

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
18th April 2013, 7.30pm, Committee Room 4, Bromley Civic Centre

1. Attendance & Apologies: (* denotes non-voting members)

Present: Clifford Longley (CL) Chairman
Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary
John Bruce (JB) Member & BCEF Rep.
Brian Rowland (BR) Member
Alf Kennedy (AK) Treasurer & Vice Chair
Graham Pyefinch (GP) Member
Sue McVicker (SM)* LBB SNDO

Apologies: James Ellis (JE) Member
Ch/Insp. Carron Schussler (CS) Met. Police Service
Cllr. Tim Stevens (TS)* Chair of Safer Bromley Partnership

Resigned: Irving Radnor (IR) Member
Peter Toy (PT) Member

Peter Toy attended and advised he was resigning with immediate effect. Irving Radnor had previously advised the Chairman he resigned with immediate effect.

2. Previous Minutes (26 Mar) and 3. Matters Arising:

- a) Correction to previous Minutes to show Ch. Insp. Carron Schussler's apologies/not present.
 - b) Various actions would be required after the forthcoming AGM
 - c) Advert: written suggestions to JB re possible content: BNWA awareness, advert to join, crime prevention, community safety.
 - d) Website: action details to be auctioned via new host
- ACTION: BR/CL

4. Treasurer's Rept:

AK advised approx £6K in bank: allocated for training and communications

5. AGM 2013 Planning:

After BNWA business, CL confirmed theme as "Elderly and Vulnerable People" with Speakers Maureen Fallon Age UK, Phil Thomson Met Police CID and Rob Vale LBB Trading Standards.

A draft Agenda was discussed and agreed for Secretary's action. Calling Notice must be sent out at least 21 days before the AGM by Secretary.

ACTION: AM

6. Police Matters:

CL advised he would be including this in his AGM Annual Report, with a draft Resolution proposed. Cllr. Tim Stevens will also speak on police issues as well as Ch. Insp Carron Schussler.

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
18th April 2013, 7.30pm, Committee Room 4, Bromley Civic Centre

7. Council issues:

TS updated on background to current situation following a financial bid to MOPAC. The Council had not proposed significant cuts but the bid was unsuccessful. As a result there is a consultation on possible redundancies for SNDOs x 3 but decision likely mid-August. CL and TS to discuss / engage.

8. Any Other Business:

JB advised in the Safer Bromley Awards there was no mention of BNWA. Possible press release after AGM?

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Next Exec. Committee Meeting (after AGM on 16 May) agreed for Mon 10 June, but was subject to change due to non-availability of Room at Civic Centre. Details to be confirmed / advised asap to Exec Members.

A. McCulloch, Secretary

5 June 13

/ Advert to join IR confirmed that the cost to publish four advertisements in the Newshopper is now £364 per advert. The choice to publish one advert and monitor the response regarding future adverts is not an option.

Strategy agreed to publish adverts throughout Bromley, incorporating the four "clusters" to include the BNWA "message", latest community safety information (supplied by SBP) and to introduce more opportunities to arrange "Update Meetings" with existing and prospective coordinators. Timing of the four adverts to be distributed quarterly, with the first publication intended to go out in June. It was advised that the advert size to be approx quarter page and positioned at the top right hand corner of the right hand page.

VAT may not be applicable on this transaction.

IR to Action

The designs of the advert are to be produced for further consultation.

PT/JE/JP to Action

b) IR instructed website people to assess the BBNWA and BNWA domain name amalgamation. The actual procedure is unclear. IR requested an email to clarify the requirements; this will then be passed on to the website company.

CL to Action

3. Chairman's Report:

CL advised all issues had been or would be covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
18th April 2013, 7.30pm, Committee Room 4, Bromley Civic Centre

4. Treasurer's Report:

a) Full and comprehensive report has been sent to Members via email. To summarise; approx £6000.00 is the current balance. The accounts will be audited before the next AGM.

b) The anticipated speakers for the AGM have had to cancel, or cannot attend the event due to other engagements. New focus for the theme of the speakers to be "vulnerable people", with speakers from Bromley Police regarding security, Age UK and Trading Standards (little book of scams).

CL/SM to Action

c) MOPAC has offered City Hall to LNWA as a meeting venue to discuss the future possibility regarding the launch/development of Safer Neighbourhood Boards. The date and time of the meeting is to be confirmed.

AK to Action

d) AK has made us aware of a new "app" called Facewatch. Although at the early development stages, this application has the potential to pass information to the Police and monitor results in real time. More information can be found at; <http://facewatch.co.uk/cms/>

AK will keep us up to date with further developments.

5. AGM:

a) Date confirmed 16th May 2013, time 19:00 – 21:30 at Bromley Football Club. AK has booked venue. Invitations are to be produced and sent 30 days in advance of the AGM date.

AK/AM/JE to Action

b) Purse Bells to be purchased as a "give away" item for the AGM.

BNWA leaflets, The Little Book of Scams and any other useful leaflets to be offered to coordinators, for information and dissemination.

SM/AK to Action:

6. Police Matters:

Police representation was not available.

7. Council Matters:

SBP continue to support the AGM and any other issues that arise.

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
18th April 2013, 7.30pm, Committee Room 4, Bromley Civic Centre

8. Any Other Business:

a) Future Update Meetings to be arranged, with development on posters and Power Point presentations.

PT/JE to Action

b) CL will be standing down as Chair after the AGM. IR and AK stated an interest in the Chair position and it was suggested by CL that a secret ballot could be organised with a short presentation by the interested parties.

9. Date + Time Next Exec. Meeting: Agreed for Mon 10th June at 7.30pm. Venue Committee Room, Bromley Civic Centre.

AM to Action

A. McCulloch
BNWA Secretary
21st April 2013