

NY NHWA Meeting 3rd April 2012 at Harrogate Fire Station

Present

Steve Law	<i>Ryedale</i>	Mark White	<i>Filey</i>
Eric Dunstone	<i>Ryedale</i>	Keith Roberts	<i>Harrogate</i>
Natasha Hardy	<i>York</i>	Tina Oates	“
Thom Wiseman	“	Gail Cook	<i>Safer Ryedale</i>
Pat Norman	“	Natalie Burrows	<i>NY Trading Standards</i>
Sgt. Roy Brown	<i>NYP</i>	Claire McKinlay	<i>NY Trading Standards</i>

Apologies

Hazel Lindsay	<i>Quarry Mount Scar.</i>	Tim Roy	<i>N. Hambleton</i>
Ian Dyson	<i>S. Hambleton</i>	Bill Wood	<i>S. Hambleton</i>
Michael Kurdi	<i>Richmondshire</i>	Jill Galloway	“
Patricia Tricker	“	Julia Stack	<i>CSP Harrogate</i>
Supt. Barry Smith	<i>NYP HSNC</i>		

Welcome Chairman Steve Law welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking those whose journeys cover quite a considerable distance. He also welcomed Claire McKinley from Harrogate Trading Standards who had joined us to talk about the work of her department compared with that of Natalie Burrows' department at York.

Apologies Secretary Tina Oates read out the list of apologies. She reminded everyone that Jonathan Williamson of Craven and David McSherry of Selby had both had to resign for personal reasons. Also she reported that Ian Wolstenholme of NYP A had now moved on to the Cleveland District. All commented that his input to previous meetings had been much appreciated and his proactive approach would be missed. Tina pointed out that Craven and Selby are unrepresented now at county level and efforts must be renewed to find replacements. She had already written to Cllr. Carl Les for a permanent replacement for Ian Wolstenholme.

Steve Law commented that we need to form a strategy for Craven and Selby whilst also trying to generate more local support for the Richmond and Whitby areas.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were approved and their adoption proposed by Eric Dunstone, seconded by Mark White.

Matters Arising: none – except Thom Wiseman commented that City of York had ordered widow stickers from Leeds over a month ago and they had not yet arrived. Everyone agreed this was unusual and should be chased up.

Discussion Item: forthcoming AGM on 19th June at Newby Wiske.

Chairman Steve Law and secretary Tina Oates had felt that there was insufficient guidance in the current Constitution regarding correct procedure at AGMs. As a result Steve Law had drawn up an amendment regarding the conducting of AGMs and election of officers. This was discussed and all agreed that its adoption should be agreed at the AGM. This was proposed by Natasha Hardy, seconded by Pat Norman. It was also agreed unanimously that these guidelines would be followed at the forthcoming elections in June. There followed a short

discussion about voting forms and other documents which needed to be available at the time of the initial Ringmaster message advertising the meeting.

Police Report: Sgt. Roy Brown delivered his report.

Items covered included details of the recent Watch Scheme Development Group meeting at HQ. Ringmaster messaging will continue; there is an updated Superusers list; more PCSOs are being trained to use the system, but still not all are doing so; Force control Room staff are now being trained to use it; the number of undeliverables has considerably decreased:

In Harrogate the current ratio of PCSOs to Co-ordinators is: 2,784 co-ordinators to 22 PCSOs. Natasha Hardy suggested that Area co-ordinators assist the PCSOs in maintaining contact with co-ordinators: Mark White commented that more Area Co-ordinators are needed overall to increase communication between PCSOs and co-ordinators.

Steve Law pointed out that a proper structure needs to be put together for consideration by this committee which will lead to greater interface between PCSOs and co-ordinators..

Owing to the numerous types of ASBOs the requested overall figure for the county is not possible to produce and Sgt. Brown suggested that it would be better for ASBO figures for each district to be included in the District Reports.

Ins. Bob Mowatt is retiring from his post as Head of Community Safety NY. very soon and his place will be filled by Insp. Mike Harvey.

Separate insurance cover for citizen patrols is to be provided. It seems that a few districts are doing citizen patrols: Eric Dunstone said his area does them about 4 times a year; S. Hambleton operates patrols and Harrogate very occasionally.

