

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
8 Nov 2016, 7.30pm, Committee Room 6, Bromley Civic Centre

1. Attendance & Apologies:

Present: Alf Kennedy (AK) Chair
John Bruce (JB) Member
Chris Taylor (CT) Member
Terry Belcher (TB) Member
Graham Pyefinch (GP) Member & Treasurer
Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary
David House (DH) Member
Insp. Gary Byfield (GB)* Met. Police, Bromley
Cllr. Kate Lymer (KL)* Bromley Council

Apologies: Clifford Longley (CL) President
Rob Vale (RV)* Trading Standards, Bromley Council
Peter Mungeam (PM) Member
Lorraine Faulk (LF) Member
(* denotes non-voting)

2. Welcome + Apologies / Matters Arising:

AK welcomed everyone and updated on apologies. He advised the Jan 16 Minutes were now mostly overtaken by events.

Website + Email re-structuring: This had not progressed. After discussion, it was agreed this should be dropped as an ongoing action.

3. Chairman's Update:

The Committee gave an overview of BNWA to Insp. Byfield as new Met. Police BNWA representative.

Police will give BNWA application forms to anyone enquiring about 'SmartWater'.

An email has been sent to all Coords re availability of the Safer Bromley Van (Victim Support) – use it or lose it!

4. Treasurer's Report:

DH provided an update on the accounts, with a current balance of £2882.24 as at 16/5/16.

5. Council Update (by KL):

- a) Await to hear from MOPAC on funding for next 4 years. This funds various projects including Safer Bromley Van, Out of Hours Noise EHO, Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Domestic Abuse Coordinator. The Council is hopeful of getting a similar funding settlement
- b) Safer Neighbourhood Board: next and last meeting is in Beckenham on 17 Dec 16.
- c) Public Consultation on Police and Crime Plan 2017: concerns have been expressed – some have completed already but it's not a user friendly process.

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6. Police Update (by GB):

GB advised on changes to Ward PCs/PCSOs. They are increasing on some Wards to 2 officers per Ward. In 2017 every Ward will have 2 PCs per Ward allocated from current resources. On PCSOs, he advised Bromley was overstrength, with no recruitment. Some PCSOs will be moving across London wef 5/12/16, and a total of 17 are being lost. This will leave shortages in Bromley and Orpington Town Centres, so re-allocation is in hand. The MSC (Special Constabulary) are being reviewed as is their training. There was discussion on other issues and GB reported on gang activity and a stabbing, both in Penge.

7. "Nextdoor.com"/"Streetlife":

Update on these 2 new social media sites, where you register by postcode, where you can enquire on local issues.

ACTION: AK to invite CL to update next meeting

8. Any Other Business:

- a) Query on "101" system: GB advised that he does get a lot of calls via this system, but acknowledged there can sometimes be a long wait.
- b) "Operation Glacier": After analysing data, the Council, Police, Fire Services will focus resources on a particular area for 1 day per month. BNWA/Coords can engage and assist with this.
- c) The 2016 AGM Minutes are approved in draft and are on the website.

9. Next Meeting:

Late Jan 2017 meeting was agreed to prepare for the AGM. Agreed date/time to be Thu 26 Jan 2017 Secretary to book room etc.

ACTION: AM to book

A. McCulloch
BNWA Secretary
11 Jan 2017