

# BROMLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting at Bromley Council Offices on Thursday, 6 September 2012

<b>Attendees:</b>	Clifford Longley (Chair) Irving Radnor Sue McVicar (LBB)	Alf Kennedy (Treasurer) Ch. Insp. Carron Schusler Colin Newman (LBB)	Peter Toy James Ellis
<b>Apologies:</b>	Aidan McCulloch Brian Rowland	John Bruce Graham Pyefinch	Cllr. Tim Stevens

**Chairman's Report:** CL reported BR was recovering and hoped to be back in the near future. Meanwhile, CL will manage the website. Use of Social Media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook) was discussed but, because of high maintenance pointed out by CN, it was agreed the website will be our prime focus.

**Treasurer's Report:** AK reported a balance of £6,331.73 in "reserved" funds for Communication and Training. The recent expenditure of £445.27 was for letters to Coordinators with expired or missing e-mail addresses. There were 40 replies but one, in particular, drew attention to previous lapses so it was agreed this was our last written communication; we shall rely, instead, on website messages and e-mail. Coordinators with no e-mail address, who did not respond, will be moved to a database holding area.

LNWA has upcoming meetings with Territorial Policing and the Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime. There has been no recent meeting of Bromley Community Engagement Forum as it is still waiting for confirmation of its budget for this year. AK promised to report on all 3 at the next meeting – **Action AK**

**Database and Coordinator Membership:** JE reported a total of 557 Coordinators on the e-mail database and 260 with no e-mail that are to be moved into the holding area – **Action JE**

**Website:** CL reported the new site is now suitable as our prime website and that the temporary site could be taken down. Since no-one has the expertise to do this, it was agreed we should wait until the next meeting to see if BR returns with, hopefully, the necessary skills to put the preferred web address ([www.bnwa.co.uk](http://www.bnwa.co.uk)) onto the new site (currently running as [www.bbnwa.co.uk/joomla](http://www.bbnwa.co.uk/joomla)). At this time, we should also address the mail forwarding which relies on our original Yahoo Groups website. Meanwhile, CL agreed to e-mail to AK with the cost of the new domain name so he can be reimbursed – **Action CL**

**Police Report:** CS outlined the Local Policing Model which will still support Neighbourhood Policing but will group Ward based Teams into 4 "Clusters". Designed to operate in a similar manner across all 32 Boroughs, there will be some differences due to crime levels and geography. Each enlarged Cluster Team will operate revised Shift Patterns running from 08:00 - 00:00 (Sunday to Wednesday) and 08:00 – 02:00 (Thursday to Saturday) but have greater responsibility for policing in its Cluster. Details are yet to be finalised but will be made know when the Model is ready for implementation – **Action CS**

**Bromley Council Report:** CN reported that the meeting TS had with the Leader of the Council and the Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime was generally regarded as a success with MOPAC showing support for Bromley's "mentoring" of at-risk youngsters.

There is no direct evidence of gang activity but there are warning signs such as the recent incident at Beckenham Hill which occurred only yards from Bromley's border. The Bromley Safety Partnership is taking this very seriously and devising a plan to control the situation before it worsens – **Action CN**

**Any Other Business:** PT reported BNWA did not appear to be on the Membership Roll of Bromley Community Links whereas it was thought that we were. AK agreed to investigate – **Action AK**

SM suggested there should be a means (via the website) for Coordinators to resign. CL agreed to create such an option – **Action CL**

AK suggested a message on the Website Home Page clarifying the position on contacting Coordinators suggesting if anyone thinks they are a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator in Bromley but isn't hearing from BNWA on a regular basis, they should be invited to register their e-mail – **Action CL**

CL asked if AK's monthly, LNWA newsletter should be circulated to all Coordinators. Agreed this would be trialled – **Action JE**

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 1 November at 7:30pm – venue to be confirmed – **Action CL/AM**