

Minutes of the NY NHWA Meeting at Easingwold F&R Centre 19th March 2013

Present

Jill Galloway	<i>S. Hambleton</i>	David James	<i>Whitby</i>
Bill Wood	"	Thom Wiseman	<i>York</i>
Ian Dyson	"	Pat Norman	"
Steve Law	<i>Ryedale</i>	Keith Roberts	<i>Harrogate</i>
Eric Dunstone	"	Tina Oates	"
Hazel Lindsay	<i>Scar. Quarrymount</i>	Gail Cook	<i>Safer Ryedale</i>
Terry Lyons	<i>Selby</i>	Rachel Mason	<i>TS</i>

Apologies

Maggie James	<i>Whitby</i>		
Iain Scrivin	<i>Richmondshire</i>	Patricia Tricker	<i>Richmondshire</i>
Tim Roy	<i>N. Hambleton</i>	Tony Wallis	<i>Ryedale</i>
Ian Redhead	"	Natasha Hardy	<i>York</i>
Margaret Redhead	"	Tricia Colling	<i>Countryside Watch</i>
Sgt. Paul Evans	<i>NYP Craven</i>	Sgt. Roy Brown	<i>NYP</i>

1. Welcome.

The Chairman Steve Law welcomed everyone to the meeting – especially our new members – and asked everyone to introduce themselves

2. Apologies.

The secretary Tina Oates read out the list of those who had sent their apologies for absence.

Keith Roberts suggested that perhaps Sgt Roy Brown could find a deputy to represent him on the occasions when he cannot attend the meetings so that we do have a police presence. Steve agreed to mention it to him.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters Arising.

The Minutes were agreed to be correct and their adoption proposed by Eric Dunstone, seconded by Jill Galloway.

There were no matters arising.

4. Nominations for post of Vice Chairman

There had not been any nominations received prior to the meeting so the election was postponed until the AGM in June.

5. Discussion Item.

Letter box Stickers: a sample of the new sticker to be provided by NYP was shown to the meeting: all agreed that the NHW logo should also be displayed along with the NYP logo. Steve Law agreed to make the proposal to Sgt Roy Brown.

There will be an initial stock of 1000 placed in each of the district police stations

NY NHWA Booklet: Draft copies of the new NY NHWA information booklet had been circulated to the committee for inspection prior to the meeting. Numerous suggestions were made and discussed concerning the wording, punctuation, content, layout and overall presentation. The chairman agreed to send these comments and corrections to Sgt Roy Brown for implementation, prior to it being sent to the printing department for production.

CASAC: (Community Action and Support Against Crime)

Keith Roberts brought to the attention of the meeting an article recently published in the Harrogate Advertiser. This stated that NYP intended to formally commit to a contract with

CASAC which would see that charity take charge of all community safety and support activities for NYP across North Yorkshire, starting in the Harrogate District. This was said to follow on from a prior contract between CASAC and WYP, which have worked very successfully. There was general concern that NHW had not been mentioned or recognised for its work with community safety and support in the county over many years and also no mention was made of including Ringmaster messages. Several officers of WYP had contacted Keith Roberts saying that the newspaper article was a complete fabrication; no contract between CASAC and WYP existed and that only one district in Leeds had actually worked with the charity concerned in a small way. There was general concern at the meeting that NYP ought to have informed NY NHWA of this development and several voiced concern that it made nonsense of our joint Partnership Agreement with NYP. Members from Selby, York and Harrogate felt that currently there is a lack of partnership with NYP in their areas. Steve Law promised to make enquiries of Sgt. Roy Brown.

6. PCC

Steve Law reported that the New PCC Julia Mulligan had been invited to the recent NHW Development Group meeting but had been unable to attend: Gina Allen deputised for her. These meetings will be held quarterly in future. Amongst items discussed was the Ringmaster contract which runs out in March, but which the chairman had been assured would be renewed, it being cheaper and more encompassing than other systems: insufficient training in its use at present for the PCSOs, as too few appear to be trained, or knowledgeable staff are available. This prompted a discussion about the varying quantity of messages from district to district across the county and practice of the force in each district in disseminating information. All agreed that PCs and PCSOs should be urged to disseminate more information and make greater use of the messaging system. Steve Law commented that this might be better achieved by going through the Watch Development Group

After lunch the chairman thanked Jill Galloway and Bill Wood for providing the refreshments.

