



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 7th May 2013 7.15 pm
Harrogate Fire Station

MINUTES

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

Guests: Insp. Bruce Prendergast & Chief Insp. Ian Thompson (both of Harrogate Police), Peter Walker of CASAC. The three guests were welcomed to the meeting and introduced to the committee by the Chairman.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Nick Andralojc & Maureen Asher.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2013.

These minutes were proposed by GS, seconded by TO and accepted.

3. Matters Arising

10.3 New leaflet KR & PD looking to arrange to go to Jim Dobbs' to jointly produce the new version.

5. PCC Plan has been published but without significant change from the draft previously discussed and commented on. At least NHW is now mentioned! It would be interesting to hear NYP comments.

4. CASAC Presentation by Peter Walker

CASAC stands for 'Community Action and Support against Crime'. Originally set up 14 years ago as a charity by a West Yorkshire Police Officer.

Its main aim is to visit burglary victims and help them make their homes more secure. They also offer to do a security report for other citizens on how they can improve their security. Vulnerable and poor victims get free fitting of security devices (provided they meet five essential criteria) whilst others get free assessments but pay for the work if they decide to make recommended improvements.

The initiative started in Leeds and Wakefield in West Yorkshire and is now active in North Yorkshire. They work with the police and hope to get Neighbourhood Watch in N Yorkshire on board also.

PW demonstrated several security products. He spoke about a new standard (TS007) for these products, which is being introduced. Quite alarmingly this new standard has a minimum burglar resistance time of three minutes!

All fitters are trained and registered. CASAC are not registered with the Master Locksmiths Association – the trade body who do not agree with the CASAC testing procedures.

5. Police Report

5.1 Chief Insp. Ian Thompson gave a brief background to his police career adding that he had only recently taken up his post at Harrogate PS and was still familiarising himself with his new role.

5.2 Insp. Bruce Prendergast gave a report on current police activities. He outlined the latest crime statistics which all showed a welcome downturn except serious sexual offences which had increased. Put in perspective the latter were only small in number – although still too many. Proactive policing was responsible for the achieved successes overall. He stated

that the chances of being attacked in the town centre were very low and people should feel safe.

Call centre responses had improved and 94.3% were answered in 10 seconds.

There was a rise in non-domestic burglaries in Ripon.

A Quality of Life Initiative was being conducted in Ripon.

Organised crime groups are being targeted with success.

40% of crime in Harrogate District is committed by persons from outside the District.

KR thanked Ian and Bruce for attending and giving their time and their valuable contributions to the meeting.

6. Chairman's Report

6.1. Chairman's Activities since March 2013 Meeting

13 th March	Harrogate I.A.G. Meeting HFS
14 th March	Ripon 'My Neighbourhood' Pre-event Meeting
15 th March	Road Safety Committee meeting HFS
18 th March	Meeting with Supt Aubrey Smith
19 th March	NY NHWA Committee Meeting - York
21 st March	Bilton/Woodfield SNG Meeting – 7pm HFS
27 th March	Police Technical Tasking Meeting – HPS
28 th March	Knaresborough SNG
4 th April	Birstwith – The Nidds NHW Set Up Meeting
8 th April	NYP Regional I.A.G. Meeting – York
12 th April	Meeting General Mgr. CASAC
16 th April	Roecliffe NHW Set Up Meeting
22 nd -25 th April	Operation Rogue Traders
24 th April	April Visit to CASAC Leeds
24 th April	Police Technical Tasking Meeting - HPS

6.2. Future Meetings

7 th May	H&D NHW Committee Meeting – HFS
9 th May	Launch PCC NY Community Fund – Henshaws, Knaresborough
9 th May	Staveley & Copgrove Parish council & AGM
13 th May	Ripon – NY Age UK Meeting
14 th May	Boroughbridge SNG 7.30 Coronation Hall
20 th May	Community Safety Partnership Meeting - HBC
20 th May	Sharow Council AGM – new schemes (Ripon)
22 nd May	Police Technical Tasking Meeting – HPS
4 th June	Marion cum Grafton – Village Refresh NHW Meeting
14 th June	Road Safety Committee Meeting– RFS
18 th June	NY NHWA AGM & Committee Meeting
19 th June	Police Technical Tasking Meeting – HPS

7. Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 6 Mar - 5 May 13

INCOME

Sales (Inc. 4 Smartwater)	£88.00
Donations	£94.00
Interest	£0.43
Easyfundraising	£0.00

TOTAL £182.43

EXPENSES

Stationery & Sundries	£10.00
SmartWater Purchase	£462.00

TOTAL £472.00

BANK BALANCE £4,294.00

8. Report from North Yorkshire NHWA

TO reported that the latest meeting of the Association was held in March at Easingwold Fire & Rescue Centre.

