

The Harrogate & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 3 July 2012 at Harrogate Fire Station

Present: Peter Dallas, Catherine Peyton, Katy Piazza, Keith Roberts (Chair), David Siddans, Graham Slights.

Before the meeting, KR distributed a number of NHW window stickers supplied by Towergate Insurance, No Cold Calling window stickers supplied by Trading Standards and Community Safety Partnership leaflets.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Oates, Tina Oates, Maureen Asher and Eric Walker.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 1 May 2012.

These minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

Item 4 The Ringmaster system is now operational, but very few notices are being posted on it.

4. Police Report

There was no Police representative present.

KR gave a summary of the crime statistics for the Harrogate District. Crime is significantly lower in all categories, although theft from vehicles remains a concern.

KR also commented, following his tour, that the new Harrogate Police Station is most impressive with its excellent facilities.

5. Chairman's report

KR reported on his activities since the last meeting:

7 May	Bilton Gala
9 May	New Police Station opening event
22 May	Community Safety Partnership
23 May	Police Tasking Meeting HPS
28 June	Trading Standards (Claire McKinley)
2 July	Community Safety Partnership

He referred also to several meeting which he had been unable to attend because of hospital appointments.

6. Treasurer's report

6.1. Income and expenditure

KP submitted the following report of accounts since 1 May 2012:

INCOME

Donations	£100.00
SmartWater Sales	£220.00
Other Sales	£2.00
Bank Interest	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£322.00

EXPENSES

Table, Literature display, Table top presenters	£158.65
Gazebo	£87.99
Business Cards	£108.00
Purchases of SmartWater units (25 no)	£462.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	£831.63

Current Bank Balance **£4,001.52**

Further expenditure is anticipated on a roller banner stand, subject to further enquiries (KR). CP will produce a design including the H&D logo.

7. Report from North Yorkshire NHWA

In TO's absence, there was no report on North Yorkshire NHWA.

8. Reports from other meetings

There were no reports from other meetings.

9. Existing and new schemes

KR reported that currently there are 1300 NHW schemes in Harrogate District. The total of all watch schemes is around 3000.

A full list of forthcoming schemes is in the process of being drawn up, based on the feedback from the various STOP campaigns.

10. Member support meetings

EW is to be consulted on arrangements for the next meeting, planned for Ripon. The date of the meeting, probably in September, is to be determined.

11. Attendance at Events

KR commented that the NHW stand at the Bilton Gala (7 May) was totally unproductive. He received virtually no help for the duration of the event.

The Oatlands Gala (22 June) was cancelled due to bad weather.

Future events:

- Boroughbridge and Aldborough Show 22 July

It was agreed to send a Ringmaster message seeking people to help manning the stall.

- “Bike Show/Event” 16 September
To be held at Butler Field, Woodfield. CP to attend

12. SmartWater

25 units have been purchased recently. Three out of “use-by” date are to be given away as prizes at events

13. CCTV System

It was agreed to continue investigated the benefits and practicability of acquiring a portable CCTV system.

KR is still waiting to attend a demonstration of a system at the supplier’s base in Wakefield.

14. Publicity

14.1. Newsletter – LOOK OUT

PD gave the following timetable for the issue of the August edition:

Items to PD 10 July

Enveloping 17 July

14.2. Web Site

PD has circulated a schedule of the number of “hits” on the site. The number is reasonably encouraging.

He is to look at the advice notes section with a view to grouping the notes into topic order to simplify searches.

14.3. Twitter

No comments were made under this heading.

14.4. Press

There were no comments under this heading, other than noting the difficulty of ensuring coverage of forthcoming events.

15. Any other business

KR reported that Harrogate College (Hornbeam Park) has confirmed that it can offer accommodation for our AGM (6 November). He is to check the cost.

PD reported on his research with Niddal Windows into “sash jammers” which appear to offer a protection against unauthorized entry via a window.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 7.15 pm at Harrogate Fire Station.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.