(Items 7 and 8 on the agenda were reversed)

7. Trading Standards Report.

Rachel Mason reported that there had been several fraud operations over the whole county which they have taken to court or are in the process of so doing. She especially highlighted recent scams in York, Craven and Selby where elderly people had been driven to banks to withdraw cash for payment. Currently Trading Standards are operating with reduced staff but are looking to increase in the near future. Recent trends have seen an increase in complaints about door-to-door fish sellers; purveyors of household goods and a greater number of counterfeit goods being sold on Facebook. Rachel asked if there is a way in which Trading Standards could notify districts about the presence of rogue traders operating in their areas. Chairman Steve Law suggested that they should use the Ringmaster messaging system as the quickest way to get the message out to the public.

A full copy of this Trading Standards Report is in the attached Minutes Appendix

8. Police Report.

Steve Law read out Sgt Roy Brown's report with the meeting discussing each point covered. Items included were the Ringmaster Registration form to be restructured, MP for York High Bailey's interest in NHW; the method of distribution of the new NY NHWA information booklet. Thom Wiseman suggested that it should be a staged introduction, whilst Jill Galloway suggested that the booklets should be available at police stations.

At this point Jill Galloway commented on the amount of work which Sgt Roy Brown had put into producing this booklet and suggested that thanks to him from this committee should be minuted. It was agreed that Sgt Roy Brown, Sally Dowkes and Ian Cunningham should also be commended for their considerable contributions to the work of the Neighbourhood Watch/Police Partnership.

9. District Reports.

These having been distributed prior to the meeting were gone through district by district: various extras were added:

Ryedale has seen an increase in burglaries recently;

Plastic policemen considered very useful in deterring speed offenders:

Greater use of the messaging system for communication:

Terry Lyons said that many schemes in Selby District are not aware of each other's existence, also lack of police contact esp. in his area of Bolton Percy:

Hambleton South has invited Rural Watch to join them:

Harrogate's last committee meeting had a talk by members of the NYP drugs team and... the on-going situation in Craven was briefly discussed.

The full version of these reports can be seen in the attached Minutes Appendix

NB. To see the Minutes Appendix please visit the North Yorkshire NHW website at:

<http://www.nynhwa.co.uk/>

10. Treasurer's Report: & 11. Funding – spending priorities

Treasurer Ian Dyson reported an unchanged balance of £631:61 Use of the money awarded to us last year by the retiring NYPA and Chief Constable was discussed. It was pointed out that nowadays when looking for funding bids from other organisations, requests which include a percentage of match-funding are considered more favourably, so a portion of money could be devoted to that. It was also felt that perhaps some administration costs could be met, with the secretary being reimbursed for some stationery expenses. This was unanimously agreed by all present, with the grateful thanks of the secretary added!

The Treasurer's report can be seen in full in the attached Minutes Appendix

12. Meetings Attended

Steve Law – NHW Development meeting – already minuted

Thom Wiseman – a public meeting held with the PCC in York

Keith Roberts – AIG Hate Crime meeting: excellent work on this done in Selby district.

13. Business & Action Plans

There was no discussion on these.

14. AGM June 18th at Newby Wiske.

Tina Oates expressed concern at the catering costs per person for this meeting: Steve Law agreed to ask Sgt Roy Brown if there could be any funding help from NYP.

15. A O B.

- Terry Lyons asked for clarification regarding the Ringmaster contract:

- a request for notification prior to meetings of any urgent discussion items

- Tina Oates felt that we don't advertise ourselves enough; still many people – including police – do not know that we exist.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 18th June at Newby Wiske Hall 11:45 am