

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thu 19 Jan 2012 - 7.30pm, St. Blaise Training Room, Bromley Civic Centre

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

Present: Clifford Longley (CL) Chairman
Alf Kennedy (AK) Treasurer & Vice Chair
James Ellis (JE) Member
Brian Rowland (BR) Member
Peter Toy (PT) Member
Cllr. Tim Stevens (TS)* Chair of Safer Bromley Partnership

Apologies: Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary
Sue McVicker (SM)* LBB SNDO
John Bruce (JB)* Representing BCEF

Not Present: Ch. Insp. Carron Schusler (CS)* Bromley Borough Police
Colin Newman (CN)* LBB Head. Of Community Safety
Irving Radnor (IR)

Previous Minutes - agreed.

Chairman's Report

- a) John Bruce co-opted as liaison with SNPs.
- b) Institute of Advanced Motorists showed interest in replicating the "Bristol" project so it was agreed CL will continue to engage and arrange face to face meeting accompanied by PT and AK.

ACTION - CL

Treasurer's Report

- a) AM has provided NatWest with Signature so account is fully operational.
- b) 2011 Accounts completed and Treasurer will again act as Company Secretary to complete the returns required by the Charity Commissioners.

ACTION - AK

- c) BNWA database forwarded to NHWN.

Strategy Review

- a) CL called for more suggestions for future meetings / agendas.
- b) Proposal made to promote NW message throughout the Youth Community, initially by gauging what "anxieties" exist among youths where NW could assist. TS volunteered to speak to the Youth Council, BR agreed to open a route for youth access to the BNWA website, CL agreed to write a message to our Coordinators and JE agreed to e-mail it.

ACTION – TS, BS, CL, JE

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c) It is not known if any further Coordinator Training sessions have yet been planned but it is recognised some Wards' sessions have not yet been held. Await report from SM.

IT Matters

BR confirmed a general dissatisfaction with progress by Bromley College on the new website design following the meeting in December. CL to e-mail again prior to next scheduled meeting after which BNWA will review progress and decide whether to opt out and develop its own website.

ACTION - CL

AGM Planning

Bromley Football Club is the preferred venue for an AGM on 12 or 19 April. Propose inviting Rob Vale (Trading Standards), Joe Oakley (Bromley Borough Police), James Cleverly (LGA) and Tim Stevens as speakers. Colin Newman will be asked if he wishes to attend if he is, by then, back to work, full-time. There was general agreement on a networking opportunity after the AGM/presentations by serving food and drink at the end rather than before the event.

CL to liaise with AM to determine his likely involvement in arrangements for the AGM.

ACTION - CL

Police related issues

There is nothing to report in the absence of CS.

Any Other Business

In outlining progress on a communications network across the Borough, TS confirmed NW (represented by BNWA) was an important member of the Safer Bromley Partnership and it should be noted that our channels for incoming and outgoing information include Julian Hurst (Media and Information Manager – Bromley Borough Police), Ch. Insp. Carron Schusler (Bromley Borough Police) and Susie Clark (Corporate Communications) LBB.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Room in St Blaise booked for 1 March at 7.30pm but general preference for a meeting on 8 March. CL to liaise with AM.

ACTION - CL

A. J Kennedy
Acting BNWA Secretary
20 Jan 2012