

The Harrogate & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 4 September 2012 at Harrogate Fire Station

Present: Peter Dallas, Catherine Peyton, Katy Piazza, Keith Roberts (Chair), David Siddans, Tina Oates, Maureen Asher and Eric Walker.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Oates,

2. Minutes of meeting held on 3 July 2012.

These minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

Item 11 (Bilton Gala) TO pointed out that she and Chris had attended the event.

Item 13 (CCTV) KR said he had had not been able to visit the Wakefield Suppliers and asked if anyone else could. CP said she will visit them, all being well.

TO will make enquiries through the Yorks and Humber area to identify any experience of CCTV usage/demand elsewhere. KR will make similar enquiries of the Wakefield supplier.

Item 14.2 (Web site) PD reported that the Advice Notes section has now been rearranged to make searches much simpler.

Item 15 (Security) PD reported that the leaflet on locks has been updated with current information and prices.

4. Police Report

There was no Police representative present.

KR gave a summary of the crime statistics for the Harrogate District, based on data provided by the SN Partnership up to 2 July. Crime is significantly lower in all categories, although later figures show some increase.

KR also reported that the Superintendent had agreed that PCSO's would carry out any leaflet drops for NW scheme areas.

5. Chairman's report

KR reported on his activities since the last meeting (which have been curtailed by a series of hospital appointments):

12 July	Antiques Roadshow at Fountains Abbey (joint with Ripon Police)
16 July	Meeting with A/Sgt Ed Rogerson re Astra Casting Bluetooth System
20 July	Harrogate Grammar School with Police and Fire & Rescue
22 July	Aldborough and Boroughbridge Show (cancelled due to weather)

15 Aug	Police Tasking Meeting HPS
15 Aug	STOP Burglary campaign – Spofforth (rained off)
2 Sept	Aldborough and Boroughbridge Show

He also listed his forthcoming engagements:

6 Sept	Hookstone & Stray SNG
7 Sept	Knaresborough SNG
10 Sept	Community Safer Partnership Meeting
11 Sept	MSM Ripon (see below)
16 Sept	Bike Show (see below)
18 Sept	NY NHWA Selby Boroughbridge SNG
20 Sept	Road Safety Committee HFS
22 Sept	Oatlands Gala (see below)
24 Sept	Nidderdale Show
27 Sept	Police & Crime Commissioners Roadshow.

6. Treasurer's report

6.1. Income and expenditure

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

INCOME

Donations	£40.00
SmartWater Sales	£286.00
Other Sales	£27.00
Bank Interest	£0.46
TOTAL INCOME	£353.46

EXPENSES

PC & PCSO of the Year - Gift	£82.60
Committee expenses (end-of-year)	£87.99
Ink	£61.40
Stationery	£15.98
Petrol	£21.22
Postage	£13.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	£194.85

Current Bank Balance	£4,131.31
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Further expenditure is anticipated on room hire for AGM, audit expenses and a roller banner stand.

7. Report from North Yorkshire NHWA

TO presented the following report (slightly abridged):

We held our 3rd AGM on 19th June at Newby Wiske, followed by the first meeting of the new committee. For the very first time we had about 40 initial enquiries and applications for places after the Ringmaster message went out from all over the county.

Gina Allen gave a talk and Power Point display about the new PCCs who will be elected by the public in November this year. This was followed by an update from Divisional Trading Standards Officer David Miller about new legislation which has come into force and the new door stickers which will be available soon for all NCCZs.

The existing officers were re-elected:

- Chairman – Steve Law - Ryedale District
- Deputy Chair – Thom Wiseman - City of York
- Treasurer - Ian Dyson – S. Hambleton
- Secretary - Tina Oates – Harrogate

The current committee stands at 22 members - with 2 vacancies

There are real problems in recruiting for the Richmond area, plus a seeming lack of interest from Selby police is not helping recruitment there either! Craven is also lacking representation at present but the deputy Chair Thom Wiseman is taking that in hand as he has connections there.

Currently our funds stand at £131:61!

The Business Plan and Action Plan for 2012 – 2013 were launched followed by a discussion regarding new efforts and approaches to NHW recruitment in all districts of the county: several are struggling.

The next AGM of the association is on Tuesday 18th June 12 noon at Newby Wiske and the next committee meeting is on Tuesday 18th September in Selby.

8. Reports from other meetings

There were no reports from other meetings.

9. Existing and new schemes

TO attended a set-up meeting at Stone Bramble (Jennyfields) and advised that a meeting for St Winifred's Avenue will be arranged soon.

MA has a long list of potential streets following Cllr John Fox's recent survey. It was noted that little is happening to progress these because of apparent difficulties with the Police's mailing stationery.

10. Member support meetings

Arrangements for the MSM meeting at Ripon Police Station on Tuesday 11 September were discussed. A notice will appear in the Ripon Gazette and Ringmaster messages sent out.

11. Attendance at Events

H&D NHWA will be represented at the following events:

- Sunday 16 September: "Bike Show/Event" at Butler Field, Woodfield.
- Saturday 22 September: Oatlands Gala
- Thursday 27 September: PCC Roadshow, St George's Hotel, Harrogate.

12. SmartWater

TO reported that 46 units have been sold over the last year and current stock is 21. Five out of "use-by" date are to be held as prizes at events.

PD reported that the SmartWater information page and the SmartWater Order Form, which appear on the web site, are being updated.

13. Annual General Meeting

KR confirmed that this year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 November. The venue has yet to be confirmed, after information is received from Harrogate College and Harrogate Grammar School.

A number of suggestions were made as to the choice of Speaker. KR will make further enquiries and confirm arrangements.

A suggestion was also made that the NY Chief Constable and the Harrogate MP should be invited to attend.

14. Publicity

14.1. Newsletter – LOOK OUT

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

Items to PD 9 October

Enveloping 17 October

This edition will give publicity to the forthcoming AGM.

14.2. Web Site

No further comments other than the updates reported above.

14.3. Other

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 8 January 2013 at 7.15 pm at Harrogate Fire Station.

The meeting was closed at 10.12 pm.