

The Harrogate & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at Harrogate Fire Station

Present: Peter Dallas, Chris Oates, Tina Oates, Catherine Peyton, Katy Piazza, Keith Roberts (Chair), David Siddans, Graham Slights, Eric Walker

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Maureen Asher.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 3 January 2012.

These minutes were approved. (Proposed GS, seconded CO)

3. Matters arising

Item 14.1: TO reported that most copies of LOOKOUT had been taken from the main library. She will check and replenish stocks.

4. Police Report

There was no police representative present.

KR reported that no further monthly meetings were due to take place between him and the Harrogate Safer Neighbourhood Commander until further notice. He is to seek clarification from Supt Barry Smith as to the way forward.

There was increasing concern over the shortcomings of the Ringmaster system. The police appear to be leaning towards Facebook and Twitter as a medium for contacting the public. KR is to discuss the situation with Insp Penny Taylor.

5. Chairman's report

KR reported on his activities since the last meeting:

10 Jan	Boroughbridge SNG
16 Jan	Ripon – My Neighbourhood meeting
17 Jan	Knaresborough SNG
18 Jan	Tasking meeting HPS
24 Jan	Woodlands Drive Set-up (Photo for web site)
9 Feb	meeting with Supt Barry Smith
	Ripon – My Neighbourhood meeting (Police & Prison Museum)
11 Feb	Committee drinks party to celebrate the launch of the new website
20 Feb	Follifoot coordinators meeting
21 Feb	Boroughbridge STOP Crime
1 Mar	Bilton STOP Crime
8 Mar	Knaresborough STOP Crime
10 Mar	Ripon – My Neighbourhood event

6. Treasurer's report

6.1. Income and expenditure

KP submitted the following report of accounts since 1 November 2011:

INCOME	
Donations	£24.00
SmartWater Sales	£88.00
Other Sales	£62.00
Bank Interest	£0.42
TOTAL INCOME	£174.42

EXPENSES	
Gift to Jim Dobbs for web site work	£29.20
Purchases : Printer Cartridge	£34.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	£63.90

Current Bank Balance **£4,802.29**

KP reported that Easy Fundraising total had reached £8.21 but a cheque will not be issued until the amount reaches £15.

7. Report from North Yorkshire NHTWA

There has been no meeting of NYNHTWA.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd April at Harrogate Fire Station.

8. Reports from other meetings

DS, KP and EW reported on the Ripon – My Neighbourhood event held on 10 March. Whilst attendance was good, most of the traffic was family groups and quite a few were visitors to the town. Consequently although some interest was shown, there was no opportunity to encourage more groups in Ripon.

TO reported on her recent talk to the 2nd Harrogate Brownies and tabled several hand-outs specially targeted at young people.

A discussion took place on the possibility of reviewing and updating the display material used for various events. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss this matter on Tuesday 10 April. (Location to be determined.)

9. Existing and new schemes

9.1. Set-up Meetings held since last meeting

Location	Date	Comments
Cavendish Street		
Hereford Court		
Boroughbridge: Able Close, Springfield Road		

9.2. Future Set-up Meetings

Location	Date	Comments
Hereford Court	27 Mar	

10. Member support meetings

EW confirmed that a member support meeting will take place on 23 April at The Kestrel pub, south Harrogate.

11. Attendance at Events

Further STOP Crime events;

Fairfax community centre	14 March
St Marks, Leeds Road	16 March
Ripon	22 March

Other events:

Independent Advisory Group Meeting	27 March
Bilton Gala	7 May
Oatlands Gala	23 June
Boroughbridge and Aldborough Show	22 July
“Bike Show/Event”	details to be confirmed

12. SmartWater

CO reported that 5 units had been sold in the last two months (4 to Follifoot). There are 3 of the “old” stock left.

KR said he had been assured that the substance remained active well past its “sell-by” date.

EW suggested that there could be a market for the product amongst the military.

13. CCTV System

EW reported on his research into CCTV systems and the installation of a system at his house. The system was of professional quality with night time vision and acceptable for use in court. The cost was approximately £700. It was agreed to investigate a proposal for the association to purchase a portable system for hire to vulnerable members.

14. Publicity

14.1. Newsletter – LOOK OUT

PD gave the following dates for the next edition:

Articles to PD	10 April
Enveloping	17 April

It was agreed to investigate the acquisition of a label printing machine as a back-up to the present facility.

14.2. Web Site

CP is to ask Jim Dobbs for full access to the Stats counter to get more detail about who is accessing the site. She will also look at the position of the site on search engines (Google).

14.3. Twitter

CP reported growing usage of the site – now 331 followers.

14.4. Press

There were no comments under this heading.

15. Any other business

There was no other business.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday 1 May 2012 at 7.15 pm at Harrogate Fire Station.

A special committee meeting to review display material and equipment will be held on Tuesday 10 April (location to be confirmed).

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.