A full copy of the police report is available in the Minutes Appendix.

The was no NYPA Report

District Reports.

These had been circulated to all members of the committee prior to this meeting: The chairman read through every report inviting comment and questions about each one. The main concern of the meeting was with Richmondshire and the work which Michael Kurdi is putting in to create a district association. He had reported that the last meeting arranged had received an extremely poor attendance. Natasha Hardy commented that having lived in the Upper Wensleydale area she knows that few residents receive Ringmaster messages but the majority of people receive The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter and she advised that in future all meetings be advertised in that. She also offered to contact Michael and assist him with meetings in that area. In Ryedale Steve Law reported that all partnerships work well together and support each other in setting up their various projects. There was also very good contact with the PCSOs who are very proactive. Both Harrogate and Filey's district leads commented that cooperation and support from several agencies in their districts – especially the community safety partnerships – were not willingly forthcoming. The meeting agreed that co-operation between all CSPs across the county should be active in every district and asked Roy Brown to comment about this to commanders at HQ. Steve Law added that district leads should attempt to renew approaches to the partnerships in their districts and report back for the next meeting.

Full copies of all district Reports are available in the Minutes Appendix.

Treasurer's Report

In his apologies to the meeting Ian Dyson reported that our bank balance now stood at £131:61 as at 13/02/2012

Trading Standards Reports

Claire McKinlay told us there are now 445 NCCZs across the whole of North Yorkshire – this figure does not include York. Harrogate District has 86 zones. There is a large backlog of applicants for zones and each area has to justify a real necessity for a NCCZ to be set up. A points system is now in operation. The previous 100% agreements of residents has now been reduced to 75% if it meets all the criteria and the local councillor is in agreement.

Natalie Burrows informed us that new signs and stickers are now available and it will soon be an offence for cold callers to knock on a door in a NCCZ area. She also warned us that there is a new scam concerning elderly people being tricked in to purchasing an energy saving device. (see the Minutes Appendix) Consumer advice service is now available at the Citizens Advice Bureau. Natalie proposed that TS should contact NHW if they hear of areas requesting NHW schemes during their enquiries.. This suggestion was welcomed by all present. They are also wishing to establish points of contact in each NCCZ.

A full copy of this report can be seen in the Minutes Appendix

Registered Charity Application.

Thom Wiseman reported that during his enquiries regarding our eligibility to apply for RC status he had received conflicting responses between the web site results and telephone enquiries. He will continue his enquiries and hopes to have the matter solved fairly soon.

Reports from Attended Meetings/Events

NHW Development Meeting Steve Law updated us on the matters discussed at the meeting in March; these had included, the review of the Partnership Agreement, Partnership Structure, review and continued use of the Ringmaster Messaging system by NYP, recruitment of District Representatives – especially Richmondshire and Police Volunteers, with reference to insurance policies. It was agreed that the Partnership Agreement will stand now until November when the new commissioner is appointed. **The amended Partnership Structure can be viewed in the Minutes Appendix.**

Regional Meeting. Thom Wiseman summarised the points from this meeting in February. Tesco have donated £25,000 to NHW which has been spent on street signs, thus the signs will continue to be free of charge at grass roots level. Each district has been given the same number of signs. There has been a 10% cut in money given to NHW by the government. NHW is to oversee the coordination of patrols and street angels, for which funding will be made available. NHW is coordinating this through the Home Office.

NY NHWA Business Plan & Action Plan

Chairman Steve Law briefly went through the latest version of the Action plan which is now approx. 70% completed. He circulated the updated document and fresh copies of the 2010 -13 Business Plan.

AGM This had been discussed at Item 5

Latest Watch Membership Figures There are now 5,125 NHW schemes across the county. North Yorkshire watch schemes in total, - incl. Rural, Pub, school etc. etc. - number 11,875.

The full list can be viewed in the Minutes Appendix

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3:10pm

The next meeting will be the AGM on 19th June 2012 at Newby Wiske Hall, Newby Wiske, to be followed by the first ordinary committee meeting