venue, but not on the date currently envisaged (19 October).

KR to investigate the availability of Ashville College as an alternative, after speaking to Reg Rowett, local coordinator.

KR confirmed that he will inform Supt. McIntosh of the arrangements.

16. Any other business

KR observed that the web site does not produce the latest edition of LOOKOUT. DS to investigate.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday 7 September at 7.15 pm at Harrogate Fire Station.