

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
13th Nov 2014, 7.30pm, Committee Room 5, Bromley Civic Centre

Attendance & Apologies:

Present: Alf Kennedy (AK) Chair
Clifford Longley (CL) President
John Bruce (JB) Member
Graham Pyefinch (GP) Member & Treasurer
Chris Taylor (CT) Member
Brian Rowland (BR) Member
Terry Belcher (TB) Member
Cllr. Tim Stevens (TS)* Chair of Safer Bromley Partnership
Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary

Apologies: Chief Insp. David Tait (DT) Metropolitan Police
Rob Vale (RV) Hd of Trading Standards, Bromley Council

1. Welcome, Intros & Apologies: AK welcomed everyone and advised Gordon Snashall had resigned with immediate effect. He also advised he had been in contact with Bexley, Croydon and Southwark NWAs and there had been mutual invites to our respective AGMs, discussion followed on the potential benefits.

2. Previous Minutes / Matters Arising:

- a) Previous minutes: agreed and approved, albeit with minor corrections CL to President and TB to Member & SNB Rep.
- b) Matters Arising:
- Co-ordinators' Database: JB advised review of membership records: had 70 replies from correspondence and added 20 co-ords who we had thought had lapsed – about 40 had lapsed and there will be a further revision of the 2 email lists. Currently c.640 co-ords with c.660 when finalised.
 - Bromley Police Newsletter: concerns over the irrelevance of some of the content. TS agreed to take concerns to Met. Police form SNB and BNWA. **ACTION: TS**
 - Old BCEF Website: problems were noted. TS agreed to sort, change name etc. Should contain Ward Panel minutes etc. **ACTION: TS**
 - Publicity/Display material: JB proposed purchase of various equipment; table top £73; Tablecloth £111; 2 x stands and other items c.£200 totalling approx. £400 and which would include all artwork etc. After discussion on need for BNWA logo spending of approx. £400 was agreed. **ACTION: JB**

3. Treasurer's Report: GP advise he had sent details of the accounts to Exec. Committee by email, and summarised as £4655 with £400 liabilities and possibly another £40 for letters/postage. There may be future expenditure on street signs and plans to spend further money in the next 12 months.

4. AGM: Date agreed as Thu 9 April 2015, again at Bromley Football Club, Hayes Lane.
Possible Agenda items and timings:

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| a) Young People in Bromley: crime/security/safety etc. | 30 mins |
| b) Policing in Bromley | 30 mins |
| c) Refreshments | 15 mins |
| d) MOPAC / Bromley Borough | 30 mins |
| e) BNWA Survey? | 15/30 mins? |

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Also agreed JB to issue Online Survey to all Co-ords before AGM. Possibly use 'Survey Monkey' – JB to investigate cost. AGM discussion on survey results. Agreed a prize £50 M&S vouchers to one winner to encourage completion and return of completed survey. All AGM details for final discussion and agreement at BNWA Exec Meeting in Feb 2015. **ACTION: JB**

5. Objectives Review:

Following Gordon Snashall's departure, further discussion took place regarding 2014/5 Objectives and the following revision was agreed:

- a) Support use of CCTV to provide deterrent against crime given reduced Police presence in the Community – All;
- b) Gmail addressees (essentially, just Coordinators) and BNWA database to be kept in line with "undelivered" e-mails on Gmail followed-up – AK/JB;
- c) Publicity and Advertising materials to be purchased to promote Recruitment – JB; and
- d) Invitations to "Events" will be accepted only if firm commitment from Exec. to attend.

Notes:

Issue of Older/Vulnerable residents no longer considered BNWA Objective as matter is in the hands of Trading Standards.

Proposal to address lack of Police visibility not considered a BNWA Objective - should be referred via Ward Panel Chairs to Cluster Panels and brought to the attention of MOPAC at the forthcoming Roadshow.

Proposal to raise awareness of young people using legal highs referred by Bromley Council to Government Ministers for further action

6. Residents Assn. Federation Bromley: BNWA to contact to ask if we can publicise BNWA through the various Residents Assns. **ACTION: CL**

7. Recruitment: Agreed the Exec. Committee should keep/store the street signs/stickers. TB agreed to store initially, and names requiring supplies were awaited. **ACTION: TB**

8. Any Other Business: TS thanked BNWA for its support at the Crime Summit, which went well. He advised 5 bids had been made with 3 accepted i) Safer Bromley News ii) Youth Conference iii) Crime Summit. 2 others were likely to go through, including the Youth Council. There would be no public Board Meeting, which was planned for 2015.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Agreed for Thu 5th Feb 2015: Committee Room 3 booked. AM to review dates for all 2015 meetings at Feb meeting. **ACTION: AM**

A. McCulloch
BNWA Secretary
31 Jan 2015