

BROMLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting at Bromley Council Offices on Thursday, 5 July 2012

Attendees: Clifford Longley (Chair) Alf Kennedy (Treasurer)
Peter Toy Irving Radnor
Graham Pyefinch James Ellis
Sue McVicar (LBB)

Apologies: Aidan McCulloch John Bruce
Cllr. Tim Stevens Colin Newman (LBB)
Ch. Insp. Carron Schusler Brian Rowland

Matters Arising: Change requested to Minutes of 24 May, (Amendment to Para 3a, final sentence - delete "were now" and insert "will hopefully be"), otherwise agreed - **Action AK**

Chairman's Report: CL reported on the meeting with Chief Superintendent Steph. Roberts at Bromley Police HQ (on 2 July) to discuss the New South Wales, Social Media Project. Also in attendance were AK, TS and Julian Hurst. The Borough Commander agreed to refer the project to the head of Territorial Policing at the Scotland Yard annex, Empress State Building and report back. CL advised BNWA happy to "pilot" any project that resulted from this – **Action CL/AK**

Treasurer's Report: AK reported receipt of the second tranche of £3,000. Recent expenditure included renewing the subscription for E-mail Forwarding and £250 for the website design prize. Request that Cash Book be e-mailed to attendees before future meetings was accepted – **Action AK**

Website: The meeting followed the award ceremony to Bromley College students and a presentation on the new website. In order for final changes to be made to make the site available, CL paid for a new domain name (www.bbnwa.co.uk) from a third provider. Agreed no action to be taken until it is known when BR may return. As proposed by the Committee, CL agreed to contact BR and e-mail to AK with the up-front cost of the new domain name so he can be reimbursed – **Action CL**

Police & Council Issues: Although no-one was in attendance from the Police or Council, a discussion followed on BNWA concerns over the future of Neighbourhood Policing. Agreed this was more a matter for Bromley Community Engagement Forum (BCEF) and PT/IR agreed to voice BNWA concerns at the next BCEF meeting – **Action PT/IR**

Although PT, IR, JB and AK are going forward, due to other commitments, CL decided not to stand for election to BCEF as the BNWA Representative. AK agreed to take on the role but is standing in any case as Chair of the Cray Valley West Neighbourhood Panel – **Action AK**

Sharing Information: An AGM request to share Coordinator information resulted in few responses – all against the practice. In the event, as all Bromley Watches have been loaded to the Neighbourhood Alert database and "mapped" accordingly, any requests can now be passed back to the Coordinator, explaining he/she can do this themselves by pinpointing their own Watch on the map and contacting various Coordinators nearby using the Neighbourhood Alert system. Once contacted, the Coordinators (who will remain anonymous) can chose for themselves whether they wish to share information. Agreed a general note will be circulated about this but not until the current exercise is complete. AK has drafted 2 letters for dispatch to Coordinators, one for those who never provided an e-mail address and the other where the e-mail is no longer valid. These will be mailed to 200 Coordinators inviting all to provide an e-mail address or write to explain why they have no way of accessing the Internet – in which case SM volunteered to have each visited by the SNT to see if an alternative form of communication can be found. There are expected to be very few in this latter category. No action to be taken until the letters have been dispatched and a suitable time period has passed – **Action AK**

Any Other Business: Concerns over various strange e-mails being received explained by the info@bromleynwa.org.uk address being published on the website and occasional doubling up of copies to the "info" and "exec" mailing lists. This should be mostly resolved when a single provider is agreed for website and E-mail Forwarding – **Action All**

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Proposed next meeting is held (when Policing returns to normal after the Olympics) provisional scheduled for 6 September at 7:30pm – venue to be confirmed – **Action AM**