



Nuneaton & Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association

Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2011

Present:

Brian Lowe, Heather Lowe, Doug Blease, Styfan Pidhjackyj, Bob Chambers, Terry Harris, Steve Hammond, Pat Alders, Colin Muncaster, Mohammed Teladia, Gordon Chadwin and Insp Pat Devereaux.

1. Welcome.

Steve welcomed all and as us to introduce ourselves for the benefit of any newcomers.

2. Conflicts of interest.

None declared.

3 Apologies.

Martyn Stephens, David Atkin, Cllr Bill Sheppard

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed as correct however the date was incorrect. Once this was amended they were signed as a true record

5. Matters arising.

None that was not included in the agenda.

6. Correspondence.

Heather had received from Hatter's Space highlighting a recent incident where a worker had had money stolen. All were asked to be aware of this and make sure we look after our possessions. Heather had written to ACC Neil Brunton to be our guest speaker and was awaiting a reply.

7. Police Report

Insp Devereaux told the meeting that since the changes earlier in the year, the SNT's had settled well into their role. We now had a new acting Sgt, Paul Smith who was keen to work closely with the public. At the moment with some PCSO's being on light duties, moving on there had been some areas with fewer staff than planned. He told the meeting that the PCSO's were planning some stalls during the "late night shopping" and it had been raised that perhaps NW would be interested in having a stall alongside the police.

Recently there had been an increase in theft from vehicles with Attleborough, Bermuda Village and Queens Road/High Street showing the highest increase. The police now have Operation Barnum in place where they

are using both marked and unmarked cars to try and catch the perpetrators. It was hoped to give members of NW more information on this from the tasking meetings. Metal thefts were still happening, and the borough council was looking to replace those stolen with plastic ones, even though they are more expensive they are not of value to the thief. Brian highlighted a petition on line re making all scrap metal dealers more accountable for ensuring their purchases are not stolen property.

The police are bringing in new ways of dealing with Anti social behaviour. The SNT teams are paying more attention to previous offenders, trying to offer them help where needed and making sure they do not have the opportunity to re offend. This seems to be working as over the last 6 months the number of repeat offences has reduced by 49%

Another area of concern for the police was the nuisance motor bikes. They would continue to target as and when possible. Some land had been identified in the Hartshill area to create an off road track and work was ongoing to see if this was a viable proposition.

A Dispersal zone was in force in Princess Ave and this seemed to be working, although there was evidence of the problem moving to other areas. During Alcohol Aware Week some test purchases had been made and it would appear that any offenders were aware of non local purchasers and refused to serve them. The meeting was made aware of the police media portal where they posted news regarding both recent events and also recent convictions.

8. Treasurers Report

Brian gave the meeting a copy of what was in the bank at this time. Crime Busters budget was overspent. Since this was now part of our core business we would be unable to find funding for this, however it was felt that it was important to keep producing. After a brief discussion it was agreed to transfer £2500 from unrestricted into CB account. This should keep us going for about a year. Brian said that he had received good reports on CB from several areas including the Police Authority and a local journalist who was also a NW co-ordinator. We had recently bought some more Prikka strip and also banked £150 from sales.

We had invoiced the borough council for more signs, however we were now told that finance dept did not like giving us the money, they preferred to purchase the signs themselves for our use. To date they had still not placed an order.

9 Reports on Other Business

Since the last meeting had signed up one new co-ordinator in Botterill Street.

10 Project Updates

- a) Crime Busters. The latest edition was finished and with Gordon. He had not been able to contact Trevor Bailey with the supply for Whitestone. Colin was prepared to help with distribution in this area. As stated earlier Brian had received some good feed back on the latest edition.

11 Reports of other meetings

- a) WNWA. 8th Dec.
- b) NWNWA. 24th Nov, apologies sent
- c) Priority Crime. 23rd Aug, report circulated
- d) Supporting Communities Forum. 1st Dec.
- e) NABSCOP 3rd Nov. Report handed out. The criteria for the CAAC grants had changed and it

would appear that they were looking for more local bids. As a result the county association had agreed it would be more practicable for districts to apply. Brian had consulted with PaYP and they had suggested Kingswood area. Since then Brian had told Church Farm NW what was envisaged as well as Kingswood Residents Assoc. Both had said they would support this venture, should we be successful with the bid. The bid had been submitted and we had been told to add some costs for 2011 so that the project will run until April 2013. Brian will look at this and make the required adjustments.

12 AOB

As there was no other business for discussion the meeting closed at 8-25pm

Dates for future meeting - *Thurs 26th Jan Thurs 29th March ,Thurs 31st May, Thurs 26th July
Thurs 27th Sept. Thurs 29th Nov 2012*

AGM - Thurs 19th April 2012