

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
27th January 2016, 7.30pm,
Committee Room 6, Bromley Civic Centre

Present: Alf Kennedy (AK) Chair
John Bruce (JB)
Graham Pyefinch (GP) Treasurer
Terry Belcher (TB)
Cllr.Kate Lymer (KL)*
Toby Noar (TN)* Bromley Police

(* denotes non-voting)

Apologies and introduction: Aidan McCulloch (AM) Secretary, David House (DH), Clifford Longley (CL), Chris Taylor (CT), Lorraine Falk (LF), Rob Vale (RV)* Trading Standards.

AK said that, as of 1 January, Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN) had reorganised and confirmed its responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch nationally, liaising with representatives of 43 Police Force areas across England and Wales – and the Borough Associations across London. London Neighbourhood Watch Association (LNWA) will no longer represent the Boroughs and, in effect, become dormant. AK will be sending out the last LNWA Newsletter tomorrow (28/01/16).

NHWN will communicate with Bromley via the info@bromleynwa.org.uk email and has already announced new branding and outline plans for funding through sponsorship.

AK also confirmed he would be standing down at the AGM as Chair and Trustee (member of the Executive Committee) – and that GP was also standing down as Treasurer and Trustee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Matters Arising:

E-mail restructuring – AK has been responsible for keeping members informed by email and maintaining the web-site. If BNWA is not to fail in its fundamental duty of supporting members and coordinators these responsibilities must be re-allocated. **ACTION: All esp. PM / CL / AK**

AGM – It was confirmed the Methodist Hall in Sevenoaks Way has been booked for 20 April 2016 and that LF can proceed with organising the AGM (speakers and notifications). **ACTION LF/CT**

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Police/Coordinator Guidance – no action since last meeting. TN said that DWOs are aware of the plan and are implementing it. CL to make some amendments and provide digital copy to AK for distribution to Coordinators.

Vacant Treasurer Role from April 2016 – CL's approach to NatWest for help in finding a new treasurer has not proved successful. JB will compose an email to all coordinators asking for a Treasurer nomination and new Committee members.

ACTION JB/AK

No Cold Calling Stickers – decision on contributing to cost of new print run and distribution postponed. RV has delivered quantities to Bromley Police for ward officers.

Smart-Water – GP advised that there is a competitor undercutting price (£20 against £25). TN said police are continuing distribution and encouraging take-up. Agreed that we should not append logo to web-site.

Treasurer's Report – GP submitted an account summary that showed no change and around £3000 in the bank. GP is submitting the Charity Commissioners annual return. All okay for AGM. Although GP standing down, he confirmed that Mr Graham Richardson had agreed to continue as examiner

Safer Bromley Partnership Newsletter – KL advised that a newsletter similar to last year's is being prepared for distribution to all homes in the borough in March (funding from the Safer Neighbourhood Board). She has reserved a space for NW. JB to write a short piece appealing for new coordinators and new members for the Committee. JB to liaise with Susie Clark. **ACTION JB**

Date and Time of next meeting: Required before the AGM. Date to be decided.

John Bruce

Acting BNWA Secretary

28/1/16