Once again new members were welcomed to the committee which now means that only one District – Craven – is without full or partial representation by NHW members: at present NYP Sgt Paul Evans is the SPOC. The committee now numbers 23 NHW representatives plus 4 partner representatives

The new letter box stickers displaying both the NYP and NHW logos were discussed: it was decided to request NYP for an initial 1000 stickers to be made available for each District with further numbers to be reviewed at a later date. KR has a small stock.

The format of the forthcoming NY NHWA booklet was discussed.

Keith Roberts informed the meeting of his concern over the working agreement made between NYP and the charity CASAC which would begin in the Harrogate District. Neither NY NHWA nor H&D NHWA had received any notification that this would be happening. It was agreed that such actions were not consistent with the 'Partnership Agreement'. Steve Law agreed to make enquiries of Sgt Roy Brown who had been unable to be present at the meeting.

The Districts reported various instances, few common to the majority of Districts although several did still complain of poor co-operation between themselves and NYP.

Rachel Mason from Trading Standards brought us up to date with several recent initiatives which had culminated in successful prosecutions. Currently there is an increase in door-to-door sellers of household goods; fish tradesmen and a surge in the sale of counterfeit goods on sites such as Facebook etc.

There was a brief discussion of the arrangements for the AGM which is to be held on Tuesday 18th June at Newby Wiske Hall at 11:45am which all NHW members are entitled to attend. The PCC will be the guest speaker.

9. Reports from other Meetings

9.1 SNG meetings are rather poorly attended. KR to write to Chairmen suggesting that they send dates of meetings to us to include in our 'Diary Dates' on the website.

9.2 Gordon Avenue members helped identify potential 'rogue traders'.

9.3 KR had a meeting with Ron Sneddon who is having difficulty setting up NCCZ for Marton cum Grafton who are suffering with cold callers and too many burglaries.

10. Existing & New Schemes

10.1 New schemes are to be set up for Kingsley Road & Chatsworth Place (both in Harrogate)

10.2 TO raised the issue of her fruitless attempts to get police assistance with setting up schemes in Pannal and other issues with PCSOs as minuted in previous meetings. KR has found difficulty obtaining a response from some PCSOs. Inspector Prendergast indicated that the poor response was not compatible with partnership working and promised he would look into it and KR should raise with the new Chief Inspector.

11. Member's Support Meetings

KR stated we are planning an MSM in the near future. Location to be decided but Tockwith is under consideration. Members were requested in our newsletter to suggest venues/topics for discussion.

12. Attendance at Events

12.1 Feedback on Recent Events – with the improvement in the weather it is more conducive to bring members and prospective members to meetings.

12.2 Forthcoming Events – Although we previously agreed to limit the number of galas to be attended it was agreed that with the help of co-ordinators we would also attend Birstwith Horticultural Annual Show on 27th July – other dates previously announced.

13. SmartWater

CO reported six sales since the last meeting.

14. Publicity

14.1 Newsletter – LOOK OUT

PD gave the following timetable for the issue of the July 2013 edition: Items to PD 9th July; enveloping 23rd July.

14.2 Web Site

PD reported the following have been added by Jim Dobbs to 'Security Advice':

1. Leaflet on Anti-social behaviour.
2. Leaflet on Investment Fraud.

14.3 Press

PD reported that he had sent Look Out to the reporter for Birstwith Neighbourhood News in the local newspaper requesting that he mention the retirement of Tom Wright.

15. Any other business

15.1 Letter Box Stickers. TO said these stickers have now been revised and made available by NYP. They now carry the NHW logo as well as that of NYP. Some were issued to the committee.

16. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd July at Harrogate Fire Station 7:15 pm

The meeting closed at 10:10 pm.