

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
28 May 2015, 7.30pm, Committee Room 5, Bromley Civic Centre

Attendance & Apologies:

Present: Alf Kennedy (AK) Chair
John Bruce (JB) Member
Clifford Longley (CL) President
Brian Rowland (BR) Member
Chris Taylor (CT) Member
Terry Belcher (TB) Member
Peter Mungeam (PM) Member
Lorraine Fawlk (LF) Member
David House (DH) Member
Chief Insp. Toby Noar (TN)* Bromley Police
Cllr.Kate Lymer (KL)* Bromley Council

Apologies: Graham Pyefinch (GP) Member & Treasurer
Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary
Rob Vale (RV)* Trading Standards, Bromley Council

(* denotes non-voting)

Chairman's Welcome & Apologies:

AK welcomed and introduced the new members.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: subject to minor change, unanimously approved.

Matters Arising:

Met Trace: AK advised Met Trace, supported by London Neighbourhood Watch Association, launched in 2 Boroughs and would run on a staggered start for the rest of the year. TN confirmed Bromley was due to go live in September, some 440 homes were targeted and it would take many weeks to complete installation.

E-mail restructuring: Agreed PM's forward-looking presentation at the AGM had superseded an original plan to simplify just e-mail and that the sub-Group should meet to agree a revised way forward.

ACTION: PM / CL / AK

Street Signs: agreed sum of £100 could be spent on additional fixings.

ACTION: AK

Community Fun Day: Fee paid and TB to be refunded. TB & CT will attend. Meanwhile, AK and CT will meet to agree a layout for a revised BNWA brochure to include an Application Form.

ACTION: AK / CT

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Update on LNWA/NHWN

AK outlined Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (NHWN) plan to remodel OurWatch website and institute a single branding for Neighbourhood Watch across all 10 Regions of England & Wales with a target of February 2016 for a “hard” launch.

Treasurer’s Report

GP submitted account summary. Agreed there are sufficient funds for future development plans regarding recruitment, website and e-mail.

AGM Review

All considered AGM to be a success due to the quality and content of the later presentations. Attendance was disappointing for outlay of over £400. Agreed we would seek a cheaper venue in Orpington where public transport access is far superior. Try one more year with similar start and note attendance with a view to making it a daytime event either on a weekday or a Saturday if it continues to fall.

ACTION: AK

AOB

TN advised of an upcoming BBC TV programme about the Metropolitan Police, starting 8 June and running for 6 episodes. Bromley Police would appreciate feedback from Neighbourhood Watch members across the Borough so it was agreed BNWA would publicise the programme via its e-mail system.

ACTION: TN/AK

KL mentioned the visit to Bromley (Central Library) by the Met. Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe on 24 June. Agreed AK to circulate an invitation to all Coordinators making it clear it was open to all Bromley residents.

ACTION: AK

PM raised the issue of “No Cold Calling Zones”. KT confirmed that, since £50M had to be saved by Bromley Council, and such zones were not a statutory requirement, it had been decided not to extend the scheme. Agreed PM should take up issue independently to see if it was okay, locally, to fix “No Cold calling Zone” signs to street furniture sourced privately.

Date and Time of next meeting: to be decided.

A. Kennedy
Acting BNWA Secretary
29 May 2015