

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

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**Present:** Maureen Asher, Peter Dallas, Chris Oates, Tina Oates, Catherine Peyton, Katy Piazza, Keith Roberts (Chair), David Siddans, Graham Slights, Jim Dobbs

Keith Roberts began the meeting by reflecting on the memory of Gwen Baines who had made a substantial contribution to the work of Neighbourhood Watch over many years. Gwen will be sadly missed by both NHW and NYP.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Eric Walker.

KR said that NY police representatives had been invited.

**2. Minutes of meeting held on 1 November 2011.**

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

**3. Matters arising**

Item 14.1: KR confirmed that Debbie Allinson has been trained to take over the operation of Ringmaster.

Item 14.1: PD confirmed that libraries in the District get a copy of Look Out by email.

Item 14.4: PD confirmed that he placed an online notice on Stray FM but was unsure if any messages went out. He also placed a notice in the local press and a post on Neighbours United.

**4. Police Report**

There was no police representative present.

KR reported from discussions with Police that the overriding problem currently is metal theft. Theft of fuel, tools from vans and rustling of sheep are also prevalent.

It was also reported that the "STOP Theft" initiative is to be resumed

**5. Chairman's report**

KR reported on his activities since the last meeting:

8 Nov	AGM at Bilton Community Centre
9 Nov	HPS partnership tasking meeting
15 Nov	Road Safety meeting (Cancelled without notice)
17 Nov	Tina & Chris fund-raising gathering
23 Nov	HPS partnership tasking meeting
	Ripon SNG meeting

24 Nov	Road Safety meeting (Cancelled without notice)
30 Nov	NHW / Neighbours United meeting
1 Dec	Ripon "MY Neighbourhood" meeting
6 Dec	NY NHWA meeting (York)
8 Dec	Meeting with Barry Smith (cancelled)
9 Dec	Meeting with Barry Smith (cancelled)
21 Dec	HPS partnership tasking meeting (discussion-Insp Rob Thorpe)

## 6. Treasurer's report

### 6.1. Income and expenditure

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

#### **INCOME**

Donations	£497.54
SmartWater Sales	£44.00
HMRC Gift Aid Repayment	£21.03
Other Sales	£0.00
Bank Interest	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£562.57</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

Room Hire: Set Up Meeting at Boroughbridge	£24.00
Purchases : SmartWater Signs	£10.62
Misc: Name Badge Holders	£1.98
Donation to RNLI (Gwen Baines Memorial Collection)	£40.00
AGM Expenses (Refreshments)	£21.48
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£98.08</b>

**Current Bank Balance** **£4,581.74**

Attention was drawn to the receipt of Gift Aid repayment from HMRC.

## 7. Report from North Yorkshire NHWA

TO reported on the NY NHWA held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Athena House, Clifton Moor, York.

The report highlighted concern that antisocial behaviour seems to be on the increase right across the county, with ways to tackle it being discussed. All districts join with Harrogate in their criticism of NYP's use of the Ringmaster messaging system. Overall NHW in most districts is progressing and expanding.

The full report is available on our new website - [www.ny125.com](http://www.ny125.com) under Minutes of Meetings - NY NHWA - or on the county website [www.nynhwa.co.uk](http://www.nynhwa.co.uk)

The next meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Harrogate Fire Station.

## 8. Reports from other meetings

TO and KR reported on a meeting with Chris Brackley of the Neighbours United web site. Some of the parallels with NHW were discussed and the situation will continue to be monitored.

## 9. Existing and new schemes

### 9.1. Set-up Meetings held since last meeting

Location	Date	Comments
Church Avenue, Bilton	Dec	3 coordinators appointed
Harebell Close, Jennyfields	7 Dec	successful
Walton Park		2 cul-de-sacs now have new coordinators

### 9.2. Future Set-up Meetings

Location	Date	Comments
Albert Road, Cecil Street, Cavendish St, Bilton	Feb?	CP

## 10. Member support meetings

It was agreed that a further attempt should be made to organise a meeting in **Ripon** in the near future. Members will try and identify an appropriate local contact.

## 11. Attendance at Events

CP reported that the following events are scheduled for the coming year:

Bilton Gala	7 May
Boroughbridge and Aldborough Show	22 July
"Bike Show/Event"	details to be confirmed

## 12. SmartWater

CO reported that only two units of Smartwater had been sold in the last two months. The current stock is 11 units.

## 13. CCTV System

In the absence of EW, this item was deferred to the next meeting

## 14. Publicity

### 14.1. Newsletter – LOOK OUT

PD gave the following dates for the next edition:

Articles to PD	17 January
Enveloping	24 January

It was suggested that the newsletter should be distributed to other "Watch" groups, such as Rural Watch. KR to investigate how this could be best achieved.

### 14.2. Web Site

Jim Dobbs gave a presentation of the new home page, following recent revisions. The appearance of the page was much approved. Suggestions were made for links to other sites such as NYPolice, NY NHWA, Trading Standards, and a new tab "Other Watches". Jim will carry out these modifications and proceed to construct the other pages.

PD asked to be supplied with a copy of the new logo in a suitable format.

CP will investigate setting up a link to a selection of You Tube videos.

**14.3. Twitter**

CP reported on continuing usage of the site.

**14.4. Press**

PD to place a "new year" article in the press on home security, smartwater, etc.

**15. Annual General Meeting**

KR invited opinions about the AGM held on 8 November 2011. The venue and the guest speaker were unanimously felt to be very good. A date in November was considered to be best considering the need for the Treasurer to assemble the necessary financial report and to link into the Look Out timetable.

TO suggested that it might be helpful if a synopsis of the Chairman's report could be distributed at the meeting to assist the audience in assimilating the main points.

It was agreed that the 2012 AGM should be held on Tuesday 6 November. Alternative venues such as Hornbeam College will be considered. A suggestion that we should invite an ex-offender as the main speaker is to be explored. Nominations invited.

**16. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**17. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 7.15 pm at Harrogate Fire Station.

The meeting was closed at 10.03 pm.