



# Nuneaton & Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012

### **Present:**

Brian Lowe, Heather Lowe, Doug Blease, Styfan Pidhajackyj, Bob Chambers, Terry Harris, Steve Hammond, Pat Alders, Colin Muncaster, Mohammed Teladia, Gordon Chadwin, Insp Pat Devereaux. Cllr Bill Sheppard, Martyn Stephens, David Atkin, and Julie Dale

### **1. Welcome.**

Steve welcomed all for attending the meeting.

### **2. Conflicts of interest.**

None declared.

### **3 Apologies.**

None received

### **4. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Agreed as correct after the correction in the treasurers report from sighs to signs

### **5. Matters arising.**

As mentioned at the previous meeting the Borough Council wanted to order the signs for us. Brian had sent them copies of the quote we had received together with the art work for the signs. These had been ordered from Nuneaton Signs, and they had been informed that 17 signs were for Bedworth NW and the remaining 20 for N&BNW.

Mohammed asked about the stall during the late night shopping. Heather said we had expected to be contacted but no one from the council had done so.

### **6. Correspondence.**

Heather had received a letter from BSN saying they were being disbanded, due to lack of funding. All projects would be completed but no new ones started. ACC Neil Brunton had replied to say he would be happy to be our guest speaker at our AGM. We had also been alerted to a scam which said that using your PIN backwards alerted the police to you being under duress. THIS IS NOT SO all this does is giving the criminals access to your pin number.

## **7. Police Report**

Insp Devereaux reported that burglary figures were down after the spike we had late last year. Serious Violent Crime was also down but Vehicle crime was up. The majority being taking from. The public were still leaving items on view, an open invitation to the criminal. They had sent up Operation Barnum to try and tackle this problem, looking at offenders and why they offend. Some local perpetrators have been added to the list of PPO,s (Prolific persistent offenders) and these are given special attention by the police.

Operation Hobart has been set up force wide to deal with acquisitive crime across the county. They plan to use ANPR to help with this operation, as well as other resources aimed at hotspots. The police realise that all areas are still plagued by nuisance motorbikes and have some ideas on tackling this, however they do need the help of the public in finding out where these bikes are stored and the routes they take to and from where they are used. In April some of the shift patterns would be changing however SNT's will be much as at the moment.

The biggest bonus for the public was that the majority of officers in the SNT's are there because that is the job they want to do. Bedworth had run a good event at the hospital, and we had offered our help to them (Brian had tried several times to contact the security manager without success)

The police were also more aware of social network sites and this had led to pre-empting a fight planned between schools in Nuneaton and Atherstone. The police were able to visit the intended venue and remove a large quantity of weapons hidden ready for the event. Three cannabis factories had been found and dealt with. Two scrap collectors had been stopped and one of these had no licence and the vehicle had been in a dangerous condition so had been seized.

7a WCC Project Officer

Martyn Stephens had taken over from Nadine and as an ex police officer was making use of his many contacts to try and find ways of combating some of the problems facing the borough.

Regarding nuisance motorbikes, he planned a campaign to target garages supplying fuel to the offenders, as many were under 16 and selling to them was in contravention of the garages licence. They planned to use licensing conditions to try and locate where bikes were being stored and the routes they were using. WCC were looking at including a page on their website for reporting sighting of these bikes. All this worked was being done in conjunction with several other agencies such as police, fire, housing dept, etc. A media campaign was envisaged to let the public know how they can help and how they can report problems without fear of reprisals.

## **8. Treasurers Report**

Brian gave the meeting a copy of what was in the bank at this time. Brian had transferred £1000 into the Crime Busters account so we now had £400 in this pot. In order to pay for the next edition it was agreed to transfer a further £1000. He had been informed by email that we had been successful in our bid for CAAC funding for the project PODwatch. He now had several papers to complete and submit, as well as setting up a management committee to oversee the project. Once this was moving we would be in receipt of a grant for £14850

## **9 Reports on Other Business**

Since the last meeting we had received an enquiry from a resident in Tiverton Drive. Heather had been to see the lady concerned who was prepared to join NW but did not wish to act as a co-ordinator. We had a new co-ordinator in Chetwynd Drive and a potential new co-ordinator in the new houses off Weddington Road.

Brian had met with Seaforth our web master who felt our site needed updating. Brian had also asked about a County website and this had led to Seaforth becoming a Police Support Volunteer to help with this. It was asked if dates of area meetings could be included on our WebPages and this was not seen to be a problem. Brian asked if areas would like a page of their own so that resident could click on their local group to find out what is happening locally. This to be taken away and considered.

## 10 Project Updates

- a) Crime Busters. Brian was working on the next edition. Pat, Gordon and Bob had met to organise the changes in packing and distribution.

## 11 Reports of other meetings

- a) WNWVA. The county organisation had now signed up as a Compact member. Brian was working on some nominations for the awards although anyone could nominate a worthy recipient. Due to the police reducing the number of award ceremonies, the 2010 awards would be presented at the ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Horse watch was growing and now had over 300 members, they were well organised and had negotiated with local farriers the marking of tack in a common location which the police were aware of so knew where to look for such details. The Police Authority was working to strengthen links with the voluntary sector and at their last meeting had received brief presentations about PSV, NW, Specials and Custody Visitors. The new ACC Simon Edens had been in attendance and introduced to all.
- b) NWNVA. Carrying on working with the community. David said that he was using the minutes distribution to inform members of any hot topics. He was also encouraging Parish Councils and other such bodies to post these on village notice boards.
- c) Priority Crime. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, report circulated
- d) Supporting Communities Forum. 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- e) NABSCOP 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

## 12 AOB

Bermuda Village will be hosting an Open Day to publicise the improvements in the village. We would be invited to take the trailer for publicity purposes. This will be on 15<sup>th</sup> April from 12 to 3pm.

Julie Dale showed the meeting a new sign and asked for comments. It was felt that the quality was poor and it would not weather well.

This years NW week was from 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June. As this was our 30<sup>th</sup> year National had asked all associations to look at increasing the cooperation between NW and Specials. Insp McNevin had told WNWVA we had 140 Specials in the county. Brian suggested that with 5 districts we look at 5 activities one each day with a launch day over the first weekend and a celebration event to conclude the week. His suggestion for N&B was a market stall on Wednesday market with a tombola where all the prizes were safety items, i.e. personal alarms etc It was agreed Brian look into this.

We had been notified that the Home Office were looking for a sponsor for NW signs. Tesco had stepped forward and had enough signs produced to give every police area 78 signs, this would equate to 15 per area in Warwickshire. It was also mentioned that Tesco had since decided they could make the sign in house, so we would need to assess the quality of these signs.

It was also mentioned that we seem to be getting fewer messages. This is as a result of the cuts and Julie is being tasked with admin work leaving her short on time to produce messages.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

Dates for future meeting - *Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May, Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jul, Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.*  
*Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012*

**AGM - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012**